

ARRIVAL GUIDE

Arriving into Basel airport (aka *EuroAirport*) and making your way to Bern

1. As you leave the plane and start to exit the terminal and remember to head for the Swiss sector (see signs in picture right).



2. Checked-in baggage will be processed very quickly (usually with TV monitors indicating how long you have to wait for the bags to arrive).
3. You then walk out of the baggage hall, keep walking straight to the exit of the terminal and out of the building.

4. Right there – almost in front of you, slightly to the right – is the bus-stop for the #50 “Euroairport” bus (usually green as on the right). The bus to Basel station takes 23 minutes, and winds through the city.



Note: We recommend buying a train ticket online before leaving for Switzerland. (See “Getting Here” webpage.) You will be able to book a ticket that includes the short bus ride to Basel station and then onto Bern. (Basel EuroAirport to Bern.) If you don’t have a ticket, buy one from the machine at the bus stop. Do not expect to buy your tickets on the bus or train.

5. Here’s what it will look like as you arrive (orange bus instead of green!), one of the main entrances to the train station:



6. You'll enter the large hall of the station with some escalators ahead of you:



7. Checking the platform on the indicator board, head up these escalators to find your platform; this will mean heading down more escalators onto the platform.

8. Depending on what time of day you are here, these are the kinds of direct (i.e. non-stop) services available for Bern with trains likely to be headed (after Bern) onto either Interlaken Ost or Domodossola;

Depart Basel 11:31 (**Platform 10**), arrive Bern 12:24 (Platform 6)

Depart Basel 11:59 (**Platform 5**), arrive Bern 12:56 (Platform 4)

Depart Basel 12:31 (**Platform 3**), arrive Bern 13:24 (Platform 6)

9. Once you are on the correct platform and once your train is announced on the platform indicator boards (see example below), it will show the distribution of first- and second-class carriages.



Just look for the blue signs hanging above the platforms. (The image above shows platforms 7 and 8, sector B.) You just need to walk along the platform and stand more or less in these sectors so that you'll get onto the appropriate second- or first-class carriage.

10. The direct trains to Bern take either 53 or 57 minutes. You'll need to show your ticket only once approached by a conductor on the train.

11. When you arrive into Bern station be sure to identify the correct exit; there are two possible directions off the platforms: "Länggasse/Schanzenstrasse" or "Bahnhofplatz/Grosse Schanze"



12. If you are staying in one of the main conference hotels (Ador or Arabelle), you will want the Schanzenstrasse exit – heading up escalators off the platform:



NOTE: If you are staying in a hotel ...

When you check into the hotel they will issue with a "free" travel pass for the buses and trams in the city. It's worth holding onto this. You can jump on and off any transport within the city and only need to show the pass to a ticket inspector if asked. When you first arrive into Bern, you are also entitled to a free ride to your hotel, as long as you can show an inspector your hotel reservation.