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June 11–19, 2023

**Swiss Sophistication:
Zürich & Basel Featuring Art Basel**
with Christopher Noey, Lecturer



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Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

With its lovely light, brisk mountain air, and enchanting villages, Switzerland sparkles with Old World charm. Yet this sophisticated country has also become home to some of the world's most cutting-edge art and design. In June 2023, please join me for a week in Zürich and Basel, with art-filled day trips to beautiful border towns in Germany and France. A special highlight of this highly exclusive program will be a visit to Art Basel, the world's unrivaled showcase for contemporary art.

Our journey begins in Zürich, whose collections are a must-see for modern art lovers, from the Kunsthaus Zürich's unparalleled holdings from Swiss artist Alberto Giacometti, to the masterworks of the Migros Museum of Contemporary Art, to the private galleries tucked inside the former Löwenbräu Brewery. In Lucerne, we'll explore a private collection rich with priceless Picassos, Klees, and other modern works.

Our program includes four nights in Basel, nestled on the Rhine where France, Germany, and Switzerland meet. We will delight in the exclusive opportunity to fully experience Art Basel. In addition, a special tour of Kunstmuseum Basel, founded in 1661, will introduce us to its extensive collection, ranging from works by Old Masters to innovative achievements in contemporary art.

A trip across the French border to Colmar will offer a treat—a private tour of the Unterlinden Museum featuring the *Isenheim Altarpiece*, one of history's most cathartic and powerful works of art. Nearby, we'll also see Le Corbusier's UNESCO-listed architectural achievement, the Chapelle Notre-Dame du Haut in Ronchamp. Later, on the German side of the Rhine, we will explore the groundbreaking architecture of Frank Gehry, Zaha Hadid, and Herzog & de Meuron on the magnificent campus of the Vitra Design Museum.

Even if you have been to Switzerland before, this amazing itinerary will provide you with many wonderful surprises. As our special access to Art Basel is limited to a small number of guests, I urge you to reserve your space as soon as possible, so that you can share in this enlightening behind-the-scenes exploration of the world's most breathtaking art.

Sincerely,

Christopher Noey

Lecturer

The Metropolitan Museum of Art



Traveling with You

Christopher Noey

Christopher Noey is an art historian, author, and Emmy Award-winning producer of films on art and culture. At The Met, he created video installations for a diverse array of exhibitions and was series director of the innovative online features *82nd & Fifth* and *The Artist Project*, in which he interviewed 120 contemporary artists on how they are inspired by The Met and its collections. An expert in Asian and Islamic art, Mr. Noey has taught at Williams College and at the City College of New York. Chris previously led a program to Switzerland featuring Art Basel in 2019.

Trip Highlights

- Enjoy a curator-led perusal at Zürich's Kunsthaus, explore Sigmar Polke's stained glass windows at the nearby Grossmünster, and join art experts at the Migros Museum of Contemporary Art and marvelous private galleries
- Take a private look at Basel's Museum Tinguely, dedicated to the fascinating work of the machine sculptor Jean Tinguely
- Discover the Kunstmuseum Basel, whose superb holdings range from Old Master paintings to very recent contemporary works, and view Impressionist and modern masterworks at the nearby Renzo Piano-designed Fondation Beyeler, one of world's most beautiful museums
- Delight in ample free time to explore Art Basel, featuring hundreds of galleries displaying the finest modern and contemporary works from around the world
- Privately admire the iconic, 16th-century *Isenheim Altarpiece* in the Unterlinden Museum in Colmar, France, and enjoy a special tour of Notre-Dame du Haut, Le Corbusier's UNESCO-listed achievement in Ronchamp
- Cross the German border for private visits to the Vitra Design Museum, designed by Frank Gehry, and the VitraHaus, built by Herzog & de Meuron



Grünewald, *Retable d'Isenheim, L'Aggression de Saint Antoine par les démons* (détail), 1512-1516, Unterlinden Museum, Colmar



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Chagall window, Fraumünster Church, Zürich

Departure

Sunday, June 11

Depart for Zürich on an overnight flight, group flight pending.

Zürich, Switzerland

Monday, June 12

Arrive in Zürich this morning and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, take a walking tour, and stop for a visit to the Romanesque Grossmünster Church. Then, venture to the Fraumünster Church, and view its stunning stained-glass windows, designed by Marc Chagall. Enjoy a boat cruise on Lake Zürich before our welcome dinner, with remarks by Chris Noey. D

Zürich

Tuesday, June 13

Start your day with a fascinating morning lecture from Chris. Then, walk to the Kunsthaus, Zürich's museum of modern art, for a private guided tour with a head curator. Following lunch, visit the Migros Museum of Contemporary Art and private galleries in the exciting Löwenbräu-Areal, the former Löwenbräu Brewery, in the company of a contemporary art expert. Stop at University Children's Hospital Zürich to see James Turrell's installation of a curved elliptical glass called *My Light*. Gather in the evening for dinner. B,L,D

Zürich / Meggen / Lucerne

Wednesday, June 14

On a day trip to lovely Lucerne, stop first in Meggen to admire the contemporary-style church Piuskirche, which is constructed of translucent sheets of marble. Arrive in Lucerne and explore the beautiful Old Town on a guided walking tour that includes the iconic covered wooden bridge. After free time for lunch, discover the outstanding collection of works by Picasso, Klee, and other greats at the Sammlung Rosengart Luzern, a museum housed within a grand 17th-century palace. Meet with the museum's founder Angela Rosengart (*pending confirmation*) for rare, behind-the-scenes insights about her collection. Dine together in one of Zürich's acclaimed restaurants. B,D

Zürich / Basel

Thursday, June 15

Depart Zürich in the morning, and arrive in Basel for a walking tour of the Old Town's medieval center around Marktplatz. The remainder of the day will be dedicated to Art Basel, the outstanding international exhibition of modern and contemporary art, with an independent lunch. Check into our hotel, where we will have dinner together. B,D

Basel / Weil am Rhein, Germany

Friday, June 16

Following a lecture from Chris Noey, cross the border into Germany, and discover the Vitra Campus, an architectural wonderland, on a private tour. Stop at the Vitra Design Museum, designed by Frank Gehry, and the VitraHaus, Herzog & de Meuron's startling vision of 12 traditional Swiss houses randomly packed together. View an impressive furniture collection on a tour of the Vitra Schaudapot, also designed by Herzog & de Meuron. Return to Basel and enjoy lunch together. Continue to Museum Tinguely, which is dedicated to the fascinating work of Jean Tinguely, a Swiss artist whose kinetic sculptures satirized human reliance on technology. Dinner is at leisure. B,L

Basel, Switzerland / Colmar, France / Ronchamp

Saturday, June 17

Drive through vineyards and gentle hills to Colmar, where we will enjoy a private tour of the Unterlinden Museum, housing the enormous 16th-century *Isenheim Altarpiece*, the masterpiece by sculptor Nikolaus Hagenauer and painter Matthias Grünewald.



Art Basel, 2021, photo courtesy Art Basel

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Enjoy a walking tour of the charming town and stay for a wine tasting and lunch. Drive to Ronchamp, home to Le Corbusier's Notre-Dame du Haut, considered one of the most important buildings of the 20th century. In 2011, a convent designed by Renzo Piano was added to the site. Return to Basel in the early evening. Dinner is at leisure. B,L

Basel, Switzerland

Sunday, June 18

On a private morning visit, admire the Kunstmuseum's extensive collection. Dating to 1661, the Kunstmuseum houses the world's oldest public art collection. The museum consists of three buildings. The original Hauptbau houses works from medieval to postwar modernism; the Gegenwart building was the museum's first expansion and one of the world's first museums dedicated to contemporary art; and the newest, the Neubau, displays special exhibitions. Enjoy lunch at leisure, and gather in the afternoon for a private tour of the Renzo Piano-designed Fondation Beyeler. Inaugurated in 1997, its museum focuses on classic modernism, featuring works by Van Gogh, Picasso, Warhol and Bacon. Return to the hotel, and gather for a festive farewell dinner this evening. B,D

Basel / Zürich / Return

Monday, June 19

Depart the hotel this morning for the Zürich airport and flights home. B

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

Accommodations



Volkshaus Basel

Widder Hotel, Zürich

Housed in ten townhouses dating from 1490, the hotel is a structural work of art where former alleys are converted into corridors. The Swiss architect, Tilla Theus, imagined a pristine blend of eras with whitewashed steel set between medieval wooden beams and gallery-worthy works by modern artists.

Volkshaus Basel

This five-star hotel, designed by Swiss architects Herzog & de Meuron, has received a thorough update and thoughtful restoration. Located in the heart of Basel, the century-old building blends modern design with its 1920s style.



Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, *Davos in Winter*, 1923, Kunstmuseum Basel, Martin P. Bühler

Program Rate

\$13,499 per person, double rate

\$16,899 single rate

Rate Includes

- Seven nights hotel accommodations
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portorage charges

Not included in rates

International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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