

# Au Violon

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*Staff of the Au Violon; Photo: Brigitta Hänggi*

Looking out of Centrepoint front office window towards the Lohnhof fountain in summer, you cannot fail to notice people eating and drinking. This is the garden terrace of "au Violon", one of Basel's favorite eating places. Au Violon, which is French slang for jail, is Centrepoint's closest neighbour. It is both a brasserie specializing in French cuisine and a hotel. The brasserie, which can be also be accessed by the lift at the bottom of Lohnhofgässlein steps, boasts a 1st floor banqueting room with a magnificent view of the Münster.

The hotel is famous for its "nights in jail". It's rooms are converted cells, each with shower and toilet. You can get an idea of the size by looking at the position of the doors in Centrepoint's Artwall, each of which used to close off a cell. Standard rooms at the au Violon occupy two cells. The doors at the end of the corridor separate Centrepoint and the hotel. Those mysterious footsteps, bumps and creaks that always seem to manifest themselves when you are alone on duty are not the Centrepoint ghost, but the hotel guests!

More information: [www.au-violon.com](http://www.au-violon.com)



*Au Violon Summer Terrace; Photo: Brigitta Hänggi*