

# WELCOME TO VALAIS.

THE EASY WAY TO FEEL AT HOME.

HOW TO MAKE VALAIS  
YOUR NEW HOME WITHIN 100 DAYS.



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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. The winter season normally brings a lot of 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 colours, 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. 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 Hérens cow.

### **Geographical situation**

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



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1 hour to Berne	2 hours to Piedmont	3 hours to the Black Forest
2 hours to Zurich	2.5 hours to Geneva	4 hours to the Mediterranean
2 hours to Milan	3 hours to Alsace	0.5 hours to the ski slopes

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### **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 relaxed. 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.
- **valais.ch**  
Get inspired by Valais – discover activities, events, destinations and hidden gems for every season across the region.
- **Language courses**  
German and dialect courses at [academia-languages.ch](http://academia-languages.ch) or [vhso.ch](http://vhso.ch).
- **Local media**  
[pomona.ch](http://pomona.ch) (online, radio and newspaper) or [kanal9.ch](http://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 in railway stations have longer opening hours, in Visp for example from 5.00 am to 11.00 pm.
- Most convenience shops at filling stations are open from 6.00 am to 10.00 pm 365 days a year.

### Important phone numbers

Medical emergency	144
Police emergency	117
Fire emergency	118



More information  
[valais4you.ch](http://valais4you.ch)



## Your bucket list – Summer 2026

### Enjoy pure nature

#### What

#### Where

Admire the Matterhorn

Zermatt

Visit the largest glacier in the Alps

Aletsch Arena

Discover the highest dam in Europe

Grande Dixence in Val d'Hérens

Picnic by a mountain lake

Lac de Morgins

Be amazed by the view

Revolving restaurant Allalin  
in Saas-Fee

Visit Europe's highest vineyard

Visperterminen



## Get active outdoors

### What

### Where

Try a fixed rope route

Blatten-Belalp

Visit a mountain hut

Cabane de Prarochet,  
col du Sanetsch

Ride spectacular bike trails

Leukerbad

Stroll through a traditional Valais village

Grimentz

Relax next to a mountain lake

Bettmersee, Aletsch Arena

Discover a suspension footbridge

Goms Bridge

Hike along historic irrigation channels

Nendaz

Get to know regional nature parks

Valley of Trient

## Experience culture and traditions in 2026

What	Where	When
Zermatt Unplugged	Zermatt	7 - 11 April
Valais Open Wine Cellars	All Valais	14 - 16 May
Ernen Musikdorf Festival	Ernen	June - October
Pierre Gianadda Foundation	Martigny	any date
Brunch at the farm on the National Day	All Valais	1 August
Guinness Irish Festival	Sion	6 - 8 August
Open Air Gampel Festival	Gampel	19 - 23 August
Püru-Märt Cultura	Turtmann	26 September

## Eat like the locals

What	Where
Traditional Raclette du Valais AOP (melted cheese)	e.g. Château de Villa in Sierre
Haute-cuisine with more than 1000 Gault-Millau points	e.g. in Zermatt
55 AOC grape varieties	e.g. in the wine village Chamoson
The Assiette Valaisanne ("Valais Platter")	restaurants carrying the «Saveurs du Valais»-label
Local products such as asparagus and abricots	directly from the producer



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