## **SKETCHWALK 3: Around the Parliament Building**



- The starting point of our sketchwalk is a fountain created by the artist Meret Oppenheim at the northern end of Waisenhausplatz (nearest tram/bus stop: Bärenplatz).
- Walk across Waisenhausplatz (Orphanage Square) (market on Thursdays and Saturdays).
- Additional Option: If you need shelter from the rain and have enough time you might want to visit the Prison Tower (Käfigturm). From the upper floors there is a view of the surrounding rooftops, alleys and squares, and you can see the clockwork from 1691 in action.
- Be aware that access to the Prison Tower is not always possible check it out on site. Regular opening hours: Mon 2 6 pm, Tue Fri 10 am 6 pm, sometimes also Sat 10 am 4 pm. The entrance is at Marktgasse 67, in the passage between Marktgasse and Kramgasse.
- Walk across Bärenplatz (market on Thursdays and Saturdays).
- Cross Bundesplatz (Federal Square) to the Bundeshaus, the Swiss Parliament Building. Flowers and vegetable market in the square on Tuesday and Saturday mornings, at other times dancing fountains.
- Pass under the Parliament Building to Bundesterrasse (Federal Terrace) to enjoy a spectacular view of the river Aare and Marzili lido, of Bern's "local mountain" Gurten, and of the Alps.
- Turn left and stroll to Casinoplatz (Casino Square) at the end of Kirchenfeldbrücke (Kirchenfeld Bridge).
- Additional option, if there is enough time left: make a detour from Casinoplatz via Münstergasse to Münsterplatz (Minster Square) and Münsterplattform (Minster Terrace).
- From Casinoplatz continue to Zytglogge (Clock Tower) and on to **Kornhausplatz** (Granary Square), where our sketchwalk ends at the Ogre Fountain (Kindlifresser-Brunnen).
- From Kornhausplatz a 15 minute walk will take you to the symposium hub, the Schule für Gestaltung Bern-Biel (SfG): cross Kornhausbrücke and take the first left (Schänzlihalde). At the end of this street you will find the SfG.
- As an alternative, take a tram or bus from Casinoplatz to the railway station, and from there the no. 20 bus to Gewerbeschule, which is right next to SfG.