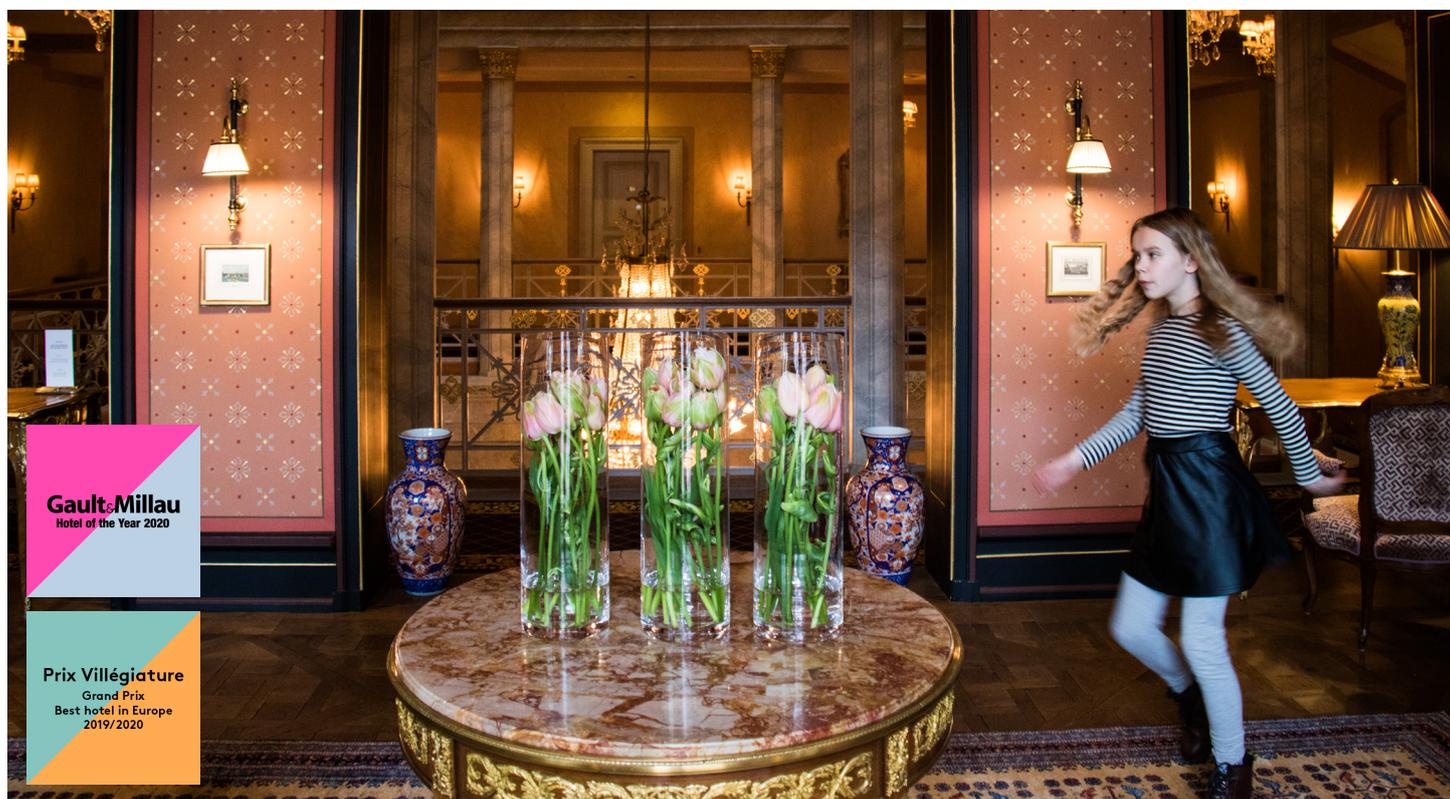


# TOUR DES ROIS

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## KIDS & FUN

### DAY 1 3 p.m. - Tour des Petits Rois

Once you have moved into your room, enjoy a drink together at our finely stocked bar or on the beautiful terrace overlooking the Rhine – in the meantime, your children can embark on an exciting treasure hunt all over the Grand Hotel.

### 7 p.m. - Supper in the dark

You are a family who understand each other blindly? Prove it at a very special dinner, during which you will only be using four of your five senses. Can you tell syrup from red wine? Will your fork reach your lips? We guarantee you a fascinating evening!



Tour des Petits Rois

## Lights out – and what an experience!

In the Blindekuh (blind cow) restaurant you will set off on a journey into an illuminating world of darkness. In our dark restaurant and cultural institution, you will experience smells, tastes, sounds and a thousand and one other sensations in a completely new (lack of) light. The idea is not simply to entertain, but rather to shift the world of the non-seeing into focus for those who can see.

## DAY 2 8 a.m. - The early bird catches the "hot chocolate"

Get your energy boost for the day from our sumptuous breakfast selection in the Brasserie! Afterwards an exciting and eventful day in the city of museums awaits you.

## 10 a.m. - Museums for kids

Choose between two museums that your children will not find boring at all. You can reach the Natural History Museum by taking a short walk up the Rheinsprung. Travel back in time and into the history of our earth – to dinosaurs and sabre-toothed tigers. Find out more about the origins of the earth and nature's secrets – and enjoy the surprises revealed in the special exhibitions which are really quite something.

## Toy worlds

Take a short walk through the historic centre of Greater Basel to reach the Spielzeug Welten, Basel's toy museum – the only one of its kind in Europe. Here you can admire, among other things, the largest collection of teddy bears in the world with over 2,500 specimens; or set beautifully decorated carousels in miniature form in motion at the touch of a button. Nostalgia has its place here too – show your children the toys you loved when you were a child.

PS: When you check in to the hotel you will be given a personal BaselCard, which entitles you to 50% off all museum admissions.



Spielzeug Welten Museum Basel



Natural History Museum Basel



Tinguely fountains

## 11.30 a.m. - Jean Tinguely's fountains

With more than 200 fountains, Basel is truly a city of fountains. And probably the most famous example is just a couple of minutes walk away from the museum: the Tinguely fountain! In 1977 the Swiss artist Jean Tinguely presented the city with 10 mechanical sculptures – they dance, spout water and move in every possible direction! Nowadays this animated fountain is a landmark of our city.

**By the way:** Did you know that the people of Basel take a dip in the many public fountains around the city? Yes, that's right! And in fact, some of the city's inhabitants continue to indulge in this trend even in winter! So please don't forget to pack your children's bathing suits, because you will be needing them later!

## Midday - Spoilt for choice

Take the tram number 8 or 16 from the Barfüsserplatz and make a small detour to the Markthalle, the covered market. Enjoy its casual atmosphere with 30 street food stalls and enticing trendsetting shops and cafés. There is something here for everyone! If you would prefer a burger, you'll find the best burgers in town at the "La Manufacture" restaurant. Just carry on with the tram number 16 to the Hochstrasse 56 where you can choose from a wide variety of burgers and fillings in the restaurant's cosy inner courtyard.



The Markthalle

*As parents it is not always easy to fulfil all your little one's food wishes – but in the Markthalle you can!*



Zoo Basel

## Zoo Basel

**1.30 p.m. - The oldest zoo in Switzerland**

Zolli: as the zoo is affectionately known among the people of Basel. Switzerland's oldest zoo already opened in 1874 and now houses over 7,000 animals. Thanks to its spectacular research work, the zoo's fame has spread far beyond the borders of Switzerland.

**Summer highlight:** Don't miss feeding time – the pelicans at 3 p.m. and the sealions at 4 p.m. (the times specified may be subject to alteration).

**Winter highlight:** Every day, at 11 a.m. on the dot, the king penguins and gentoo penguins take a walk across the bridge from the vivarium to their outdoor enclosure. A great deal of fun for all the children who walk along with them.



Fountain near the Spalentor city gate

**5 p.m. - Fountain at the cathedral**

In the summer months, after such an eventful afternoon, cooling off is the perfect way to recover! Now it is time for your children to take a dip. Just a stone's throw away from the Les Trois Rois the Münsterbrunnen (cathedral fountain) offers you a well-deserved dip in its cool water. A memorable highlight!

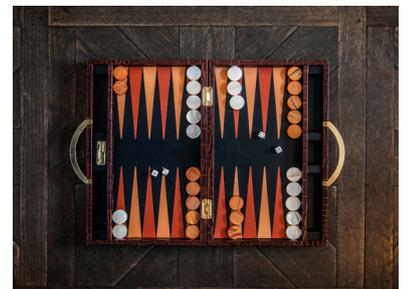
**A tip for more adventurous swimmers:** You can cross the Rhine with the ferry and then jump from the pier on the other bank straight into the water, then drift down the river in the current.

**7 p.m. - Room Service**

Off to our plush bathrobes – and then simply order room service! In your airy family room, you have plenty of space to enjoy being pampered "en famille" in your own hotel room. With the lovely view over the Rhine in the background you can think back over your day, play board games on your balcony or enjoy our homemade ice cream while you watch a film. Only one way to describe it: family time at its best!



Children treatment



Backgammon

**DAY 3 10 a.m. - Stroll along the Rhine and a ferry crossing**

We can highly recommend this short stroll: cross the Mittlere Brücke and walk upstream along the Rhine till you reach the St. Alban ferryboat. It will take about 25 minutes along the banks of the Rhine to reach the St. Alban ferry landing, where you can cross back to the Greater Basel side of town in the ferry, propelled by the Rhine's current.

You could now take the opportunity as a family to

demonstrate how familiar you have already become with Basel and "Baseldytsch". Almost every child in Basel knows the song "Hösch Fährimaa". So, strike up the tune – the Fährimaa (ferryman) will be happy to help you out if you get stuck:

**Hösch Fährimaa,  
hösch Fährimaa,  
hösch die möchti si,  
Hösch Fährimaa,  
hösch Fährimaa,  
hösch dr Bach isch di.**



Basel's ferries

## 11 a.m. - Basel's paper mill

The mill houses many secrets of writing and printing: In the various buildings of the medieval paper mill, this interactive museum leads you through the exhibition, spread over four floors, revealing the history of paper, writing, scripts and letterpress printing, through to the finished book. A visit to the museum can include making your own paper; writing with quills; typing on a typewriter; typesetting the letters of your own name and then printing it and experimenting with colourful patterns in the marbling workshop. An unforgettable experience for the whole family – your children will leave the museum with their own creations and precious memories!



Basel's paper mill



Brasserie Les Trois Rois

## For adventure-seekers: Europa-Park



Europa-Park Rust

## 1 p.m. - Farewell lunch

Feeling the pain of parting because it was so wonderful? No problem! A lunch in our Brasserie Les Trois Rois before you depart will help soften the blow.

Just one hour away from Basel, Europa-Park Rust awaits the adventurous! The leisure park offers 18 themed parks, fascinating rides and countless attractions – a wonderful opportunity for a day trip! In 2019, the Europa-Park Rust was voted the best theme park in the world for the sixth time in a row.



Our Tour des Rois introduces you to the favourite places, cultural highlights and secret tips of our staff members – in Basel and the tri-border area. The second tour is presented to you by Yanniss Mollenkopf, Assistant Front Office Manager with the theme Kids & Fun.

Information and reservations:

Our concierge team will be happy to help you!

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Take a look at our social media – you will find more exciting tips, recipes and amusing stories there.



1. Blindekuh - [www.blindekuh.ch](http://www.blindekuh.ch)
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3. Europa-Park Rust - [www.europapark.de](http://www.europapark.de)

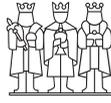
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[www.altmarkthalle.ch](http://www.altmarkthalle.ch)  
[www.vito.ch](http://www.vito.ch)  
 Tinguely fountain  
 Cathedral fountain

Swimming in the Rhine  
[www.faeetri.ch](http://www.faeetri.ch)

[www.papiermuseum.ch](http://www.papiermuseum.ch)

**A few more tips for adventure-seekers and nature lovers:**

- Grün 80 - [www.parkimgruenen.ch](http://www.parkimgruenen.ch)  
 Tierpark Lange Erlen - [www.erlen-verein.ch](http://www.erlen-verein.ch)  
 High-wire forest adventure Lörrach - [www.erlebniskletterwald.de](http://www.erlebniskletterwald.de)



## LES TROIS ROIS

### River Family Two Bed Room



Consisting of two rooms with connecting doors, our River Family Two-Bed Rooms are the ideal retreat for families or friends of up to 4 people. With views overlooking the Rhine River this is the perfect room to relax after an eventful day. All River Family Two-Bed Rooms are furnished in the style of classicism (approx. 60 m<sup>2</sup>).

#### Your comfort is provided for with, among other things

- Sumptuous breakfast for your entire family
- Tour des Petits Rois (treasure hunt through the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois)
- BaselCard (free use of public transport in Basel, 50% discount on cultural and leisure activities)
- Feuerstein Essentials Switzerland amenities
- Minibar with free-of-charge, non-alcoholic drinks, beer and snacks
- Bang & Olufsen flat-screen television with satellite TV
- Internet access (LAN or WLAN)

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**River Family Two Bed Room** from CHF 1'300 per night

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