

## Holidays

## Holidays with tradition

Swiss National Day on 1 August is the only federal holiday. According to the Federal Constitution, it is regarded as equivalent to a Sunday. All other legally recognised public holidays are the responsibility of individual cantons. According to Swiss federal employment law, the cantons may treat a maximum of eight other public holidays as equivalent to a Sunday.

Valais takes full advantage of this. The canton's public holidays reflect Catholic tradition.

01. January	New Year's Day
19. March	St. Joseph's Day
40 days after Easter (Thursday)	Ascension Day
10 days after Whitsun (Thursday)	Corpus Christi
1. August	Swiss National Day
15. August	Assumption Day
1. November	All Saints' Day
8. December	Immaculate Conception
25. December	Christmas Day

Although days before or after the major Christian holidays such as Good Friday, Easter Monday and Whit Monday as well as Boxing Day are not official holidays in Valais, they can be granted as days off by individual employers.

Reference: www.hallo-aargau.ch