Your bucket list – Winter 2020/21.

### Experience culture and traditions

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<td>Valais</td>
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<td>Former military fortress with the Museum of the Swiss Guard</td>
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<td>Internationaler Gommlauf</td>
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<td>The Pierre Gianadda Foundation</td>
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### Get active!

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<td>Highest sledge run in the Alps</td>
<td>Zermatt (Gornergrat Railway)</td>
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<td>Cross-country skiing</td>
<td>Oberrütli, Grächen or Simplon Pass</td>
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<td>Scroll through a traditional Valais village</td>
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<td>Experience snowkiting</td>
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<td>Snowshoeing</td>
<td>Belalp oder Alteich Arena</td>
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<td>A winter paradise for skiing</td>
<td>All of Valais</td>
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<td>Visit history in Valais</td>
<td>The castles of Valère &amp; Tourelles in Sion</td>
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Five reasons for living in Valais.

Climate
Some parts of Valais offer over 2,000 hours of sunshine annually – even more than Switzerland’s southernmost point. Our winter comes with guaranteed snow. In summer you can feel a breath of Mediterranean climate in the valley, while you can cool off on the mountain. And autumn in Valais is characterised by glorious colour, hunting and above all by the grape harvest.

Nature
Valais is majestically framed by forty-six 4,000-metre summits. They are home to impressive glaciers, canyons and mountain lakes. In contrast, the Rhone Valley has become the largest wine-growing region in Switzerland thanks to its limestone soils. The Valais is home to a diversity of animals and plant species that cannot be found anywhere else. We owe our biodiversity to the special climate, but also to decades of traditional agriculture. The typical, iconic farm animals of Valais include the black-nosed sheep, the black-necked goat, the St. Bernard dog and the Herens cow.

Geographical situation
Who says Valais is in the middle of nowhere? Actually it’s within easy reach of everywhere!

Life-work balance
We cultivate our friendships – not only, but also in associations or in the community. Family too is important to people in Valais – and not just emotionally. The Canton of Valais leads the way in supporting young families and is one of the cantons with the highest family allowances. Switzerland as a whole is known for its high prosperity, political stability and high security standards. Valais offers even more: no long traffic jams, clean air, a high disposable income and by far the most impressive panorama.

Valais lifestyle
Everything here may be just a bit more leisurely. We enjoy spending time with friends and family, over good food and Valais wine. We take great care to preserve our traditions and promote social cohesion. We are on familiar terms with each other, like to discuss out loud, but above all we laugh together. We are never just the nameless person next door.

1 hour to Bern
2 hours to Zurich
2 hours to Milan
2.5 hours to Genova
3 hours to the Black Forest
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3 hours to Alase
4 hours to the Mediterranean

Good to know.
• valais4you.ch: Practical information and assistance for living and working in Valais.
• Welcome Desks: Contact points in Visp, Brig-Glis, Naters and Leuk with personal assistance for everyone who has recently moved to Valais.
• Welcome events: every first week of the month different trial courses to discover the Valais leisure clubs and communities are offered. Especially designed for newcomers it is an excellent opportunity to make new contacts. Check out on valais4you.ch for further information.
• Valais Pass: Discover a wide choice of exclusive offers and come and enjoy Valais with the companion of your choice. Thanks to your personal code, benefit from special “two for the price of one” deals at attractions and leisure facilities throughout Valais.
• Language courses: German and dialect courses at academia-wallis.ch or vhso.ch or klubschule.ch
• Local media: rro.ch (online, newspaper and radio) or kanal9.ch (online and television)

Practical information.
Shop opening hours
• Most shops are open until 6:30 pm during the week. On Saturdays and before a public holiday, the shops close at 5:00 pm. On Sundays and public holidays, they remain closed.
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