

WELCOME TO **THE VAL D'ANNIVIERS**

SUMMER/WINTER

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Everything you need to know about our valley.

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**YOUR COMPLETE
GUIDE**



Val
d'Anniviers



WELCOME TO THE VAL D'ANNIVIERS!

A PLAYGROUND LIKE NO OTHER

Located in the district of Sierre, the Val d'Anniviers offers a wide variety of experiences in the heart of the Alps. No fewer than 490 km of hiking trails and more than 200 km of mountain biking routes await you. Winter is just as appealing, with 220 km of ski slopes and numerous opportunities for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and ski touring. You can also enjoy a wide variety of other activities, many of them free of charge or available at a reduced rate thanks to the Anniviers Liberté Pass.

With more than 150 events taking place in the valley each year, you'll never have time to get bored! From legendary sporting events such as the Sierre-Zinal and Grand Raid races to cultural highlights such as the "désalpes", Heritage Days and food festivals, Val d'Anniviers lives up to its reputation as a

dynamic and festive destination all year round.

Beyond this wealth of attractions, it is above all the emotions and experiences that we want to share with you during your stay in Anniviers. With breathtaking scenery, a warm welcome and traditions that are still very much alive, you're sure to leave with unforgettable memories!

Enjoy discovering the region!

THE VAL D'ANNIVIERS ID CARD



Municipality	Lowest village
ANNIVIERS	NIOUC 902 M
Region	Highest village
CENTRAL VALAIS	CHANDOLIN 2,000 M
	Highest slope summit
	BELLA TOLA 3,025 M
	Highest mountain
	WEISSHORN 4,506 M

ACCESS

- Bus connection between Sierre railway station and the Val d'Anniviers
- SBB railway station in Sierre
- A9 motorway to Sierre
- Airports in Geneva and Zurich, train connection to Sierre

DISTANCES

- Sierre 17 km
- Geneva 192 km
- Zurich 200 km
- Milan 240 km
- Paris 626 km
- Stuttgart 391 km

Calculated from Vissoie

THE IMPERIAL CROWN AND ITS PEAKS

SIX PEAKS,
ONE PLAYGROUND

Surrounded by peaks over 4,000 m that form the Imperial Crown, the Val d'Anniviers is a paradise for lovers of nature, snow sports and wide-open spaces.

The Imperial Crown consists of several mountains that can be seen at the head of the valley, high above Zinal. It is made up of six peaks over 4,000 m high: the Bishorn, the Weisshorn, the Zinalrothorn, the Obergabelhorn, the Matterhorn and the Dent Blanche.

BISHORN
4,153 M

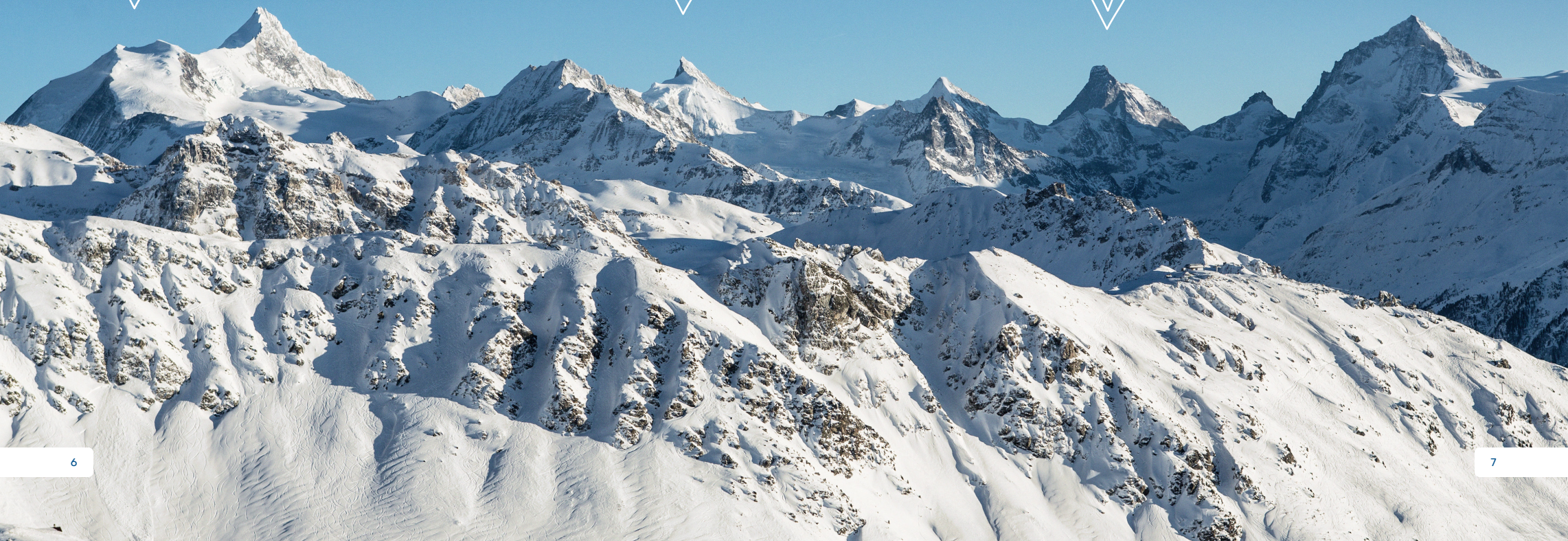
WEISSHORN
4,506 M

ZINALROTHORN
4,221 M

OBERGABELHORN
4,063 M

MATTERHORN
4,478 M

DENT BLANCHE
4,357 M



WINTER PEAKS OF EMOTION

Breathtaking scenery, unspoilt nature and modern sports facilities: Val d'Anniviers is the perfect place to enjoy all kinds of sports, from skiing and winter hiking to extreme sports. You can enjoy three ski areas with a single ski pass. A bus service connects all the villages of Val d'Anniviers. Get your skis, hiking boots, sledges and ice skates ready and prepare for an unforgettable stay in the mountains.



SKIING

Skiing in Val d'Anniviers means racing down the slopes with the Imperial Crown constantly in view. Snow conditions are favourable from November to April, thanks to the majority of the slopes being located between 2,000 and 3,000 m.

A single ski pass gives you access to the three partner ski areas: Grimentz-Zinal, St-Luc/Chandolin and Vercorin, offering a total of 220 km of slopes.

- **3 ski areas** : Grimentz-Zinal, St-Luc/Chandolin and Vercorin
- **1 single ski pass**
- **220 km of slopes** for all levels
- **1 bus service** connecting all the villages of Val d'Anniviers
- **1 snowpark** with various kickers, boxes, jibs and rails – located in Grimentz
- **1 freeride area** for an adrenaline rush, reserved for experienced riders – located in Zinal
- **1 avalanche training center** in Zinal to practise locating avalanche victims
- **1 ski cross course** for a fun experience on a course featuring bumps and banked turns – located in Grimentz
- **1 fun slope** for young skiers, who also get their very own kids' ski cross – located in St-Luc
- **1 planet park**, a unique playground with a space shuttle, slides, zip line, swings and a balancing beam course – located in St-Luc
- **1 speed check** allowing you to measure your speed – located in Grimentz

- **1 slalom course** to ski like the pros – located in Zinal
- **6 minigliss areas** to get familiar with snow sports – located in Zinal, Grimentz, St-Luc, and Chandolin

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL

- **Skate** on 4 natural ice rinks and 1 artificial rink
- **Push yourself** in cross-country skiing on 13 km of trails in Zinal
- **Hurtle** down 13.2 km of sledging runs in Chandolin and Grimentz
- **Explore** 180 km of marked trails on snowshoes
- **Reach** the summits on ski touring routes in our Rando-Parcs, with 9 routes in St-Luc, Chandolin, Grimentz, Zinal and St-Jean, covering 40 km and approximately 6,600 m of elevation gain
- **Relax** in our swimming pools and wellness centres in Zinal, St-Luc and Grimentz

Even more activities:

Ice climbing, paragliding, fondue hikes, electronic biathlon...

MAGIC PASS

The Magic Pass is an annual pass valid from 1 May to 30 April of the following year. It provides access to the lifts across the Magic Pass network in both summer and winter, subject to the opening periods and conditions of the participating resorts.

[MAGICPASS.CH](https://www.magicpass.ch)

SUMMER IN VAL D'ANNIVIERS

YOUR OPEN-AIR PLAYGROUND

Sports and adrenaline enthusiasts will see Val d'Anniviers as a true playground. Get your hiking boots, mountain bike, trainers and e-bike ready. Enjoy scooter descents, mini-golf, tennis and swimming. With the Pass Anniviers Liberté, you benefit from discounts on mountain lifts, free travel on PostBus services and free access to numerous visits, activities and facilities.

SPORT & LEISURE

- **Explore** all four corners of the valley on 490 km of hiking trails
- **Run** on more than 150 km of official trail-running routes
- **Race** along 200 km of mountain biking trails by bike or e-bike
- **Experience** an adrenaline rush with a bungee jump from Europe's most impressive suspension bridge in Niouc, or take the zip line across the valley more than 200 m above the ground
- **Climb** our two via ferratas: the Moiry route, with breathtaking views over the dam and Lake Moiry, and the Niouc route, which follows the cliff between the Navizence and the suspension bridge
- **Speed downhill on your mountain bike** on the 3 tracks at the St-Luc bike park
- **Play** a game of tennis on one of our 4 courts (Grimentz / St-Luc)
- **Have fun** at the mini-golf courses in Zinal and Grimentz
- **Relax in our swimming pools** in St-Luc, Grimentz, Vissoie and Zinal
- **Have a blast at our Indoor Park** in Grimentz
- **Take to the skies with a paraglider** on a tandem flight accompanied by professionals
- **Test your skills on the pump track** in Grimentz and conquer its jumps and banked turns
- **Hurtle downhill on a scooter or mountain cart** in St-Luc/Chandolin and Zinal
- **Put your brain to the tests in the escape rooms** in Grimentz and in Vissoie

PASS ANNIVIERS LIBERTÉ

Pass Anniviers Liberté holders can enjoy free or discounted access to a wide variety of transport and leisure facilities, as well as visits.

[ANNIVIERS-LIBERTE.CH](https://anniviers-liberte.ch)

TOUR OF THE VAL D'ANNIVIERS IN SUMMER

Each tour can be tailored to suit your preferences.

Discover Val d'Anniviers on foot, from three nights onwards, with this tailor-made hiking tour. Take the time to soak up the surroundings as you walk at your own pace, through the unspoilt countryside and the valley's picturesque villages.

The tour includes:

- 3 nights in hotels (double room) or 4 nights in mountain huts (dormitories) in St-Luc, Zinal and Grimentz
- Full board (half board with a packed lunch)
- Luggage transfer for one bag per person between each stage, except in mountain huts
- 1 Pass Anniviers Liberté per person
- Various travel documents

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10 HIDDEN GEMS OF THE VAL D'ANNIVIERS

If you had to choose just a few places to visit, here are 10 must-see highlights you won't want to miss. From towering peaks and lush green valleys to authentic mountain villages, the mountains reveal a thousand different faces throughout the seasons. Whether you're an adrenaline seeker, a nature lover or curious to discover local traditions, there's something for everyone.



MOIRY

This stunning site, with its exceptional colours, is one of the valley's treasures. Lake Moiry is a true little slice of paradise, stretching from the dam to the glacier.



ARPITETTAZ LAKE

Enjoy one of the most beautiful panoramic viewpoints overlooking the surrounding peaks and their glaciers, about a two-hour hike from Zinal.



IMPERIAL CROWN

Towering above the valley and defining the identity of the Val d'Anniviers, the Imperial Crown consists of six peaks over 4,000 m high.



HÉRENS COWS

At the heart of many local traditions, such as the Swiss cow fights, raclette cheese and local cured meats, the Hérens cow is one of the symbols of Valais.



ZINAL GLACIER CAVE

The Zinal cave is a hidden gem at the foot of the Zinal glacier, waiting to be discovered in winter accompanied by mountain professionals.



NIIOC SUSPENSION BRIDGE

The Niouc Suspension Bridge is one of the highest suspension bridges in Europe, standing 190 m above the ground. It is famous for its legendary bungee jump and via ferrata.



VILLAGE OF GRIMENTZ

This little gem, situated at 1,572 m, is one of Switzerland's best-preserved historic villages. Grimentz embodies the authentic character of the region.



GLACIER WINE

An age-old Anniviers tradition, "Vin du Glacier" is made by adding younger wine to the old barrels, a process known as topping up, which gives it its distinctive character.



OBSERVATORY FXB

With astronomy evenings, solar observation and the Planet Trail, the OFXB in St-Luc offers activities that bring together the sky and the earth, inspiring wonder in visitors of all ages.



SKI TOURING PARK

Almost 40 km of marked routes for all levels, set against the backdrop of peaks rising above 4,000 m.

THE VILLAGES OF THE VAL D'ANNIVIERS

Charm, authenticity, nature. The villages of the Val d'Anniviers are characterised by their traditional architecture. Their raccards (typical wooden buildings on stilts), granaries and mills are reminiscent of days gone by and sure to delight visitors.



CHANDOLIN

Perched at almost 2,000 m above sea level, Chandolin is one of the highest year-round inhabited villages in Europe. Thanks to its unique location, the village enjoys the last rays of sunshine. Once a haven for colourful personalities and poets seeking inspiration, Chandolin has retained its authentic charm and original character, with its irregular layout built "in a cluster", in keeping with the old rural tradition.



ST-LUC

St-Luc offers breathtaking views over Val d'Anniviers and its peaks rising above 4,000 m, including the famous Matterhorn. Perched on the mountain-side, the village enjoys particularly high levels of sunshine. St-Luc proudly lives up to its name as the "star resort", with the François-Xavier Bagnoud Observatory, the planetarium, the House of Planets and the Planet Trail leading to the Hôtel Weisshorn.



HERITAGE TRAILS

Each of our 14 villages and hamlets has its own unique history waiting to be discovered. In every village, historical trails allow visitors to travel back in time. Information is available in a brochure or by scanning the QR codes at the various points of interest.

VALDANNIVIERS.CH/HERITAGE-TRAILS



GRIMENTZ

With its narrow streets adorned with geraniums, sun-weathered chalets, charming church and century-old raccards, Grimentz is a true postcard-perfect village situated at an altitude of 1,572 metres. Considered one of the most beautiful villages in Switzerland, Grimentz is a tourist village that has managed to preserve both its heritage and its authentic character.



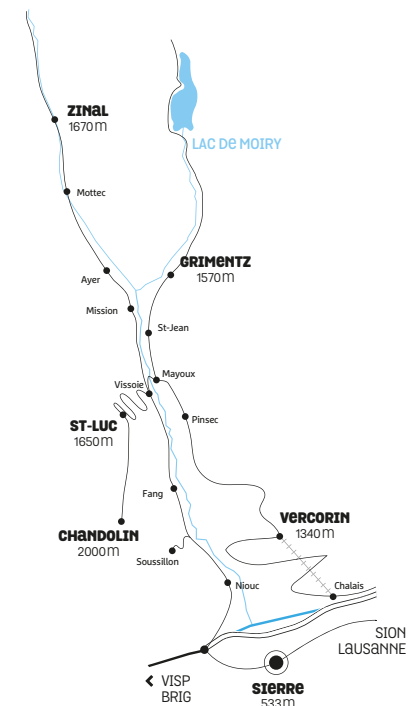
ZINAL

At the far end of Val d'Anniviers lies a kind of "ultimate destination". Visitors to this magical place paradoxically feel as though everything is just beginning, as if they had arrived in another world. At the foot of the highest mountains in the Alps, this little village has retained the power to draw us towards the heights, making us look up in awe. Breathtaking natural beauty, endless opportunities for sport, historical sights and, above all, the mountains right on your doorstep.



OUR OTHER TREASURES

Vissoie and its medieval tower, Niouc, Les Pontis, Soussillon, Les Barmes, Fang and more. Curious names that spark your interest, unusual sounds that bear witness to a rich historical past, and picturesque charm that is sure to leave a lasting impression.



CULTURE, HERITAGE AND DISCOVERY

Anniviers, a land of culture and heritage: stargaze, make your own rye bread, visit a mill, savour a glass of Vin du Glacier, or step through the doors of a museum dedicated to the customs and traditions of days gone by.

Curiosity getting the better of you? Let yourself be surprised, discover our wide range of activities and don't hesitate to ask our Tourist Offices for more information.



REMUAGE

Once primarily dependent on agriculture and livestock farming, the people of Anniviers were constantly on the move. Following the rhythm of the seasons, villagers moved between Sierre, the villages of Val d'Anniviers, the mayens and the alpine pastures. The priest and the schoolmaster also followed the villagers, leaving only a few people behind to guard the village. This seasonal migration was known as "remuage".



HÉRENS COWS

An emblematic breed of Valais, Hérens cattle are closely linked to local traditions and several of the region's culinary specialities. These include mountain pasture raclette cheese and delicious cured meats, with the meat air-dried in the mountain air, just as it was in the past. Hérens cows are at the heart of one of Val d'Anniviers' key annual events: the "désalpe", when the cattle return from the alpine pastures. In September, the cows make their way back to the villages after spending three months on the mountain pastures, where they "fight" throughout the summer to establish a hierarchy within the herd.



REGIONAL PRODUCTS

The valley is home to many traditional dishes, including Anniviers fondue (meat seasoned with spices), game dishes and, of course, raclette.

In St-Luc and Chandolin, lovers of fine dining can discover the restaurants at the Hôtel Bella-Tola and Chandolin Boutique Hôtel, both recognised by Gault&Millau.



GLACIER WINE

Vin du Glacier is a 100% Anniviers product rooted in an age-old tradition. Every year, young wine made from Rèze, an indigenous Valais grape variety, is added to old larchwood barrels, which are never emptied.

The oldest dates back to 1886. This wine, which is only served straight from the barrel, has a bold and distinctive flavour.



THE VAL D'ANNIVIERS: A VALLEY OF CULTURE

- 1 observatory and 1 planetarium
- 8 museums
- 2 exhibition galleries
- 1 dam
- 1 copper mine
- Historical hotels
- 5 mills
- 14 heritage trails



GASTRONOMY, WINE AND OUTINGS

Discover authentic flavours, local produce and regional specialities: Valais cuisine is an integral part of the pleasure of a mountain holiday. Whether you prefer fine dining, a traditional Valais dish or simply winding down the day with a good apéro in a bar and enjoying Valais wines in a convivial atmosphere, it's impossible to resist the temptation of a delicious culinary experience.

MORE THAN 50 RESTAURANTS

in the villages and up in the mountains

MORE THAN 40 SHOPS

- Grocery stores
- Local shops

24 PLACES TO UNWIND

bars, wine bars, pubs and tea rooms

Restaurants, snack bars, bars and wine bars:

[VALDANNIVIERS.CH/FOOD-DRINK](https://valdanniviers.ch/food-drink)



ACCOMMODATION TO SUIT EVERY TASTE

Stay in a hotel, apartment, campsite, bed and breakfast, holiday cottage or mountain hut: in Anniviers, there is plenty of choice. Whether you prefer to stay at over 2,000 m, far from the hustle and bustle, surrounded by nature or right in the heart of the villages, you're sure to find something to suit you. A wide range of quality accommodation to suit every taste and budget.

ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY 22'184 BEDS

- Hotels: 891
- Group accommodations: 1'265
- Apartments / chalets: 18'014
- Mountain huts: 554
- Bed and breakfasts: 21
- Cottages / hostels: 170
- Holiday villages: 1'269

Information about our accommodation :

[VALDANNIVIERS.CH/ACCOMMODATION](https://valdanniviers.ch/accommodation)

TOP EVENTS

Throughout the year, Anniviers hosts a wide range of events of all kinds and sizes. The events programme is constantly growing, offering you the opportunity to enjoy a truly magical stay. Whether you're travelling as a couple, with family or with friends, make the most of our region by joining us at the main sporting and cultural events held in Val d'Anniviers. Come and share unforgettable moments with us!

MAY

SWISS MILLS DAY

Anniviers

JUNE

"INALPES"

Anniviers

RIDE THE ALPS

Grimentz

JULY

OPEN-AIR CINEMA

Anniviers

CRAFT MARKET

Vissoie

HERITAGE WEEKEND

Anniviers

ANNIVIBES ROCK FESTIVAL

Vissoie

ARTISTS' DAY

Grimentz

AUGUST

NATIONAL DAY

Anniviers

CRAFT MARKET

St-Luc

FESTI'VAL D'ANNIVIERS

Grimentz

FESTIVAL DU TOÛNO

St-Luc

SIERRE-ZINAL

Anniviers

CULINARY MARKET

Chandolin

INTERNATIONAL YOGA CONGRESS

Zinal

GRAND RAID BCVS

Grimentz

STAR PARTY OFXB

St-Luc

PALP FESTIVAL

Grimentz

TRAIL DU BESSO

Zinal

SEPTEMBER

FESTIVAL JAZZ SOUS LES ÉTOILES

St-Luc

EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAY

Anniviers

ROCK THE BESSO

Zinal

"DÉSALPES"

Anniviers

2PPFM

Zinal

KM DE CHANDO

Chandolin

HOT TRAIL SERIES

St-Luc

OCTOBER

HEIFER FIGHT

Niouc

ROYAL "BRISOLÉE"

Grimentz

EPICURIALPES

Grimentz

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

St-Luc

FÉERIES DE NOËL

Grimentz

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

Anniviers

JANUARY

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Chandolin

FLY BÉTRISEY REINE CUP

Zinal

EXTREME CARVING SESSION

Zinal

FEBRUARY

NOCTURNE DE CHANDO

Chandolin

CARNIVAL

Anniviers

MARCH

GIANT X TOUR

Grimentz

DÉFI DU TOÛNO

St-Luc

L'HIVERNALE SIERRE-ZINAL

Chandolin

RANDO'CLETTE

Grimentz

LA SIROTZÉE

Chandolin

TELEMARK RACE « LA TZIGIÈRE »

Grimentz

APRIL

DERBY DES BECS

Grimentz

"LÀ-HAUT" FESTIVAL

St-Luc

BENDOLLA WATERSLIDE

Grimentz

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Anniviers

CAMILLE RAST TROPHY

Zinal

FULL
EVENTS CALENDAR





YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ? LET US EXPLAIN.

→ A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO
SWISS FRENCH

SWISS FRENCH

Septante

Huitante / quatre-vingt

Nonante

Vingt (pronounce the t)

Service

Souliers

Souliers de ski

Adieu

Linge

Panosse

Tela/Papier-ménage

Dîner

Souper

Cuissette

Quittance

Natel

ENGLISH

Seventy

Eighty

Ninety

Twenty

You're welcome

Shoes

Ski boots

Bye

Towel

Floor cloth

Kitchen roll

Lunch

Dinner

Shorts

Receipt

Mobile phone

TYPICAL VALAIS EXPRESSIONS

T'as où les vaches ?

Where are you from?

T'as où les vignes?

Where are you from?

T'es le fils à qui?

Who are you?

Tcheu l'équipe!

Wow, there's a lot of us!

Mais des choses pareilles!

That's incredible!

Tcheu la volée!

An expression used after a big fall or after noticing someone is drunk

On part en piste?

Shall we party/celebrate?

Beau pays mais sec!

Fancy a drink?

Eh mais la cramine!

It's cold!

Tcheu la tchaffe!

It's hot!

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