

## Day Trips

### The Aletschregion – 300 days of sunshine a year

[www.aletscharena.ch](http://www.aletscharena.ch)

Halfway between the valley and the heavens are the sun terraces of Fiescheralp, Bettmeralp, Riederalp, and Belalp. Seven aerial cable cars convey the guests from the Rhone Valley to the resorts and up into the hiking paradise of the Aletsch Region. From here hiking tours lead to such beautiful vantage points as the 2927-meter Eggishorn, offering vistas of the Aletsch and Fiescher glaciers. The Aletsch Glacier, the longest and mightiest glacier in the Alps, defines this holiday region surrounded by majestic mountain giants. The alpine museum in Bettmeralp is worth a visit, as well as the minigolf course.



Travel time by car: Leukerbad – Fiesch ~ 1 h 20 (then by cablecar)  
Public transports: Leukerbad – Eggishorn 3 h / Riederalp/Bettmeralp – Leukerbad 2 h

### Zermatt – Surrounded by giants

[www.zermatt.ch](http://www.zermatt.ch)

Zermatt epitomises the image of Switzerland: high-alpine, awe-inspiring and original. Almost one-third of the 4000-metre mountains in the Alps are grouped around this world-famous health resort. Take the first Swiss electric cog railway to the Gornergrat on 3089 m.a.s.l. The viewing platform offers you an amazing and unique gaze on the mountain world. Discover mystical, icy worlds in the highest glacier palace in the world. You arrive at the glacier palace with one of the 2 lifts directly from the Matterhorn glacier paradise station. Then walk into the palace through an ice tunnel that is almost fifteen metres below the surface of the glacier. Adventurers and daredevils can return by walking through a glacier crevasse.



Travel time by car: Leukerbad – Täsch ~ 1 h 30 (then continuing by the railway „Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn“)  
Public transports: Leukerbad – Zermatt 2 h 30 / Zermatt – Gornergrat 40 min

### Saas-Fee – The Pearl of the Alps

[www.saas-fee.ch](http://www.saas-fee.ch)

Saas-Fee lies in an idyllic valley surrounded by the highest mountains in the Swiss Alps. No less than 13 four-thousand-metre peaks encircle the village at the foot of the glaciers like a shell and give it its distinctive name "the Pearl of the Alps". The highest underground funicular in the world, the "Metro Alpin", takes you from there to the Mittelallalin. From the highest revolving restaurant in the world at 3500 metres above sea-level, the Giants of the Alps seem so close you can almost touch them. Next door, the secrets of the glaciers are revealed in the biggest ice pavilion in the world. By the way, a ride on Rodelbahn Feeblitz is a pleasure for young and old, the toboggan run is open in summer and winter.



Travel time by car: Leukerbad – Saas-Fee ~ 1 h 30  
Public transports: Leukerbad – Saas-Fee 2 h



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### Crans-Montana – Idyllic mountain village or alpine town

[www.crans-montana.ch](http://www.crans-montana.ch)

Crans-Montana embodies both and combines all the comforts of a modern holiday resort with an expansive natural landscape and panoramic views of the Valais Alps. It is a venue for major sporting events, and with a reputation as a golfing Mecca. Commune with nature in this family-friendly resort, where you can enjoy five swimming lakes; walks through aromatic mountain forests along an extensive network of footpaths and many other activities. A journey by a cableway is definitely worth it. How about finishing the day with cosy fondue evenings in one of the rustic inns? Enjoy!



Travel time by car: Leukerbad – Crans-Montana ~ 1 h 10  
Public transports: Leukerbad – Crans-Montana 1 h 30

### St-Léonard/Sion – Europe's biggest underground lake and Switzerland's oldest city in one day

[www.lac-souterrain.com](http://www.lac-souterrain.com)  
[www.siontourisme.ch](http://www.siontourisme.ch)

With a length of around 300 meters the subterranean lake of St-Leonard is the largest natural underground lake in Europe which can be explored by boat. During a 30 minute boat trip, you will enjoy the peace of this amazing place while your guide explains all sorts of fascinating details about the origin and the history of the underground lake. Next stop is Sion, the capital of the Valais. Enjoy the picturesque old town of Sion, the pedestrian area with its numerous restaurants and coffee shops and relax while going shopping or visiting a museum. Go to see the basilica of Valere, the church on the south one of the two mottes. Guided tours through the area are offered as well.



Travel time by car: Leukerbad – St-Léonard ~ 50 min / St-Léonard – Sion ~10 min / Sion – Leukerbad ~ 1 h  
Public transports: Leukerbad – St-Léonard 1 h 10 / St-Léonard – Sion 5 to 10 min / Sion – Leukerbad 1 h

### Lötschental – Get enchanted

[www.loetschental.ch](http://www.loetschental.ch)

The "magical valley", as the Lötschental is also known, has an impressive and unique natural beauty - the slopes of the Bietschhorn and the Lötschenlücke Pass - and allures visitors with its rustic charm. In Kippel, the Lötschental Museum is waiting for your visit: Masks, traditional costumes, the Grenadiers of God: the visible face of the Lötschental is as spectacular as it is secretive. The Lötschental Museum in Kippel introduces visitors to this world of Alpine traditions and customs. Interested in history? Then pay a visit to the Blatten mill complex (incorporating a sawmill, a gristmill and a weaving mill) and the village oven.



Travel time by car: Leukerbad – Kippel ~ 55 min / Leukerbad – Blatten ~ 1 h 05  
Public transports: Leukerbad – Kippel 1 h 40 / Kippel – Blatten 15 min /  
Blatten – Leukerbad 1 h 30 - 2 h 30



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### Grande Dixence – The tallest gravity dam in the world

[www.grande-dixence.ch](http://www.grande-dixence.ch)

The Grande Dixence dam, situated in the Val d'Hérens, collects and stores the water from 35 glaciers in the Valais. It is still the tallest gravity dam in the world. The crest of the dam offers an amazing 360° view and can be reached on foot in about 45 minutes, or by cable car. It is also the starting point for several mountain hikes. Guided tours with slide shows and films take place in the interior of the dam. Not to forget the Pyramides of Euseigne, a particular natural phenomenon in the Val d'Herens and Val d'Heremence. The mountain spurs feature earth pyramids, moraines of loose stones which have been gradually eroded by rain. A road tunnel goes through the pyramids.



Travel time by car: Leukerbad – Le Chargeur ~ 1 h 30

Public transports: Leukerbad Sion 1 h / Sion – Le Chargeur 1 h / Le Chargeur – Leukerbad 2 h 45

### Le Châtelard – a particular mountain experience

[www.chatelard.net](http://www.chatelard.net)

On the way to Le Châtelard, the historic town Sion is a perfect place to stop for a coffee or a meal. The "Parc d'Attraction Châtelard" consists of three unusual mountain railways that take visitors to the region surrounding the artificial lake of Emosson. The cable car holds the world record for being the steepest two-cabin cable car. The ride in the second attraction, the Panoramic Train, which has a track gauge of only 60 centimeters, gives passengers fantastic views of the Mont Blanc mountain range. The third train, which is more like an elevator cabin, traverses a difference in altitude of 140 meters in a few minutes and takes one over the top of the dam of the lake.



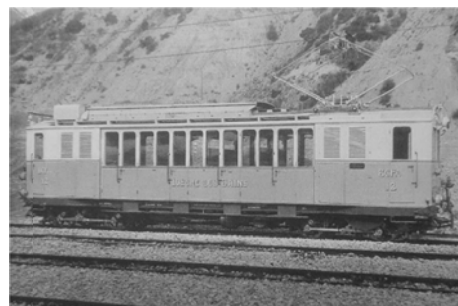
Travel time by car: Leukerbad – Le Châtelard ~ 1 h 30

Public transports: Leukerbad – Sion 1 h / Sion – Le Châtelard 1 h / Le Châtelard – Leukerbad 2 h 30

### On the traces of the "Leuk-Leukerbad-Bahn" in Blonay

[www.blonay-chamby.ch](http://www.blonay-chamby.ch)

Travel by a steam locomotive in historic railway carriages through the landscape between Blonay and Chamby. The railway museum offers train pleasures extraordinaire and the largest collection of operable meter gauge rolling stock in Switzerland. Do you remember the cog railway which was transporting people from Leuk to Leukerbad from 1915 to 1967? Some coaches of this railway have been brought to the railway museum Blonay-Chamby. These days you still have the chance to experience them. Stop-off point on the way back to Leukerbad could be Montreux; the beautiful town nestles in a sheltered Lake Geneva bay, surrounded by vineyards and against the breathtaking backdrop of snow-covered Alps.



Travel time by car: Leukerbad – Blonay ~ 1 h 30

Public transports: Leukerbad – Blonay 2 h 20





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### Montreux Riviera – Pure Inspiration

[www.montreux.ch](http://www.montreux.ch)

Because of the exceptionally mild climate Montreux is called the capital of the Vaud Riviera. Plants associated with the Mediterranean, such as pines, cypresses and palm trees grow here. Charlie Chaplin, Freddie Mercury and several other famous people of world-renown lived and continue to live on the Vaud Riviera. The long, flower-bordered lake promenade which links Vevey and Montreux going all the way to Chillon Castle is simply asking to be strolled along. Cultural events, such as the Montreux Jazz Festival, as well as countless excursion options to the mountainous hinterland or on the lake make Montreux the most popular excursion and holiday destination.



Travel time by car: Leukerbad – Montreux 1 h 20

Public transports: Leukerbad – Montreux 1 h 45

### Interlaken – door to the Jungfrau

[www.interlaken.ch](http://www.interlaken.ch)

Interlaken lies in the Bernese Oberland on an alluvial plain, between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz. The vacation destination, which is presided over by the three mighty mountains, Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau, is the starting point for numerous activities. By the beginning of the 19th century Interlaken in the Bernese Oberland had already become renowned for its impressive mountain scenery. Famous contemporaries such as Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Felix Mendelssohn traveled in these mountains. Interlaken's success as a tourist destination was further enhanced by the completion of the Bernese Oberland Railway in 1890 and the Jungfrau Railway in 1912.



Travel time by car: Leukerbad – Goppenstein ~45min / Goppenstein – Kandersteg 20min / Kandersteg – Interlaken ~45min

Public transports: Leukerbad – Interlaken ~2 h

### Jungfrauoch – Top of Europe

[www.jungfrau.ch](http://www.jungfrau.ch)

The Jungfrau Railway leads from Kleine Scheidegg up to Jungfrauoch. It climbs nearly 1,400 meters in height and covers a distance of more than seven kilometers in tunnels along the nine kilometer long stretch. In the interior of the summit at Europe's highest train station (the peak is called "Sphinx"), a lift takes visitors to the peak with its observatory and the famous observation platform, from which one has a magnificent view of the mountains and the Aletsch Glacier. The Jungfrau-Aletsch region with its unique plant and animal world is the first Unesco World Natural Heritage Site in the entire Alpine region.



Travel time by car: Leukerbad – Goppenstein ~45min / Goppenstein – Kandersteg 20min / Kandersteg – Grindelwald ~1 h

Public transports: Leukerbad – Jungfrauoch ~4 h 20



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