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## Discover the Valais' hidden gems.

45 summits over 4,000 metres. 300 days of sunshine a year. Unspoilt nature and breathtaking panoramas. From the valleys to the mountains, Valais is the perfect playground for making the most of the great outdoors. The fresh mountain air, a diverse range of activities and the rich variety of produce and cuisine promise to provide visitors with unforgettable moments, forever engraved on their hearts.

Among the multitude of unforgettable experiences to enjoy in the Valais, here are 4 hidden gems not to be missed:

- **Sunrise or sunset in Aletsch Arena**  
Enjoy the sunrise or the sunset from the "Platte", a viewpoint 20 minutes' walk from the Gletscherstube mountain hut, for a colourful view of the entire Great Aletsch Glacier  
[More information](#)
- **New Golden Spot with Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn**  
The historic locomotive He 2/2 3003 - one of the three locomotives of the first generation of the Gornergrat Railway - has been repaired, gold-plated and prominently placed on the Gornergrat. A short, themed trail with fascinating information about the discovery of the Gornergrat and the pioneering work in the construction of the cog railway leads downhill to the golden locomotive. The Golden Spot is the perfect place for a souvenir photo or selfie with the Matterhorn in the background. The photo point is open all year round and can be experienced by all guests free of charge.  
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- **Mattmark Dam in Saas-Fee**  
In the southernmost part of the Saas Valley and close to the Italian border is Europe's largest earth dam, the Mattmark dam. It is an absolute place of power with a turbulent past. Surrounded by secluded valleys and a beautiful high-alpine glacier scenery, it is also the starting point for spectacular hikes. Those who prefer to take things a little easier can walk or mountain bike around the lake. Bus trips to Mattmark and the mountain railways in the Saas Valley are included from the first night.  
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- **Mont-Fort's panoramic viewing platform in Nendaz**  
Inaugurated in December 2022, located above the arrival station of the Mont-Fort cable car and accessible throughout both the summer and winter, depending on cableways' schedule, the brand-new Mont-Fort's panoramic viewing platform allows visitors to safely enjoy a stunning panoramic view. Thanks to this new panoramic viewing platform, the Mont-Fort experience is enhanced: enjoy the 360° panoramic view. Here the visitors can admire the most beautiful summits in the Alps such as the Matterhorn, Mont-Blanc, Grand Combin or Dent d'Hérens.  
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### Summer in Valais

- 40,000 hectares nature reserves
- > 8,000 kilometres of hiking trails
- > 2,000 kilometres cycle routes
- > 2,000 kilometres mountain bike routes
- 8 products carrying the PDO-PGI label
- 10 restaurants with Michelin stars
- 79 restaurants with Gault&Millau ratings
- 8 family-friendly resorts with the Family Destination label



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#### News for summer 2024

- **2024 – A year dedicated to mountain biking:** Valais is actively preparing to host the 2025 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships, which, for the first time, will bring together seven mountain bike disciplines in the same region. As a dress rehearsal for this major event, the canton is preparing for an exceptional year in 2024, featuring a sporting calendar packed with events, including several international-level races. Valais will thus already be in the spotlight in 2024, with competitions that will enable the various destinations involved in the project to introduce themselves and prepare as best as possible for 2025. [More information](#)
- **NostralChic Class on the Gornergrat:** Revel in the charm of Valais' mountains amid the unique atmosphere of the NostralChic Class aboard the Gornergrat Bahn. Accompanied by an expert from the region, you'll enjoy a first-class journey on the Gornergrat Railway surrounded by cosy details in a carriage reminiscent of a bygone era on Europe's highest open-air cogwheel railway as it takes you up to the 3,089 metre-high Gornergrat. An incredible view awaits you at the top with the Monte Rosa massif, the Gorner Glacier and of course the Matterhorn – all seemingly close enough to touch during a day full of adventure, culinary delights and culture.
- **The MAD Retreat in Nendaz - a new hotel designed for relaxation:** Situated in a natural setting just a stone's throw from the resort, the hotel comprises 25 chalets in the style of "raccard" granaries, with a total of 45 rooms. Guests can recharge their batteries in the spa, the yoga room, and the treatment and massage areas. To help ensure a relaxing environment, the hotel only accepts guests over the age of 14. The opening is planned for summer 2024.
- **New Hannig cableway:** Since this summer, a new single-cable gondola lift with 10-person gondolas will replace the old hannig cableway. Visitors will therefore be able to keep travelling from Saas-Fee to Hannigalp at an altitude of 2340 metres and continue to experience the region's various activities such as hiking. In addition to the opening of the new Hannigbahn, the focus is on further developing the offering for all generations. This includes, among other things, the modernization of the mountain restaurant, the construction of a new playground, the interactive design of the toboggan run and the implementation of the new Hannig return piste.

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