

## 36 Hours in Basel

It might be known for Art Basel, but this riverside city in Switzerland is also the birthplace of Roger Federer, has some 40 museums and is currently on the cusp of Carnival.



Strolling along the banks of the Rhine in Basel. Clara Tuma for The New York Times

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Veal cordon bleu is one of the specialties at Zum Gifhüttli Bier & Weinstube in Old Town. Clara Tuma for The New York Times

### 9) 7 p.m. Cordon bleu paradise

At [Zum Gifhüttli Bier & Weinstube](#) in Old Town, you'll find a convivial atmosphere of good times, spilled beer and undo-a-notch-on-your-belt gluttony. The specialties of the house are cordon bleus of various meaty assortments. Menu items include venison steaks, boar pepper steak, deer cordon bleu and the like. Try the veal cordon bleu schwinger filled with farmer's bacon and nöldis cheese (34 francs). If you passed on Läderach, you're entitled to the chocolate lava cake with housemade vanilla ice cream, which is absolutely worth the nine-mile walk you'll need to take to work off the calories. Keep the good times rolling with a craft beer or two at [Volta Bräu](#), a fun brewpub that frequently has free live music or at [Matt & Elly Brewery & Kitchen](#), a newly opened hot spot in Kleinbasel with seasonal beer and food menus.