



## Culture

### Melodious and expressive

Valais has a lively art and culture scene featuring events, exhibitions and performances on stages of all sizes. The World Nature Forum (the UNESCO World Heritage visitor centre) in Naters and other museums showcase the unique nature, culture and history of Valais. At the Fondation Pierre Gianadda in Martigny, you will find internationally renowned art by Picasso, Mirò and Chagall. The Leukerbad International Literature Festival, the Musikdorf Ernen Festival and the Verbier Festival also enjoy international recognition. Popular music festivals like the Openair Gampel, which attracts more than 115,000 visitors, or the atmospheric acoustic festival Zermatt Unplugged are also major crowd-pleasers.

**Cultural agenda / [www.kulturwallis.ch](http://www.kulturwallis.ch)**

**Cultural sites / [www.wallis.ch](http://www.wallis.ch)**

### Local cultural institutions

The roughly 600-seater La Poste theatre in Visp is the cultural centre of German-speaking Valais. Alongside local club productions, its season comprises over 20 guest performances by companies from around the world, and includes opera, operetta, concerts, theatre, musicals, ballet, dance and cabaret.

As a small theatre with deep roots, the Kellertheater Brig enlivens the cultural scene. Situated in the vaulted cellars of Stockalper Castle, it offers a unique ambience for cabaret, concerts, theatre, dance and children's theatre.

The Zeughaus Kultur in Brig-Glis is also one of German-speaking Valais's top three institutions. The "Abusitz" arts platform deserves special mention. Every Thursday evening, a group of mainly regional artists takes to the Bistro stage for a music, theatre, literature or visual arts performance.

**La Poste theatre Visp / [www.lapostevisp.ch](http://www.lapostevisp.ch)**

**Kellertheater Brig / [www.kellertheater.ch](http://www.kellertheater.ch)**

**Zeughaus Kultur Brig / [www.zeughauskultur.ch](http://www.zeughauskultur.ch)**

### Valais's cultural heritage

Valais is a land where people continue to actively shape the region with their traditions and customs. Valais's numerous museums bear witness to this, and it is also documented in the canton's media library, the Mediathek Wallis. The library is spread over four locations: St-Maurice, Martigny, Sion and Brig-Glis. In addition to documenting Valais's cultural heritage, the Mediathek Wallis hosts a wide range of media and diverse cultural events.

**Valais Media Library / [www.mediatheque.ch](http://www.mediatheque.ch)**

**Valais cultural platform / [www.wallisermuseen.ch](http://www.wallisermuseen.ch)**