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Gemeinde Riehen

1st–3rd centuries AD The Romans settle at various locations in the community.
751 The Wenken Estate is mentioned as a property owned by the Abbey of St. Gall.
1113 Riehen is mentioned for the first time.
1270 Riehen becomes the property of the Bishop of Basel.
1522 The city of Basel acquires the village of Riehen.
from 1540 Basel patricians purchase estates in Riehen.
1609 The first parish hall is built.
1648 Peace of Westphalia: The mayor of Basel Johann Rudolf Wettstein, the former bailiff of Riehen and owner of an estate in the village, achieves the independence of Switzerland from the German Empire.
1833 Division of the canton: Riehen becomes part of Basel-Stadt.
1862 The Wiese Valley Railway commences its operations.
1908 The Riehen to Basel tramway is completed.
1958 Riehen is the first community in Switzerland to introduce the right of women to vote at local level.
1997 The Fondation Beyeler is established.
2011 Riehen is awarded the Unicef label «Child Friendly Community».

Gemeindeverwaltung (Municipal Authorities)
Wettsteinstrasse 1, 4125 Riehen
Tel. (+41) 061 646 81 11
Opening hours:
Mon–Fri 8–12 am, 2–4.30 pm
or by appointment
www.riehen.ch

Fondation Beyeler
Baselstrasse 101, 4125 Riehen
Tel. (+41) 061 645 97 00
Opening hours:
daily 10 am–6 pm
wednesdays until 8 pm
www.fondationbeyeler.ch

Spielzeugmuseum, Dorf- und Rebbaumuseum (Toy Museum, Village and Vinegrowing Museum)
Baselstrasse 34, 4125 Riehen
Tel. (+41) 061 641 28 29
Opening hours:
daily 11 am–5 pm, tuesdays closed
www.spielzeugmuseumriehen.ch

Infothek Riehen
Baselstrasse 43, 4125 Riehen
Tel. (+41) 061 641 40 70
Opening hours:
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9–12 am
Tue, Wed 2–5 pm
Thu 9 am–6 pm
www.kulturbuero-riehen.ch

Kunst Raum Riehen
Baselstrasse 71, 4125 Riehen
Tel. (+41) 061 641 20 29
Opening hours during exhibitions:
Wed–Fri 1–6 pm
Sat, Sun 11 am–6 pm
www.kunstraumriehen.ch

Naturbad Riehen
Weilstrasse 69, 4125 Riehen
Tel.: (+41) 061 646 81 18
Saison: Mai–September
Opening hours see on
www.naturbadriehen.ch

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Riehen, a village of international standing.

Surrounded by a diverse landscape of green meadows, lush forests and fertile vineyards Riehen offers more culture than most places. The famous Fondation Beyeler inspires hundreds of thousands of art enthusiasts every year with its first-class exhibitions. In the Kunst Raum Riehen and numerous other galleries and artists' workshops you get an impression of the current state of contemporary art. Thanks also to the important designs by renowned architects such as Renzo Piano and Herzog & de Meuron the community in the Lower Wiese Valley is a cultural meeting point with an urban atmosphere.
At the same time and despite its population of more than 20,000, Riehen has maintained the characteristics of a village. The tallest building to this day is the tower of the village church, once the core of a fortress church.
Riehen offers something for everyone: art appreciation and hospitality, exploration of its historical village centre, recreation in nature and countless cultural and leisure activities to suit every taste. Immerse yourself in an oasis of cultured living, there is so much to discover!

Historic buildings

1 Village church, 11th, 14th and 17th c.
2 Meierhof, 12th and 17th c.
3 Old Chancellery / House of Societies, 1836/37
4 Bailiff's seat, 16th and 17th c.
5 Wettstein Houses, 16th and 17th c.
6 Glöcklihof & Cagliostro Pavilion, 18th and 19th c.
7 Iselin-Weber Estate, 18th c.
8 Berower Estate, 16th – 19th c.
9 Elbs-Birr Country Estate, 17th and 18th c.
10 Deaconess headquarters, 18th c.

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16 Sarasin Park
17 Wettstein Park
18 Mohrhalden Park
19 Naturbad Riehen

The map is a part of the Center of Riehen.

An art institution of international renown: the Fondation Beyeler.

The region's playing field: leisure activities at the Wiese Park.

Playful exploration: the Riehen Toy Museum.

We care for our future: school «Hinter Gärten». (b)

Culture and art at every turn.

Riehen is located in a dynamic cultural landscape between the centres of Basel (CH), Lörrach and Weil am Rhein (both D). The international art scene is as much a part of Riehen as its regional culture. Classical music and jazz have their place here as do rock and pop music. A particular highlight for art lovers is the Fondation Beyeler (11), which is internationally renowned thanks to its prestigious collection, exclusive exhibitions and exciting events.
Architecture, art and nature are combined here to offer a unique overall experience. Another attraction that is known beyond the region is the Toy Museum in the historical Wettstein House (5).

Nature and recreation at your convenience.

Glorious parks (15–18) not only invite you to take a relaxing stroll and to linger for a while, but are also a magnificent setting for numerous leisure activities as well as cultural and social events. The Wiese landscape park extends beyond the community boundaries and is the largest area of recreation in the Basel agglomeration. Parts of the public areas are still used for farming which contributes to the special mix of urban and rural lifestyles. The Naturbad Riehen (19), an unconventional swimming pool, has been inaugurated in 2014 and goes back to the simplicity of bathing. The idyllic bath in a landscape park has been designed by the star architects Herzog & de Meuron.

Where village and city meet.

From the Romans to the Basel patricians: various eras have left behind their traces in Riehen. Besides the prominent village church (1), the historical farm houses and the elegant country estates of distinguished Basel citizens (5–10), modern residential and commercial buildings have been erected in recent times, which have turned Riehen into a versatile village with an urban atmosphere. You will encounter a lively centre with shops, workshops, restaurants and cafés. At the same time Riehen is ideally linked with its surrounding communities and nearby towns both by road and public transport, making it a part of a diverse tri-national living environment.

Where history is the future.

Those seeking recreation in nature or have a fondness for exploring historical village centres will find an ideal location in Riehen, as will discerning lovers of art and architecture. The community is rooted in the past while at the same time being excellently prepared for the future: Riehen operates the biggest geothermal energy heating system in Switzerland and actively promotes ecological sustainability. In 2004 Riehen was the first community to be awarded the «European Energy Award Gold» for its energy policies. The community also actively engages in family and youth politics and since 2011 has become the proud carrier of the Unicef «Child Friendly Community» label. May Riehen remain a place worth loving and living in.

Beautiful sounds: Riehen's youth play music.(a)

Outdoor swimming: relax and enjoy nature.

Active daily life: the historical centre of Riehen.

Meeting point for young and old: Riehen Wenken Park.