



Your bucket list – Winter 2020/21.

Check out pure nature!

| What | Where |
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| Admire the Matterhorn | Zermatt |
| See the largest glacier in the Alps | Aletsch Arena |
| Discover the highest dam in Europe | Grande Dixence |
| Experience untouched snow landscapes | Winter hiking in Obergoms or on the Simplon Pass |
| Be amazed by the view | Revolving restaurant Allalin in Saas-Fee |
| Explore a UNESCO World Heritage site | World Nature Forum in Naters |
| Experience amazing views on an exceptional train ride from Zermatt to St. Moritz | GlacierExpress, Excellence Class |

Get active!

| What | Where |
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| Visit a thermal spa | Leukerbad, Brigerbad or Breiten |
| Highest sledge run in the Alps | Zermatt (Gornergrat Railway) |
| Cross-country skiing | Obergoms, Grächen or Simplon Pass |
| Stroll through a traditional Valais village | Grimentz or Goms |
| Experience snowkiting | Simplon Pass |
| Snowshoeing | Belalp or Aletsch Arena |
| A winter paradise for skiing | All of Valais |
| Visit history in Valais | The castles of Valère & Tourbillon in Sion |

Experience culture and traditions

| What | Where | When |
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| Start of Carnival | Valais | 11 Nov |
| Former military fortress with the Museum of the Swiss Guard | Naters | any date |
| Internationaler Gommerlauf | Goms | 27 & 28 Feb 2021 |
| The Pierre Gianadda Foundation | Martigny | 8 - 10 & 15 - 17 Apr 2021 |
| Zermatt Unplugged | Zermatt | 08 & 17 Apr 2021 |
| Wine in Spring | Salgesch | 17 Apr 2021 |
| Cow fights | Raron | Spring 2021 |

Eat like the locals

| What | Where |
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| Delicious AOP products such as Raclette | e.g. Château Villa in Sierre |
| Haute-cuisine with more than 1000 Gault-Millau points | e.g. in Zermatt |
| 60 grape varieties | e.g. in the wine villages Salgesch, Varen & Visperterminen |
| The Assiette Valaisanne ("Walliser Teller") is the gastronomic emblem of Valais | e.g. Lötschenpasshütte Wiler |
| Traditional recipes such as Cholera | e.g. Restaurant Tenne, Glurigen |

WELCOME TO VALAIS.

THE EASY WAY TO FEEL AT HOME.

HOW TO MAKE VALAIS
YOUR NEW HOME WITHIN 100 DAYS



ENGRAVED ON MY HEART.



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!

1 hour to Bern

2 hours to Milan

2.5 hours to Geneva

3 hours to the Black Forest

0.5 hours to the ski slopes

2 hours to Zurich

2 hours to Piedmont

3 hours to Alsace

4 hours to the Mediterranean

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.

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.
- Convenience shops at the railway stations are open from 5.00 am to 11.00 pm 365 days per year.
- Most convenience shops at filling stations are open from 6.00 am to 10.00 pm 365 days per year.

Important phone numbers

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| Medical emergency | 144 |
| Police emergency | 117 |
| Fire emergency | 118 |



More information
valais4you.ch