



**Its central location in the heart of Europe, optimal transport links, excellent infrastructure and many years of experience make Basel the ideal host city for major international sporting events. With the European Fencing Championships, the European Women's Handball Championships, the World Cup Finals for equestrian sports and the European Women's Football Championships, four unique sporting highlights of international significance are on the programme for 2024 and 2025. There are also major annual events in the fields of show jumping, badminton, tennis and rowing.**

Located in Switzerland on the border with Germany and France, Basel has a state-of-the-art transport infrastructure and excellent connections to the whole world. The binational EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg, just seven kilometres from the city centre, offers direct flights to most European cities and feeder flights for intercontinental connections. At the same time, Basel is the interface between the railway and motorway networks of France, Germany and Switzerland. High-speed trains connect the city with Paris, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Berlin and Milan.

### **Top infrastructure for major sporting events**

Basel has a top infrastructure for major events. With its generous dimensions, modern technical equipment and unique transport connections, the St. Jakobshalle Basel offers a forum for events of all kinds. The hall offers space for 12,400 spectators and is considered one of the most modern multifunctional halls in Europe. Major international sporting events such as the Longines CHI Classics Basel show jumping tournament, the Swiss Indoors Basel tennis tournament and the Yonex Swiss Open badminton tournament are held here every year. European and world championships such as the Fencing EURO 2024, the Women's European Handball Championship (Women's EHF EURO 2024) and the FEI World Cup Finals 2025 (equestrian sport) will also be held here.

St. Jakob-Park (known as "Joggeli" in Basel) offers space for around 40,000 spectators, making it the largest football stadium in Switzerland. The multifunctional stadium built by the world-famous Basel architects Herzog & de Meuron is also one of the most beautiful stadiums in Europe. St. Jakob-Park is the home ground of FC Basel. The Swiss national football team also often plays international matches here. In 2025, St. Jakob-Park will be the main venue for the UEFA European Women's Championship, which will take place in Switzerland from 2 to 27 July.

## Top international events in Basel

In 2024 and 2025, Basel will host several superlative international sporting events:

- The Fencing EURO 2024 will be held in the St. Jakobshalle from 18 to 23 June 2024.
- The ATP 500 Swiss Indoors Basel tennis tournament, which will take place in the St. Jakobshalle from 19 to 27 October 2024, is one of the major sporting events held annually in Basel.
- In November, the annual Mirabaud BaselHead rowing regatta is held on the Rhine in Basel (16 November 2024).
- From 28 November to 15 December 2024, Europe's best female handball players will compete against each other at the Women's EHF EURO 2024 in the St. Jakobshalle Basel.
- In January, the world's best show jumpers will compete for the Indoor Grand Prix at the Longines CHI Classics Basel in the St. Jakobshalle (9 to 12 January 2025).
- The Yonex Swiss Open badminton tournament will take place in the St. Jakobshalle from 18 to 23 March 2025.
- The FEI World Cup Finals 2025 in the disciplines show jumping, dressage and vaulting will be held in the St. Jakobshalle Basel from 2 to 6 April 2025.
- In July 2025, Basel will be the main venue for the UEFA Women's EURO 2025, the biggest sporting event in Basel since EURO 08. St. Jakob-Park will host the opening match (2 July), two group matches (8 and 13 July), the quarter-finals (19 July) and the final (27 July).

### More about Basel as an event location:



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