

WHERE WORK AND JOIE DE VIVRE COHABIT.

VALAIS – A PLACE THAT INSPIRES
AND OPENS UP NEW PERSPECTIVES.



Welcome home.
Welcome to Valais.

ENGRAVED ON MY HEART.

Why Valais?

Because everything starts with quality of life here – and work fits right into that. That’s why Valais has adopted the concept of “life-work balance” as its own. The region combines economic growth with this ambition: innovative industries, exciting career opportunities and modern infrastructure create space for ideas and entrepreneurship.

At the same time, the mountains and nature are just a stone’s throw away. The cost of living is below the Swiss average, without compromising on quality.

In Valais, you’re not just choosing a place to live, but a lifestyle with professional success and personal fulfilment, nestled between the sky and the mountains.



Your life-work balance starts here.



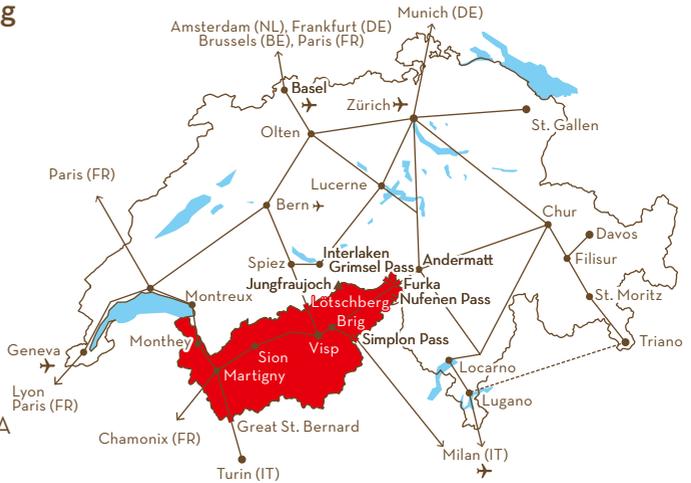
Close to everything by train.

Departure from Sion

- 1 hr → Lausanne
- 2 hrs → Geneva GVA
- 2.30 hrs → Milan MXP
- 2.30 hrs → Zürich

Departure from Visp

- 1 hr → Bern
- 2.30 hrs → Geneva GVA
- 2 hrs → Milan MXP
- 2 hrs → Zürich



Valais ensures that you will have some of the best times of your life.

Living the dream in Valais.

1. Where nature is part of everyday life and the city is never far away.
2. Creative SMEs reaching out from the mountains.
3. Meaningful jobs: from green energy to high tech.
4. Better life for your money – affordable and enjoyable.
5. Diversity, warmth and a place to call home for families.
6. Life-work balance: work where others recharge their batteries.



60 restaurants serving Valais cuisine



300 days of sunshine

Testimonial.

“Having grown up here, it was only when I spent time abroad that I realised how extraordinary life in Valais is – especially for families.”

Raphaëlle Luisier, Idiap



371,000

residents
as of 2025

12

villages listed among the “most beautiful villages in Switzerland”.



Expertise at the highest level.

In the heart of the Alps, Valais reveals a side that remains hidden to many: an industry as diverse as the landscape itself. Ideas that grow from small workshops into global enterprises are born here. Young start-ups combine courage with creativity; while international corporations rely on the power of a location that breathes innovation. Excellence and quality characterise everything we do. Working together makes visions tangible. Industries join forces and develop projects together. You'll find an economic and living space here that, thanks to exceptional skills, passion and a pioneering spirit, is constantly pointing the way to the future.



Discover companies
seeking talent.

Nr. 1

in aluminium research and production in Switzerland – with Constellium & Novelis.

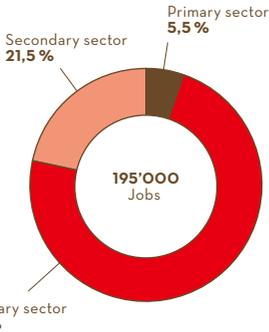


CHF 23 billion

GDP

Nr. 2

in the field of life sciences in Switzerland.



Lonza is the largest employer in Valais industry.

These industries need you.

Life Sciences:

Lonza, Debiopharm, Bachem AG

Chemistry and process engineering:

CIMO, Syngenta, Siegfried, ALSA

Innovation and technology/AI:

EPFL, HES-SO, DePoly, Idiap

Renewable energies:

FMV, Hydro Exploitation

Industry: Constellium, Novelis,

Eversys, Bosch/Scintilla

Healthcare: Spital Wallis

Construction, crafts and trade

Tourism, hotel industry, hospitality

Testimonial.

“People in Valais gave us a really warm welcome. I hadn’t expected that.”

Alyson Cheviet,
Banque Cantonale du Valais



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production sites of the largest Swiss pharmaceutical companies.



20,000

jobs in the industrial sector generate around a quarter of the canton’s added value.



250

companies committed to sustainability with the Valais ‘Company’ label and/or Valais Excellence.

Innovation, research and development.

Behind the picture-postcard idyll of mountains and holiday resorts lies a Valais that is looking ahead: a region where visions flourish and ideas find their way out into the world. Creativity in highly specialised fields makes the canton a vibrant centre for innovation and technology. Universities, research institutes and its own innovation park create an environment that inspires talent and allows start-ups to grow. Here, science, entrepreneurial spirit and industry come together to form a breeding ground rich in exchange, courage and pioneering spirit. You'll find a place here where thoughts take shape and innovation becomes visible.



These projects and companies in Valais are changing the world.



A synergistic network of innovation centres.



Over **ten billion kWh** of hydropower per year – enough electricity to supply around **two million** households, or about half of all Swiss private households.

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Valais start-ups in the 2025 ranking of the **top 100** young companies in Switzerland.

285 meters

The Grande Dixence is the world's highest gravity dam.

900 MW

Storage capacity at the Nant de Drance power plant.

Did you know?

ALPOLE – EPFL research centre for forecasting climate-related environmental changes.

H55 – At the forefront of electric propulsion for aviation.

AISA – Industry leader in the global packaging industry.

DePoly – A unique global process for infinite PET and textile recycling.

Eversys – Supplies fully automatic coffee machines with barista quality worldwide.



Testimonial.

“In Valais, I have found synergies between research institutes and an economic environment that create added value. Not forgetting fantastic weather!”



André Borschberg, H55

Numerous SMEs, schools and research institutes are the driving forces behind innovation in technology, health, energy and industry.



Study, research, get started.

Valais offers a diverse range of tertiary education options – from engineering, biotechnology and economics to social work, health and the arts. At its heart is HES-SO Valais-Wallis, a dynamic university that promotes innovation throughout the canton with its research institutes. Whether in energy, health, digitalisation or tourism, projects with tangible benefits for society and the economy are being developed here. Students benefit from a close connection between education, practice and research – and from a quality of life that is second to none: short distances between campus and mountains, abundant sunshine, authentic encounters and space for creativity and relaxation.



Start your future
in Valais.



Mountain views instead of concrete.

Modern co-working spaces with a special character.

Testimonial.



“I wanted to live here in Valais because it’s an absolutely beautiful place and there are excellent facilities here at EPFL.”

Wendy Lee Queen,
EPFL Valais/Wallis

~1,000

active individuals at the Energypolis campus in Sion – an international education and research centre for sustainable development. Focus areas: energy, environment and health.



From art exhibitions to festivals under the stars – culture becomes a Cool-Tour in Valais.



Stylish evenings.

Cosy bars and terraces with typical Valais charm.

Valais has been the stage for major events for decades – from the Ski and Bike World Championships to the Freeride World Tour and the Omega European Masters.



Adventure on your doorstep.

Snow sports, biking, hiking, trail running, climbing, paragliding, golf, tennis, padel and SUP.

Did you know?

TechnoArk in Sierre – Switzerland’s first information technology centre.

Idiap in Martigny – research institute of national importance active in the field of AI.

Team Academy der HES-SO Valais-Wallis – unique bachelor’s programme based on the Finnish Tiimiakatemia model.

Fancy a little cultural insight?





Valais, a paradise for families.

Families feel at home here. Nestled between majestic 4,000-metre peaks and a landscape filled with adventure, the region offers more than just nature and panoramic views. It also scores well in terms of property, slightly lower health insurance premiums, more moderate rents, higher family allowances and reliable childcare. Nowhere else in Switzerland are there more childcare places per 1,000 children.

A 2021 study by Credit Suisse confirms that families in Valais have more money at their disposal on average than in other regions.

This means that children grow up in a safe environment characterised by community, security and openness – embedded in a cultural diversity that enriches their lives.



Discover a family
paradise in Valais.

Five advantages:

1. Higher family allowances.
2. Wide range of childcare facilities.
3. Diverse leisure activities.
4. Extensive school and vocational training opportunities.
5. Quality of life and safety.



Did you know?

Exemplary childcare in Valais with nurseries, after-school care and targeted subsidies.



90% of the population live less than **15 minutes** from a recreational area, thanks to a well-developed public transport network.

Whether it's sport, culture or leisure activities – a varied club life makes integrating easier.

Testimonial.

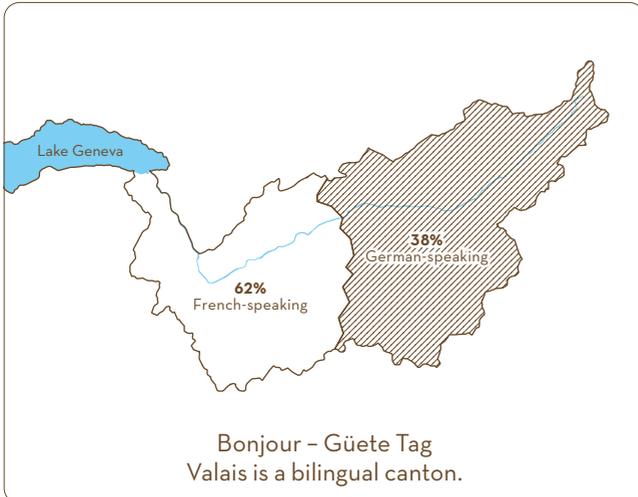
“Children can play on their own in the neighbourhood and become independent early.”

Sophie Tschan, MGBahn



Did you know?

In Valais, schools organise annual ski days for students in some of the most beautiful ski areas.



25%

of the population of Valais has an international background – a reflection of the diversity that exists here. As of 2023.

Welcome home. Welcome to Valais.

Work, live, breathe deeply – everything just comes together here. You'll find both an exciting job, as well as a way of life. A career in an innovative company, adventures out in the mountains, relaxing moments with friends – in Valais, life-work balance comes naturally. Imagine: a meeting in the morning, trail running in the afternoon, a festival or raclette with friends in the evening. And all this with an extra dose of warmth and a pace of life that simply does one good. Nowhere else does the sun shine more, the mountains stand higher or the people have such a strong connection to their natural surroundings as here. Their values shape their history, which they continue to write every day. Would you also like to start a new chapter?



9,000 km hiking trails –
from gentle strolls
to alpine challenges



4,000 km
cycling and bike routes



72
Gault&Millau restaurants



45 4,000-metre peaks



55 grape varieties



4,600 hectares
of vineyards



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The guide to regional
integration.

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