

HIKING TOUR OF THE VAL D'ANNIVIERS

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WELCOME.

READY TO MAKE MEMORIES?



ENGRAVED ON MY HEART.



Let's stay in touch:

Find us on social media to discover, revisit
and share all the things that make our region
so exciting.



BETWEEN TRANQUILLITY **AND WONDER**

- THE PERFECT BALANCE -

➤ Walk at your own pace, follow the signs, and picnic when and where ever you want. Sleep somewhere different every night and marvel at the extraordinary scenery of this region in Central Valais.

The traditional circuit leads you from Sierre via, in order, Chandolin/ St-Luc, Zinal, Grimentz and Vercorin and back to Sierre. Each day's walk is around 5 hours. Optional visit on the last day: discover the Vallon de Réchy, a natural jewel and highlight.

Each stage can be done separately if you wish to shorten your stay. It is also interesting to spend two nights in each resort to take advantage of what is on offer locally.

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- VALID FROM MID-JUNE TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER* -

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**Would you like
to receive an offer?**

Simply fill in the form on
the tourvaldanniviers.ch page,
and we will take care of
everything!

**> This description was produced for
a standard 5 night tour, we suggest
you adapt it to suit your own programme.**

- **From 2 nights in a hotel, gîte or mountain hut:** Sierre, St-Luc/Chandolin, Zinal, Grimentz and Vercorin
- **Full board** (breakfast, picnic lunch and supper)
- **Luggage transport between each stage** (return of luggage from Vercorin to Sierre only on request)
- **2 post bus tickets** per person
- **3 hiking map (GO)**
- **Anniviers Liberté Pass**

THE TRAIL

A symbol indicates the route along the whole length of the trail. It can be done without a guide. So you are free to go at your own pace and choose your own picnic spots and stopping points to admire the panoramas and landscapes which reveal themselves along the way. In addition the trail is highlighted on the hikers' map which will be provided on arrival.

LUGGAGE

Apart from your day pack, which you will take with you along the whole journey, your luggage will automatically be transported from one hotel to the next. One piece of luggage (max 20 kg) is allowed per person. Luggage transport is not provided to mountain huts.

ACCOMMODATION

There is a wide range of accommodation for you to choose from: hotels, gîtes and cabins. You will be sent a selection to suit your preferences on request. Let us know what you're looking for – we're here to help!

Make the most of our region and everything it has to offer: we'll take good care of you and help you fulfil your holiday dreams.

MEALS

Breakfast, supper and picnic are provided in all types of accommodation.

TRANSPORT

You have the possibility of shortening certain stages by using public transport (free of charge) and the lifts with a 50% discount thanks to the **Pass Anniviers Liberté**. What's more, 2 transport vouchers per person for the post bus are included for the following routes: Sierre > Anniviers and Vercorin > Sierre.


ACCESS

By car:

A special price is offered to clients of the Val d'Anniviers Tour in the long-term car park to the south of the Sierre/Siders train station.

By train:

Sierre is on the line from Genève, Lausanne, Zürich, Bern or Brig. More information on timetables is available at

 www.cff.ch


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ANNIVIERS LIBERTÉ PASS



From June to October, the Anniviers Liberté Pass provides access to more than 20 activities and public transport services in the Val d'Anniviers Gondola lift, funicular railway, chair lift and cable car services.

- - 50% discount on the Anniviers ski-lifts
- Guided tours of all kinds
- Swimming pools
- Mini-golf
- Tennis courts
- Price reduction for certain services and attractions
- And more!

 www.anniviers-liberte.ch



MONT ROSE
4634 m

BREITHORN
4164 m

WEISSHORN
4506 m

ZINALROTHORN
4221 m

OB. GABELN
4063 m

LE TOÛNO
3017 m

ZINAL
1675 m

BELLA TOLA
3025 m

ST-LUC
1655 m

TURTIMANN TAL

ILLHORN
2717 m

Illsee

CHANDOLIN
1920 m

VISSOIRE
1204 m

ILLGRABEN

VAL D'ANNIVIERS

LES PONTIS
1001 m

← ZÜRICH / MILANO

PEYV-FINGES
NATURPARK VALAIS
PARC NATUREL VALAIS

SCHWEIZER PÄRKE
REGIONALER
NATURPARK

PEYV-FINGES

SALGËSCH
581 m

VEYRAS
647 m

CH...
53

ST...

CERVIN (MATTERHORN)

4478 m

DENT D'HÉRENS

4171 m

DENT BLANCHE

4357 m

HORN
m

CORNE DE SOREBOIS

2896 m

BECS DE BOSSON

3149 m

Lac des Dix

Lac de Moiry

2249 m

Lac de Lona

Lac du Louché

GRIMENTZ

1564 m

LA BRENTAZ

2660 m

CRÊT DU MIDI

2332 m

VAL D'HÉRENS

VALLON DE RÉCHY

VERCORIN

1320 m

GENÈVE

PPIS

12 m

CHALAIS

521 m

GRÔNE

513 m

Le Rhône

terre

533 m

CRANS-MONTANA

An aerial photograph of a valley. In the foreground, there are terraced vineyards with rows of grapevines. A river flows through the valley, surrounded by lush green trees. In the middle ground, a town with several buildings is visible. The background features large, rugged mountains under a blue sky with some clouds.

**NATURE AT ITS BEST
AND A LOVELY SUNNY
ENVIRONMENT**

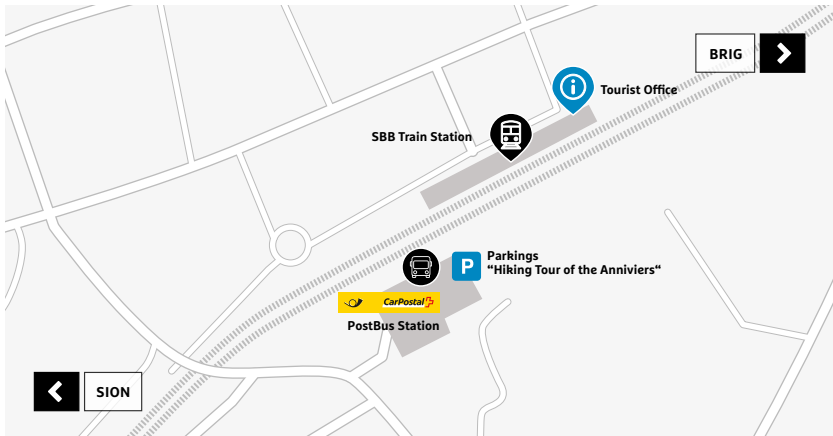
- ARRIVAL IN SIERRE -

ARRIVAL IN SIERRE AND SURROUNDINGS

The region of Siere and surroundings is located on the right bank of the river Rhône, enjoying an exceptional amount of sunshine, it is commonly nicknamed "Cité du Soleil" or "Siere l'agréable". The abundance of vineyards and the exceptional bouquet of its wines is explained by the combination of alluvial soil and generous sunshine. European oenologists have come to consider Valais as an authentic conservatory in matters of viticulture.

PARKING

Participants can order a parking card for the Railway station parking in Siere. The cost is CHF 10.- per vehicle for the duration of your stay. This card needs to be ordered when you book your tour. Take the ticket at the entrance of the car parking when you arrive and use your card, provided in your tour folder. When you leave, without going through the cash desk.



SIERRE TO ST-LUC

- STAGE 1 -

From Siere you have two possibilities:

A Siere > Les Pontis area known as "Fribougze" (by bus) then St-Luc via Chandolin on foot

B Siere > Finges (on foot or by bus) then St-Luc via Chandolin on foot via the chapelle de St-Antoine

A Siere > Les Pontis by bus, then St-Luc via Chandolin on foot

From **Siere station** (542 m), the bus takes you up the Val d'Anniviers road. After a few hairpin bends and then passing into the valley's gorges, you get off the bus at the Pontis bus stop, in the area known as "Fribougze" (1001 m) ①. After an hour's hike 1 hour up a steepish slope you discover a little corner of paradise, Soussillon (1388m) ②. The climb continues for about another 30 minutes. Then you'll reach Chandolin from below (about 1 hour 50 mins) or get to the Ponchet pasture (1950 m and about 2 hour) ③. If you decide to go by Ponchet the route is pretty wild and holds some nice surprises (fauna and flora). Please note that this is only recommended for good hikers. From Ponchet a wide forest road leads you towards Chandolin (about 1 ½ hours). Don't miss the look-out point over

l'Ilgraben, an erosion site which is unique in Europe. It is said that it is the most beautiful and immense amphitheatre of rock resulting from the collapse of the mountain due to erosion.

From **Chandolin** (2000 m) ④, two suggestions of routes to reach **St-Luc** (1655 m) ⑤:

- Either from below, crossing the village of Chandolin, following the Chandolin / St-Luc historical path (about 1 ½ hours)
- Or by the high route, following the trail of the Siere-Zinal race which leads you through the cool of the pine forest towards Tignousa, top of the funicular (free with the Magic Pass, 50% discount with the Anniviers Liberté Pass) (2186 m and 1 ¼ hours). Here we recommend you take the funicular which will take you down to St-Luc (1655 m) in 7 minutes, but if you prefer you can also reach St-Luc on foot by the walking trail (about 1 ½ hours) or down the ski piste (about 1 hour).

B Siere > Finges then St-Luc via Chandolin on foot via the chapelle de St-Antoine

To get to Finges or creux de Chippis (565 m), you can take the Postbus or get there on

STAGE 1



Difference in height 943 m ↗, 243 m ↘

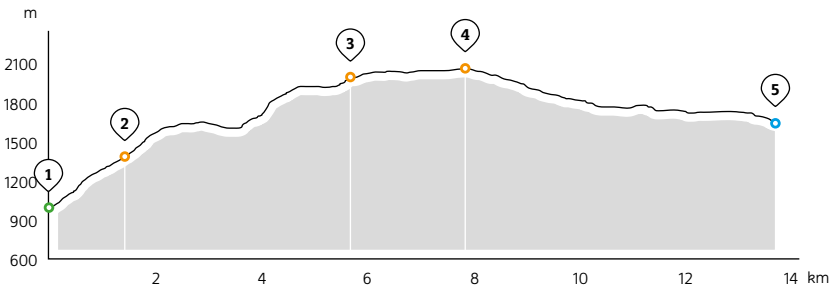


Altitude min 1005 m, max 2077 m



Walk **A** about a 5 hour

B about 6 ½ hour



foot (about an hour from the station). The path starts about 100 m after the roundabout where you turn up the Val d'Annivièrs road, follow Chapelle de St-Antoine. The steep and winding trail follows the Stations of the Cross leading you to the Chapelle de St-Antoine (989 m and about 45 mins.) Don't forget to ring the bell here, it will bring you good luck! The climb continues towards Plan Palet (1146 m and about 45 mins.) then towards la forêt du Couquelle. The climb is pretty tough, but rich in surprises. You might even come across a deer or chamois! After about 2 hours you reach the Ponchet pasture (1950 m) ③, an open window on the Val d'Annivièrs. From Ponchet a wide forest road leads you towards Chandolin (about 1 ½ hours) ④. Don't miss the look-out point over l'Iligraben, an erosion site which is unique

in Europe. It is said that it is the most beautiful and immense amphitheatre of rock resulting from the collapse of the mountain due to erosion. From Chandolin, see the previous stage.

TO DISCOVER IN SIERRE

- Vineyard Trail
- Château de Villa
- Rilke Museum

TO DISCOVER IN CHANDOLIN

- Iligraben and its rocky circus
- Guided visit of the village and the Espace Ella Maillart
- Old Larch of Armèles
- Botanical Walks
- Place Le Calvaire

ST-LUC TO ZINAL

- STAGE 2 -



STAGE 2



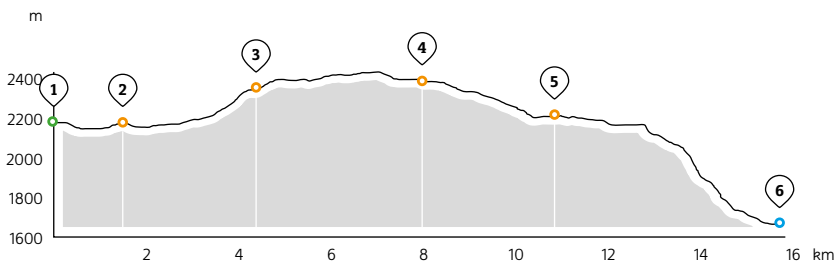
Difference in height 347 m ↗, 848 m ↘



Altitude min 1663 m, max 2424 m



Walk about 5 ½ hours



From St-Luc, we recommend you head up to Tignousa (2186 m) ① on the funicular (free with the Magic Pass, 50% discount with the Anniviers Liberté Pass). From there, there is a splendid view of the Imperial crown, including, amongst others, the Matterhorn and the Dent Blanche. The OFXB observatory offers visits which allow you to observe the sun. The Hotel Weisshorn, on the first leg of this hike, is also a wonderful view point. To get to it, the solar system represented on the Planetary Trail is a fun way to lead you there.

Heavenly bodies apart, you pass by the Rouaz pasture (Chalet Blanc 2179 m and 20 minutes) ② where Saturn and its rings take cover. At Chieso (2201 m and 30 mins.) the climb starts up to the Hotel Weisshorn.

After about 30 minutes you reach the 19th century English style hotel (2337 m) ③. If you enjoy your food, don't miss the famous

“tarte aux myrtilles”. The outer space voyage continues towards the last planet in the solar system, Pluto. Don't miss it, after about 20 minutes walk, at the foot of the path ④.

This agreeable walk continues towards the Nava alpine pasture and then onto the Barneuza pastures (2211 m and 1 hour) ⑤. The landscapes begin to change and the descent to Zinal is just around the corner. Reckon on 45 minutes of very steep descent from the heights of Zinal ⑥.

TO DISCOVER IN ST-LUC




- François-Xavier Bagnoud Observatory
- Planets Trail
- Weisshorn Hotel
- Planetarium
- Guided visit of the village
- Guided visit of the 16th century mills
- Bread making


ZINAL TO GRIMENTZ

- STAGE 3 -



STAGE 3

 **Difference in height** 422 m , 1270 m 

 **Altitude** min 1586 m, max 2856 m

 **Walk** about 5 hours



This stage n°3 can be shortened by taking the lifts, either on the way up on the Zinal side or on the way down on the Grimentz side (free with the Magic Pass, 50% discount with the Pass AL). Walk along the Navisence (1653 m) during 15 mn, then follow the path that leads you to Sorebois ① via la Fête d'Août (2257 m - 2 hours).

When you reach the col de Sorebois (2835 m) ②, your eyes will light up at the dramatic view down onto the Moiry dam and its Caribbean blue waters rippling at 2250 m above the ocean. The walk down to the lake takes about 1 hour. Cross the impressive wall of the dam (2250 m) ③ to reach the path that will lead you towards Grimentz

(1564 m and 2 hours) following the Gougtra stream ④. This section is also used by the courageous mountain bikers of the Grand Raid (Verbier-Grimentz) race every year in mid-August.

TO DISCOVER IN ZINAL

- Plats de la Lée
- Guided visit of La Lée Copper Mine
- Guided visit of the village and its historical Maison du Remuage
- Gold panning
- Vichiesso, discovering the history of the la Lée alpine pasture
- Arpitettaz Lake

GRIMENTZ TO VERCORIN

- STAGE 4 -

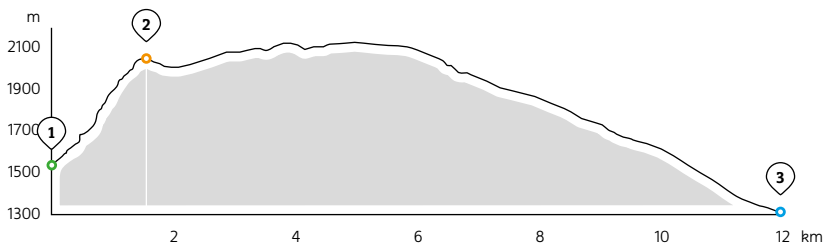


STAGE 4

 **Difference in height** 585 m ↗, 860 m ↘

 **Altitude** min 1317 m, max 2147 m

 **Walk** about 5 hours



From the gondola departure station (1518 m) ①, the path across the pastures follows the route of the gondola (1719 m and 25 minutes) then uses the road that leads to the high mountain pastures. After 45 minutes, in the area known as “Le Chèquet” ②, follow the signs to the alpage d’Orzival. The path leads you through a fragrant larch forest then opens up onto the Orzival pasture (2100 m). At this point you have two possibilities:

- either hike up towards La Brinta (2601 m and 1 ½ hours) then continue along the ridge in the direction of Crêt du Midi (2331 m 45 minutes) then go down by gondola or on foot to Vercorin (1342 m and about 2 ¼ hours)

- or continue towards the Tracuit pasture (1898 m and 45 minutes) then Sigeroulaz (1861 m and 30 minutes) and eventually on to Vercorin (1342 m et 01h15) ③.

TO DISCOVER IN GRIMENTZ

- Guided visit of the village and “Vin des Glaciers” tasting
- Moiry Via Ferrata
- Moiry Geological trail
- Guided visit of the Moiry Dam
- Guided visit of the Grandma’s House
- Bread making

VERCORIN AND SURROUNDING AREA

- STAGE 5 -

A Vallon de Réchy and lac du Louché

To discover the natural reserve of the Vallon de Réchy, we recommend you use the mountain lifts to get to the Crêt du Midi (2236 m) (The Anniviers Liberty Pass is not valid for the Vercorin lifts) ①, the ideal departure point for this hike, rich in things to discover. There are two ways to get to l'Ar du Tsan (2200 m):

- by the high route through a fresh and humid forest (about 1 hour 15 mins)
- or by following the forest trail (about 1 hour 15 mins).

Once at l'Ar du Tsan ②, the view over the Rhône valley is magnificent. This plateau also has a strange particularity: the meanders which sculpt the marshland with amber colours and winding patterns. From this point the lac du Louché at 2567 m

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The Vallon de Réchy is a protected area. Mountain bike, camping and fire are strictly prohibited.

STAGE 5



Difference in height 1416 m ↗, 1415 m ↘



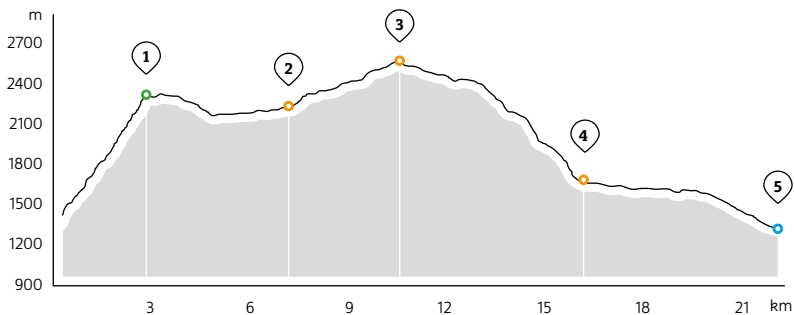
Altitude min 1314 m, max 2574 m



Walk **A** about 7 hours



B about 4 hours round trip



③ is about 1 ½ hours. Along this delightful walk you can discover a weath of rare flora, like for example, the Linegrettes, small flowers with cotton pompoms which grow in puddles. On the way back, you can follow the path on the other side via the Gouille de Potoc (2468 m) and la Fâche which gives you a commanding view down over l'Ar du Tsan (about 1 ¼ hours). To get back to Vercorin, a steep path which follows the waterfall leads you to the Buvette de La Lé (1670 m, 1h) ④. From there, you just have to follow the bisse (old irrigation stream) which guides you to Vercorin (1320 m and 1 ½ hours) ⑤.

and eventually the Buvette de La Lé (1670m) with a magnifi cent panorama over the Rhône valley and an impressive view of the waterfall which falls 400 m from higher up on l'Ar du Tsan. To return to Sierre, we recommend you use the post car as the path leading down is very steep.

TO DISCOVER IN VERCORIN

- Vallon de Réchy
- Refuge du bisse and the rut (in October)
- Adventure Forest
- Arche des Crétyllons, petting farm



B Bisse de Vercorin

From Vercorin (1320 m), a small escape to the Vallon de Réchy will give you the opportunity to discover the bisse de Vercorin

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