Climate and weather

On the sunny side

Although Valais has the largest water reserves in Switzerland, it is also the driest region in the country.

This is due to its location between the Valais Alps in the south and the Bernese Alps in the north. The clouds release most of their precipitation on the mountains, which act as barriers protecting the Rhone Valley and the many small side valleys. The dry, mild climate gives Valais residents an average of 300 days of sunshine a year. Even in the cold winter months, some areas enjoy more than eight hours of sunshine. Fog and vitamin D deficiency are quite out of the question here. Instead, the seasons come in all the colours and variations that nature has to offer: blossoming springs, Mediterranean summers, spectacularly colourful autumns and snow-white winters.

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