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Absolutely Saas-Fee.

Holiday time at last ...

... and we are looking forward to it just as much as you are. A holiday already begins with planning and anticipating the well-earned break. This information booklet about Saas-Fee and the Saas Valley aims to help you prepare for your next holiday in the best possible way.

Choosing your holiday destination is no doubt the key task as far as holiday plans are concerned. Don't leave anything to chance and take your time before making a decision. This booklet offers you an opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty of this region and discover the diversity and natural beauty of the Saas Valley. Open your sense until you can hear the mountain streams bubbling, see the breathtaking rosy dawn above the majestic mountain peaks and sense nature's calming effect through the pure mountain air.

However, a successful holiday also depends on your own input: leave the daily grind and work behind and relax. Recharge in this magical mountain landscape which is bursting with energy.

Some of the powerful larches were in this beautiful valley long before tourists first set foot in it. Encounters with the locals of the Saas Valley, their brown, sun-worn houses and barns make this a memorable holiday. Enjoy with an ease you've never experienced before. This is how good a holiday can be.

In Summer 2005 Saastal was awarded the quality-seal title of «Families Welcome» from the Swiss tourist board. Holiday destinations holding this title are guaranteed to offer everything and anything that a family might wish for from a holiday location. The holiday package is arranged in such a way ensuring you enjoy a care-free and unforgettable time. Your children are in a safe, secure area and can run around freely in the open.

Allow yourself to be captivated by the fairy magic of the Saas Valley. Because here not only an incomparable natural paradise but also friendly people are waiting for you. Allow us to be your next hosts because we will share in your enjoyment of this long-awaited holiday.

Director Saas-Fee/Saastal Tourism
Simon Bumann



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Description of the four communities

Saas-Fee

This world-renowned, car-free glacier village lies on a high plateau 1800 metres above sea level, at the foot of the highest Swiss mountains, the Mischabel chain. Besides 100 km of ski slopes, a freestyle park, and 30 km of hiking trails, Saas-Fee offers lots more activities for young and old alike. Saas-Fee is the destination for sports enthusiasts from all over the world. Owing to the fact that no cars are allowed in this village, it has retained its romantic character, and the lively main street positively invites you to enjoy a gentle stroll around the shops.



Saas-Grund

Saas-Grund offers its visitors an attractive, and very diverse range of winter sporting activities: 35 km of ski slopes, action points, downhill course, snowtubing «Gstein», beautiful winter hiking trails, an artificial ice-rink, and an 11 km-long toboggan run; lots of winter fun for everyone. The snow-guaranteed, sunny ski area of Hohsaas with its impressive, challenging glacier piste, offers you a unique view over the 18 four-thousand-metre-high peaks of the Saas Valley, the highest mountains in Switzerland.



Saas-Almagell

Saas-Almagell is the most southerly community in the Saas Valley. It is the home of Olympic skiers Heidi, Pirmin and Silvan Zurbriggen, and is an idyllic holiday resort, perfect for families with children. This village is a real insiders' tip among the many regular visitors who appreciate its homely atmosphere. Saas-Almagell offers an attractive range of sports activities: pistes with guaranteed snow from 1672 m to 2400 m above sea level, 3 km toboggan run, timed keep-fit circuit, snow tubing, groomed walking paths, 26 km cross-country skiing trail, ice rink etc. From Saas-Fee, skiers can return directly to Saas-Almagell through the woods.



Saas-Balen

Being at the entrance to the Saas Valley, it is regarded as the gateway into the Valley. The small mountain village is very suited for lovers of the great outdoors, those who prefer their surroundings a little quieter and like to spend their holidays away from noise and stress. The ski-lift «Im Boden» is especially suited to ski and snowboarding beginners.

This natural holiday resort has a natural ice-rink, beautiful winter hiking trails, a direct return piste from the Hohsaas ski slopes, and, like Saas-Almagell and Saas-Grund, it lies on the 26 km-long Saas valley cross-country ski run. With the «Saas ski pass» and regular ski bus service more ambitious skiers can access all ski regions of the Saas valley in approximately 15 minutes. New: children's playground also in winter!

Sustainability in Saas-Fee

We take care of our «Pearl of the Alps» by actively protecting the environment. The foundation for creating a resort conscious of the environment and of quality was laid in 1951, when the community made the decision to keep the village car-free. Today we are always guided by the latest developments concerning the protection of the environment. Our model for sustainable or «gentle» tourism is the principle of «sustainable development». This means that all actions taken by the present generation which effect future economic, social and environmental development must not cause future generations to be restricted in their possibilities for development. Unspoilt nature and habitat are and will remain the prerequisite and basis for tourism. To achieve these aims, strategies for protecting resources are necessary to guarantee that tourism does not harm the environment. Saas-Fee has time and again played a leading role in ecological and sustainable development with various concepts and projects over the last few years:



Alliance in the Alps 1996

Saas-Fee committed itself to the «Alliance in the Alps» project as a pilot community in 1996. This network of communities is an amalgamation of over 200 communities throughout the entire region of the Alps. The member communities joined forces to realise the goals of the Alpine Convention for sustainable development in the Alps in a concrete way.



Club

The Q-Club

The «Quality-Club» label is awarded to businesses, hotels, holiday apartments, restaurants and many other businesses which come into contact with visitors in the Saas Valley which place great value on quality services. Note the quality sign in our list of hotels and apartments: «Quality-Club» – your guarantee of quality! All «Quality-Club» members also hold the grade I, II or III for Swiss tourism. The Saas Valley was the first resort in Switzerland to devote itself to quality in tourism and create a quality label carrying certain obligations. We offer our guests a guarantee of quality in their accommodation. If your accommodation does not correspond to the description given in the brochure, you can request a change of accommodation free of charge at the various tourist offices. A reservation in an excellent hotel or apartment encourages better quality and confidence and doesn't cost any more. The tourist offices are always pleased to receive your suggestions.



A GAST resort: Your car can have a holiday, too

The lack of cars in Saas-Fee contributes considerably to the relaxed holiday atmosphere and romantic character of the village where there is no stress from traffic. Guests benefit from the peace and quiet, the good quality of the air and the freedom of movement in the streets. 10 years ago, car-free resorts in Switzerland which care about a high quality of service and the environment joined forces to form the society of car-free Swiss resorts (GAST for short). In order to bring attention to the special efforts being made to achieve quality, various aspects of the quality of being car-free were defined, and their application is checked at regular intervals.



The label «Energy Town»

Saas-Fee was awarded the status of «Energy Town» in June 2002. The label «Energy Town» represents the introduction of actual quality control concerning communal energy policies and is awarded to towns and communities which – in proportion to the possibilities at their disposal – go to exceptional lengths to implement energy and traffic policies in their community. Receiving the «Energy Town» label is not only recognition of the policy followed by Saas-Fee up to now concerning energy and the environment, but also represents a commitment to continue the work it has begun.

Refuse management

Saas-Fee was the first resort in Switzerland to introduce fees for refuse bags in 1994. By means of this fee, residents are called upon to sort refuse exactly and to produce less refuse in general. Household refuse may only be disposed of in the official bags which carry a fee. You can obtain further information from the proprietor of your apartment. See also the notices in the resort.

The appearance of the village and development planning

Saas-Fee has some of the most restrictive building and zoning regulations in Switzerland. All buildings must have a gabled roof and at least one third of the facade of a building must be built of wood. The typical Valais style of chalet can be maintained with these measures. In order to forestall overwhelming speculative building, the sale of apartments has been strictly limited. In this way, the glacier village of Saas-Fee has, in contrast to other resorts, managed to maintain a traditional village character.

Notice from the resort of Saas-Fee local authorities

The resort's infrastructure will be partly closed from the beginning of May to mid June. If construction work is taking place there will be a certain amount of noise.

Partner organizations

ENERGIESTADT
www.energiestadt.ch

ALLIANZ der ALPEN
www.alpenallianz.org

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
www.steamboat.com

ROCCA DI CAMBIO
www.roccadicambio.it

The society of car-free Swiss resorts (GAST for short)
www.gast.org

Skigebiet Klewenalp

Stockhütte, Elm, Tessin, Schönbuel, Lenzerheide, Savognin, Ischgl, Montafon, Sölden

Holders of the Saas-Fee season pass are entitled to a reduction of approx. 50% on all full-day and half-day passes in the above mentioned ski areas.

Accommodation and direct reservations

Are you looking for suitable accommodation for your holiday stay in our region? If so, then the tourist offices of the four Saas municipalities will be pleased to help you. In Saas-Fee and Saas-Grund, holiday accommodation can be booked directly through the tourist office, either by telephone, fax or post, or even via the Internet. We can be reached 24 hours a day, and 7 days a week on the Internet – to book your dream holidays. Also be sure to enquire about the excellent value of all-inclusive summer and winter packages. Let us do all the work for you: we will be pleased to put together an individual offer for your next holiday.

Saas-Fee/Saastal Tourism

Saas-Fee direct: tel. +41 27 958 18 58, fax +41 27 958 18 60
www.saas-fee.ch, to@saas-fee.ch

Saas-Grund/Saas-Balen direct: tel. +41 27 958 66 66, fax +41 27 958 66 67
Saas-Almagell direct: tel. +41 27 958 66 44, fax +41 27 958 66 45
ferien@saastal.ch

All-in winter rates

«Allalin-Weeks» Saas-Fee/Saastal

Information and booking at the Tourist Office Saas-Fee/Saastal, Tel. +41 27 958 18 68, E-Mail: to@saas-fee.ch.

- 7 nights/half-board or breakfast in the hotel of your choice
 - or
 - 7 nights in a holiday apartment
 - 6-day ski pass
 - 1 animation programme («Wine tour», «Journey through time in the glacier village» or «Torch hike»)
 - bookable from 25.10.08–17.04.09
- Example of prices:* (25.10.–19.12.08)
- from CHF 480.– / € 310.– per person in a holiday apartment
 - from CHF 711.– / € 459.– pro person in a hotel / BB

The hotel package can be booked starting from 2 days (except for high season).

Ask for our detailed Allalin weeks brochure with more offers.

«Ski/Snowboard test» Saas-Fee

Information and booking at the Tourist Office Saas-Fee/Saastal, Tel. +41 27 958 18 68, E-Mail: to@saas-fee.ch

For example:

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| • 2 nights half board | • 4 nights |
| • 2-day ski pass | • 4-day ski pass |
| • 2-day ski and snowboard test | • 4-day ski and snowboard test |
- Starting from just CHF 314.– / € 203.– per person in a standard hotel
- Starting from just CHF 384.– / € 248.– per person in a basic holiday apartment

«Kids-Week» Hohsaas (12.01.09–16.01.09 and 19.01.09–23.01.09, Mo–Fr)

5 day rental ski equipment, ski pass, ski tuition, children's meal, supervision at Hohsi-Nest included. (Special offer by the ski school. Also includes parents)

Booking at the Hohsaas mountain railway, Saas-Grund, Tel. +41 27 958 15 80, e-mail: info@hohsaas.info

«Family hit» Saas-Almagell (10.01.09–24.01.09 und 21.03.09–04.04.09)

Information from the Saas-Almagell AG cableways

1 week's holiday for a family with two children: (born since 2000)

- 7 nights
- 6-day ski pass & skiing equipment for the children
- 5 days ski lessons & lunch for the children
- Entertainment programme

Holiday apartment from CHF 999.– / € 645.–

Hotel with half-board from CHF 1499.– / € 967.–

You will find further packages under www.saas-fee.ch



Guest Cards, visitors' tax and reductions

Please ask your host for your guest card on your first day – you can profit from a number of reductions.

Reductions with the guest card Saas-Fee/Saas Valley

- approx. 30–60% reduction on parking fees (depending on length of stay)
- approx. 10% reduction on all single fares on the Saas-Fee/Hohsaas/Saas-Almagell mountain transport systems (on full fares, only one discount at a time may be applied)
- approx. 5% reduction on ski-passes for the Hohsaas and Saas-Almagell mountain transport systems
- approx. 15% reduction on paying events organized by the tourist office (concerts etc.)
- 10% reduction on the purchase of souvenir articles at the Saas-Grund and Saas-Almagell tourist offices
- approx. 10% reduction on excursions organized by the Imseng Travel Agency
- approx. 12% reduction on the Saas-Fee «Feeblitz» Bob-Sleigh Run
- approx. 8–10% reduction on admission to the Bielen leisure centre
- 10% reduction at the «grafik4you.ch» Internet corner, Saas-Grund

Further reductions on

- the steam bath, sauna, jacuzzi and solarium in various hotels in Saas-Fee/the Saas Valley
- the Saas Museum, Saas-Fee
- Tickets to the games of the Saas Valley ice-hockey club

Further reductions in various shops and providers of services in the Saas Valley on request.

Tax rates

The visitor's tax is used by the tourist associations for the improvement of the infrastructure (for example maintenance of hiking trails, children's playgrounds, park benches, signposts, visitor's animation programmes etc.). Please ask your host for your visitor's card on your first day.

Visitors' tax rates per night (subject to changes)

	Saas-Fee	Saas-Grund	Saas-Almagell	Saas-Balen
Adults	CHF 2.50 € 1.65	CHF 2.10 € 1.40	CHF 2.10 € 1.40	CHF 2.10 € 1.40
Children (from 6–16)	CHF 1.25 € 0.85	CHF 1.05 € 0.70	CHF 1.05 € 0.70	CHF 1.05 € 0.70

Climate and clothing

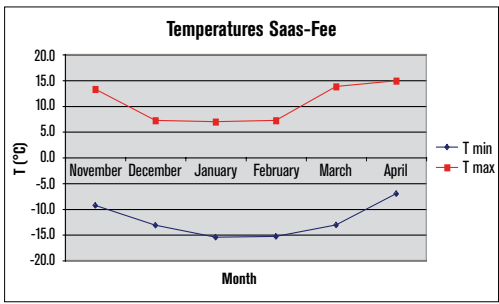
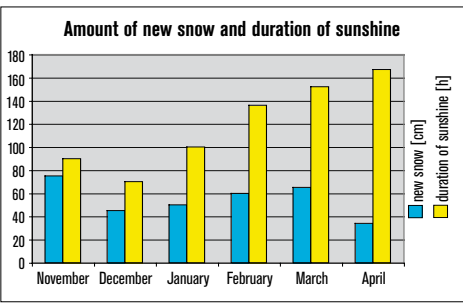
The Saas Valley is located in southern Switzerland. Our ski slopes lie along the same latitude as the palm trees of Ascona. The Saas Valley enjoys the Mediterranean climate of the South: plenty of sun, pleasant temperatures and no fog.

You will need the following equipment on your hiking tours:

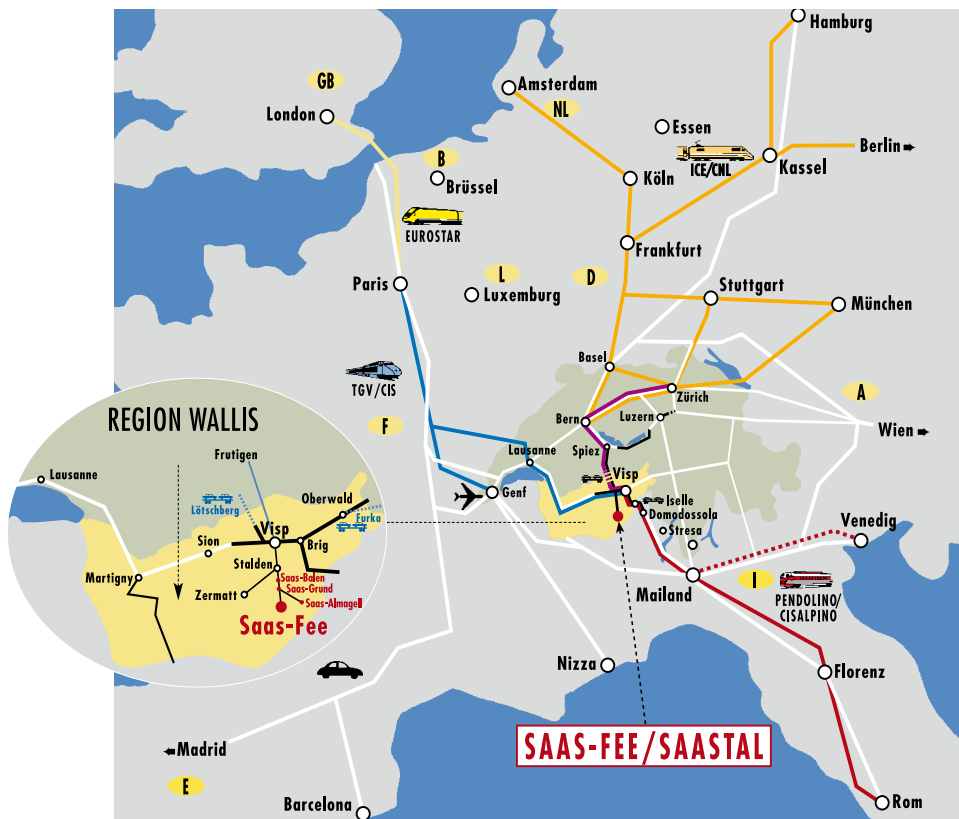
- protection against the sun (hat, cream, glasses)
- warm clothing (cap, headband, scarf)
- gloves

On hiking tours:

- food supply
- first-aid kit



Travel map



TGV/CIS Paris–Geneva–Lausanne–Visp (5.55 hrs.)



Eurostar London–Paris (3.00 hrs.)



ICE Frankfurt–Basel–Bern–Visp (7.10 hrs.)



Cisalpino Milan–Visp (1.40 hrs.)



IC/EC Zurich–Bern–Visp (1.59 hrs.)



Geneva/Zurich/Milan Intern. Airports



Motorways



Europe



Switzerland



Region of Wallis



Motor roads

NEAT – With the «express» train onto the ski pistes!

With the opening of the base tunnel through the Lötschberg on the 9th of December 2007, the duration of the journey from the north into the Valais has been considerably shortened. With the new junction at Visp our guests get the extra benefit of the reduced travelling time.

Basel–Visp 1.59 hrs.

Zurich–Visp 1.59 hrs.

Berne–Visp 55 mins.

Geneva–Visp 2.18 hrs.

Milan–Visp 1.40 hrs.



**Mit Zug
ins Wallis.**
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Travelling by public transport

By train, you travel to Visp and change to the postbus which takes you to the four resorts in the Saas Valley. For Saas-Almagell, change at Saas-Grund (post office). Swiss Travel System: Swiss Pass, Swiss Card, Swiss Flexi Pass, Swiss Transfer Ticket and Swiss Tour Pass will be taken into account when travelling with the postbus.

The opening of the NEAT (Lötschberg base tunnel) on 9th December 2007 significantly improved traffic connections to the Saas Valley. There is a new postbus service every half hour. This means that connections to all important trains are guaranteed.

Check in your luggage at your home station and collect it at the postbus station in Saas-Fee or at one of the post offices in the Saas Valley. Seat reservations are essential for your return two hours before departure. Free seat tickets are available at the car station.

Duration of the journey to and from the airport

Zurich Airport–Visp 2.17 hrs.

Geneva Airport–Visp 2.27 hrs.

Basle Airport–Visp 2.17 hrs.

Milan-Malpensa-Gallarate–Visp 2.00 hrs.

There is a shuttle bus service between Gallarate station and Malpensa airport; departures from 6.05 a.m. to 8.15 p.m. There is also a bus connexion between Domodossola and Malpensa airport.

Departures: Domodossola-Malpensa: 6.00/9.30/13.15/16.15/19.05 h

Malpensa-Domodossola: 7.30/11.00/14.45/17.45/20.30 h

Seat reservation is necessary until 12.00 h on the day before departure.

Fly-/Rail-Luggage

Your luggage travels independently from all airports in the world to the Fly-Rail station in Saas-Fee. Attach the special green address labels to all your luggage before checking it in. These are available at all Swissair agencies abroad, at some Swiss travel agencies, and at the Swiss Tourism Offices.

Opening hours post offices

	Saas-Fee Post office	Postbus office	Saas-Grund	Saas-Almagell	Saas-Balen
Monday–Friday	8.15–12.00 a.m. 2.15–6.00 p.m.	7.20a.m.–6.30p.m.	8.00–11.00 a.m. 2.00–5.30 p.m.	8.00–11.00 a.m. 3.30–5.30 p.m.	8.15–11.30 a.m. 4.30–6.30 p.m.
Saturday	8.15–11.00 a.m.	7.20a.m.–6.30p.m.	8.00–11.00 a.m.	8.00–10.30 a.m.	8.15–12.00 a.m. 4.00–6.30 p.m.
Sunday	closed	7.20a.m.–6.30p.m.	closed	closed	8.00–11.00 a.m.

Travelling by private transport

Kilometres	
from Basle	210 km
from Berne	112 km
from Brig	38 km
from Geneva	234 km
from Zurich	246 km
from Milan	250 km
from Frankfurt	550 km
from Munich	650 km
from Strasbourg	320 km
from Amsterdam	980 km

Car drivers from the north are advised to travel via Berne through the Lötschberg tunnel (motorail service), from the east and south through the Furka or over Simplon pass. From western Switzerland, Saas-Fee and the Saas Valley are reached via Lausanne and the Rhone Valley to Visp.
Report on road conditions in Switzerland: phone 163

Motorail connections Lötschberg

Mon–Thurs CHF 20.– € 13.–, Fri–Sun CHF 25.– € 16.–/per journey
Tel. +41 900 55 33 33 (cost CHF 1.50/min.)

from Kandersteg: Mon–Thurs 5.55 a.m. till 9.55 p.m. every 30 min., 10.55 p.m., 11.55 p.m.
Fri–Sun/public holidays: 5.55 a.m. till 10.55 p.m., every 30 min., 11.55 p.m.

from Goppenstein: Mon–Thurs 5.55 a.m., till 10.25 p.m. every 30 min., 11.25 p.m.,
Fri–Sun/public holidays: 5.55 a.m. till 11.25 p.m., every 30 min., 11.25 p.m.

Motorail connections Furkatunnel (CHF 30.– € 20.–/per journey)

Traffic information Furkatunnel phone +41 27 927 77 77

from Realp: daily from 6.30 a.m. every 60 min. to 9.30 p.m.

from Oberwald: daily from 6.00 a.m. every 60 min. to 9.00 p.m.

Motorail connections Simplontunnel (CHF 19.– € 13.– per journey)

from Iselle: 6.20 a.m./daily from 7.50 a.m., every 90 min. to 10.50 p.m.

from Brig: 5.31 a.m./daily from 7.01 a.m., every 90 min. to 10.01 p.m.

* = Mo–Fr (excl. general Bank holidays)

Subject to changes.

Parking information

Saas-Fee is car-free! You leave your car in the covered car park or open-air car park (entrance through the new parking building) at the entrance to the village. You can take your luggage to your apartment by electro-taxi or with a handcart (handcarts are provided by the house owner or the tourist office). Your hotel will fetch you free of charge from the car park or the post office. From this moment on, you can enjoy your holiday without worrying about your car! Further information is available before leaving home from your holiday apartment owner or the luggage transport counter. The Saas-Fee guest card, which entitles you to a reduction of CHF 4.–/€ 3.– on the parking fee from the second day on, is available from your apartment owner. Please ask for it immediately after your arrival. In Saas-Balen, Saas-Grund and Saas-Almagell, there is sufficient public parking space (some of it chargeable), in addition to the private parking arrangements of the hotels and holiday houses and apartments.

Parking rates in Saas-Fee:

First day	Open-air and covered	Every further day or part of a day	CHF 16.– €10.50
up to 3 hours	free	With the guest card, from the 2 nd day	CHF 12.– € 8.–
up to 4 hours	CHF 3.50 € 2.50	the 8 th day	CHF 8.50 € 5.50
up to 5 hours	CHF 7.50 € 5.–	from the 15 th day	CHF 6.50 € 4.–
up to 6 hours	CHF 10.50 € 7.–	1 week (with guest card)	CHF 88.– € 57.–
up to 7 hours	CHF 12.50 € 8.50	2 weeks (with guest card)	CHF 140.– € 91.–
up to 24 hours	CHF 16.– €10.50		

Guests have the possibility to rent a closed carbox for CHF 200.–/week.

Information at the office of the parking

In order to benefit from the reductions in parking fees, the guest card must be decoded at the tourist office before leaving the car park!

Saas-Grund car park charges:

Public car parks:	1 hour CHF –.50 € 0.50, 1 day (24 hours) CHF 4.– € 2.50
Mountain cableways	30 min. free, basic charge (8.00 a.m. till midnight) CHF 1.– € 0.50 to max. CHF 8.– € 5.–
car park:	Basic charge night (midnight till 8.00 a.m.) CHF –.50 € 0.50 to max. CHF 6.– € 4.–
	24 hours CHF 10.– € 6.50, for every subsequent day CHF 10.– € 6.50

Parking rates Saas-Almagell (car):

1 day (24 hours)	CHF 5.– € 3.50
Every further day	CHF 5.– € 3.50
Up to 2 hours free of charge	

Parking rates Saas-Almagell (bus):

1 day (24 hours)	CHF 7.– € 4.50
Every further day	CHF 7.– € 4.50
Up to 2 hours free of charge	

Electro-taxis and transfers to accommodation in Saas-Fee

Taxis can be ordered through the public intercom or the speed dial in the car park or from the tourist office.

Electro-taxis in Saas-Fee		Speed dial in parking lot:	Recommended prices for all:
Ambros	+41 (0)79 439 10 29	7020	CHF 20.– to 30.– / € 13.– to € 20.–
Taxi A	+41 (0)79 220 21 37	7030	(plus luggage + waiting time)
Bolero	+41 (0)27 958 11 35	7040	
Center Reisen	+41 (0)27 958 11 33	7050	
Imseng	+41 (0)27 957 33 44	7060	

(as indicated in the car park, only licensed taxi companies are entitled to collect charges.)

Hotel guests

Unload your luggage in the unloading zone of the car park and use the public telephone (unloading zones in terminal A & B) to call the hotel. Your luggage will be collected and taken to the hotel free of charge. Guests arriving by public transport should call the hotel from the post office or the tourist office.

Guests in holiday apartments

You can find out from your rental agreement or the brochure whether your host will be fetching you with an electro-car or providing you with a handcart. Further handcarts are available from the tourist office against a deposit.

Taxi Services

Private taxi services are available in Saas-Fee, Saas-Grund and Saas-Almagell.

Motor taxis in the Saas Valley

Imseng, Saas-Fee +41 (0)27 957 33 44
 Paul Venetz, Saas-Grund +41 (0)27 957 17 57
 Taxi Zurbriggen, Saas-Almagell +41 (0)79 693 00 00
 Recommended prices for taxi journeys from Visp to the Saas Valley
 (1–3 pers.): approx. CHF 110.–/€ 70.– to approx. CHF 130.–/€ 84.–

Opening hours of the tourist offices

Day	Saas-Fee 	Saas-Grund 	Saas-Almagell 	Saas-Balen 
Monday– Friday	8.30–12.00 a.m. 2.00–6.00 p.m. Intermediate season: 8.30–12.00 a.m. 2.00–6.00 p.m.	8.30–12.00 a.m. 2.00–6.00 p.m. Intermediate season: 10.00–12.00 a.m. 4.00–6.00 p.m.	8.30–12.00 a.m. 2.00–6.00 p.m. Intermediate season: 3.00–5.00 p.m.	8.15–11.30 a.m. 4.30–6.30 p.m.
Saturday	8.00 a.m.–7.00 p.m. Intermediate season: 8.30–12.00 a.m. 2.00–6.00 p.m.	8.30–12.00 a.m. 2.00–6.00 p.m. Pre- and after- season: 3.30–6.00 p.m. Intermediate season: closed	8.30–12.00 a.m. 2.00–6.00 p.m. Intermediate season: closed	8.15–12.00 a.m. 4.00–6.30 p.m.
Sunday	9.00–12.00 a.m. 3.00–6.00 p.m. Intermediate season: 10.00–12.00 a.m. 4.00–6.00 p.m.	8.30–11.00 a.m. Intermediate, pre- and afterseason: closed	8.30–12.00 a.m. Intermediate, pre- and afterseason: closed	8.00–11.00 a.m. Information and brochures available at the post office
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Currency exchange and bank opening hours

	Bank	Opening hours	Maestro	Euro-card	Visa	Cash exchange
Saas-Fee	Raiffeisenbank*	Mon–Fri: 8.30–12.00 a.m. 2.30–6.00 p.m.	X	X	X	X
	UBS AG*	Mon–Fri: 9.00–12.00 a.m. 2.30–5.30 a.m.	X	X	X	X
	Wall. Kantonalbank*	Mon–Fri: 9.00–12.00 a.m. 3.00–5.30 p.m.	X	X	X	X
	*Personal consultation outside opening hours on request					
Saas-Grund	Raiffeisenbank	Mon–Fri: 8.30–12.00 a.m. 2.30–6.00 p.m.	X	X	X	X
	UBS AG	Bancomat	X	X	X	
	Wall. Kantonalbank	Mon–Fri: 9.00–12.00 a.m. 2.30–5.30 p.m.				X
		Bancomat	X	X	X	
Saas-Almagell	Tourist Office	see opening hours of the Tourist Office on page 12	X	X	X	X
	Raiffeisenbank	Bancomat	X	X	X	
Saas-Balen	Post office	see opening hours of page 10 Currency exchange and cashing of cheques		X	X	X
Exchange on weekends: Saas-Fee: Post bus service and Travel Agency Imseng Saas-Almagell: Tourist Office (according to opening times)						

Opening hours of the shops

8.00–12.00 a. m., 2.00–6.30 p. m. (Saturday included).
Most shops are open for a few hours on Sundays during the high season.



Where to obtain up-to-date information

The tourist offices in Saas-Fee and the Saas Valley

The staff of our tourist offices is always happy to provide you with information about accommodation, programmes of sports and other activities, hiking, your onward journey and many other topics. Hiking maps and books are available at the counter or by telephone. Please ask for prospectuses and special offers at the tourist office of your holiday village.

Calendar of events/weekly programme

Ask for our calendar of events and the weekly programme at the tourist office. You will find information about everything that is happening during your stay in the Saas Valley.

Saas-Fee Information Channel

From the early morning on, you can find out about local events, sports, local skiing and hiking conditions, excursions and many other topics from the Saas-Fee Info Channel. Please ask your host for details.

Internet

Visit the Saas-Fee/Saas Valley Tourism homepage on: <http://www.saas-fee.ch>. Would you like to know what Saas-Fee looks like? No problem, just take a look at our website: <http://www.saas-fee.ch/live-cam.htm>.

Weather channel on Swiss television

Find out about the current weather situation on SF1/TSR television: the live camera is online from 6.00 a.m. until programmes begin!

Weather information by telephone

0900 57 30 70 (CHF 1.49/min.)
3906 Saas-Fee, 3910 Saas-Grund, 3905 Saas-Almagell, 3908 Saas-Balen

Information from the cableways

The latest piste and weather information is available from the information boards and info-phones provided by the cableways (see page 40).

«Gletscher-Post»

The latest news, topics and background reports on cultural events can be found in our monthly newspaper, available to our guests free of charge from your hotel or the tourist offices.

Saas-Fee/Saas Valley information windows

In Saas-Fee and the Saas Valley there are information booths providing details of events and sights.

- Saas-Fee: Several Information windows throughout the village.
- Saas-Grund: Info-display at the village square and by the mountain cableways. Information can also be found on various notice boards throughout the village.
- Saas-Almagell: Information windows at the village square and the chair lift. Information display at the village square.
- Saas-Balen: Information hut at the village square with info display.



Winter Highlights 2008/2009

Saas-Fee/Saas Valley

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
1–24 December	Advent calendar	Saas-Fee
20 December	6 th Chain of lights on the snow of the glacier village	Saas-Fee
December	X-mas concert	Saas-Fee
20/25 December	X-mas concert Mattmark Music Society in the parish church	Saas-Almagell
26 December	Christmas concert in the parish church	Saas-Grund
28 December	Christmas Concert by the Mixed Choir	Saas-Almagell
22–25 January	The North Face Ice Climbing World Championships	Saas-Fee
March	Weissmies Snowtrail	Saas-Grund
March	Style Session	Saas-Fee
March	Popcorn Night Jump Tour	Saas-Fee
March	Mountains in Motion (Open-Air & Sport Event)	Saas-Fee
27–29 March	27 th Allalin Race (Downhill race for everyone) & 6 th Glacier Bike Downhill	Saas-Fee
12 April	12 th «Snow Fun» at Kreuzboden	Saas-Grund
16–19 April	Snickers Classic & Popcorn Wallride Swatch TTR Four(4) Star Event	Saas-Fee

Prices stated are not guaranteed.

All the tourist villages in the Saas valley have their own weekly sports and culture programmes.

Please ask for detailed calendar of events in your holiday village.





Mountain railways

Adventure worlds (view panorama)

A Allalin, 3500 m

The Top

- Skiing area:** The highest skiing area around Saas-Fee. Experience the unique panoramic views; under good visibility conditions you can see the Lago Maggiore and the Lago d'Orta.
- Fun point:** Ascend to the world's highest revolving restaurant. Relax and enjoy the impressive panoramic views of the surrounding mountain and glacier scenery with 13 four-thousand metre peaks. Highest ice pavilion in the world.

B Felskinn, 3000 m / Morenia, 2500 m

The meeting point

- Skiing area:** Wide carving slopes, average difficulty.
- Fun point:** Freestyle park Morenia, half-pipe and snowbar.
The Morenia mountain restaurant is THE meeting place for skiers and snowboarders. Felskinn is the starting point for the Britannia high alpine circular hiking trail.

C Längfluh, 2870 m

Glacier World

- Skiing area:** If you leave the Allalin skiing area you will soon reach the rather demanding Längfluh area.
- Fun point:** The wonderful slope on the glacier piste is ideally suited for those long, drawn-out curves – let's carve!

D Spielboden, 2447 m

White Pearl

- Skiing area:** Below the Längfluh chair lift you will soon see the White Pearl on the right-hand side. If you're an ace, why not try out this piste, which is not machine-prepared.
- Fun point:** Test your nerves on the moguls!

E Plattjen, 2570 m

Worldcup mountain

- Ski area:** Take the 6-seater gondola to Plattjen and enjoy the views of the Saas Valley.
The Plattjen ski terrain offers a diverse range of pistes. At the top, you'll find slopes of average difficulty.
For good skiers there is the officially-recognised FIS piste at the bottom. Ace skiers such as Alberto Tomba, Pirmin Zurbriggen and Ingemar Stenmark have raced down this slope.
- Fun point:** The Mattmark look-out and the new Plattjen mountain restaurant.



F Hannig, 2350 m

Sunny mountain & hiking

- Hiking and the toboggan run prepared daily are a great experience for both young and old.
- Sledging area: Enjoy our sunny hill with its majestic panoramic views of the Plattjen, Felskinn, Allalin, Längfluh and Spielboden areas, or make the most of the great variety of winter hiking routes.
- Fun point: Sun terrace of the Saas Valley for hours of relaxation. Playground.

G Kreuzboden, 2397 m

Family paradise

- Skiing area: Saas-Grund–Kreuzboden 8-seater cable-car for quick, comfortable access to the heart of the ski and snowboard paradise at 2400 m, slopes for beginners and proficient skiers, return slopes back to the village itself, 11 km Kreuzboden–Saas-Grund toboggan run. Event by night: the special skiing and sledging fun experience once a week at night. Starting point for the second section to Hohsaas (new 8 seater cable-car).
- Fun point: Meeting place for the young and not so young, restaurant, bar, children's playground. Kindergarten Hohsi Nest.

H Hohsaas, 3098 m

In touch with glaciers

- Skiing area: High alpine panorama, views of 18 four-thousand metre peaks (Mischabel chain, Monte Rosa). New, comfortable cable railway: capacity of up to 8 people per cable-car. Pistes up to 3200 m. Trift glacier and Weissmies pistes with outstanding snow and piste conditions in a high-alpine setting, right into springtime. Restaurant.
- Fun point: Starting point for ski tours. Famous views of Switzerland's highest mountains, glaciers to touch.

I Furggstalden, 1893 m

Children's adventure world

- Skiing area: 2 drag lifts on the sun terrace, suitable for beginners to fairly good skiers. This is a good place to let children to take their first steps on their own, as you can keep an eye on them.
- Fun point: Children's adventure world with igloo, snow-tubing and various other equipments for them to play on, a slope to race down, equipped with electronic timer, a 3-km toboggan run, winter hiking. Once a week tobogganing, skiing and tubing by night.

J Heidbodme, 2400 m

Pirmin, Heidi und Silvan Zurbriggen ski area

- Skiing area: Enjoy skiing on the home pistes of the ski stars of Saas, in this area where snow is guaranteed. The moderately difficult to really demanding pistes are accessible by chair- and drag lifts.
- Fun point: Snow bar at 2400 m, with a magnificent panoramic view of the Mischabel and Monte-Rosa massifs.

Ski lift ticket rates

Saas-Fee

Days	Adults from 1990	Juveniles 1991–1992	Child 1993–1999	Senior from 1944
1/2	54.–	46.–	30.–	49.–
1	65.–	55.–	36.–	59.–
2 flexi	130.–	110.–	72.–	118.–
3 flexi	195.–	165.–	108.–	177.–
4 flexi	260.–	220.–	144.–	236.–
5 flexi	318.–	270.–	176.–	289.–
5 fixed	283.–	241.–	157.–	257.–
6 flexi	379.–	322.–	210.–	344.–
6 fixed	329.–	280.–	182.–	299.–
7 flexi	436.–	371.–	242.–	396.–
7 fixed	370.–	315.–	205.–	336.–
8 flexi	481.–	409.–	267.–	437.–
8 fixed	402.–	342.–	223.–	365.–
9 flexi	530.–	451.–	294.–	481.–
9 fixed	433.–	368.–	240.–	393.–
10 flexi	575.–	489.–	319.–	522.–
10 fixed	478.–	406.–	265.–	434.–
11 flexi	620.–	527.–	344.–	563.–
11 fixed	523.–	445.–	290.–	475.–
12 flexi	665.–	565.–	369.–	603.–
12 fixed	568.–	483.–	315.–	515.–
13 flexi	710.–	604.–	394.–	644.–
13 fixed	613.–	521.–	340.–	556.–
14 flexi	755.–	642.–	419.–	685.–
14 fixed	658.–	559.–	365.–	597.–
20 fixed	731.–	621.–	439.–	658.–
30 fixed	899.–	754.–	539.–	809.–
Season	980.–	770.–	550.–	850.–

Saas +

Days	Adults from 1990	Juveniles 1991–1992	Child 1993–1999	Senior from 1944
1	70.–	58.–	39.–	64.–
2	140.–	116.–	78.–	128.–
3	210.–	174.–	117.–	192.–
4	280.–	232.–	156.–	256.–
5 flexi	348.–	290.–	196.–	319.–
5 fixed	308.–	256.–	172.–	282.–
6 flexi	415.–	346.–	234.–	380.–
6 fixed	359.–	298.–	200.–	329.–
7 flexi	478.–	399.–	270.–	438.–
7 fixed	405.–	336.–	226.–	371.–
8 flexi	529.–	441.–	299.–	485.–
8 fixed	442.–	366.–	247.–	405.–
9 flexi	584.–	487.–	330.–	535.–
9 fixed	478.–	395.–	267.–	438.–
10 flexi	635.–	529.–	359.–	582.–
10 fixed	528.–	436.–	295.–	484.–
11 flexi	686.–	571.–	388.–	629.–
11 fixed	578.–	478.–	323.–	530.–
12 flexi	737.–	613.–	417.–	675.–
12 fixed	628.–	519.–	351.–	575.–
13 flexi	788.–	656.–	446.–	722.–
13 fixed	678.–	560.–	379.–	621.–
14 flexi	839.–	698.–	475.–	769.–
14 fixed	728.–	601.–	407.–	667.–

Valid for unlimited travel on the installations in Saas-Fee, Saas-Grund, Saas-Almagell and Saas-Balen, incl. post bus until 7.00 p.m.

Exciting holidays

Children born in 2000 and later travel free. Children: born 1993–1999. Youngsters: born 1991–1992.
Adults: born in 1990 or before. Seniors: born in 1944 or before.

Important: identity card mandatory! Photo mandatory for 8 days «fixed» and 5 days «flexi». Holders of flexi-passes can use up the days within the season!

Saas-Fee

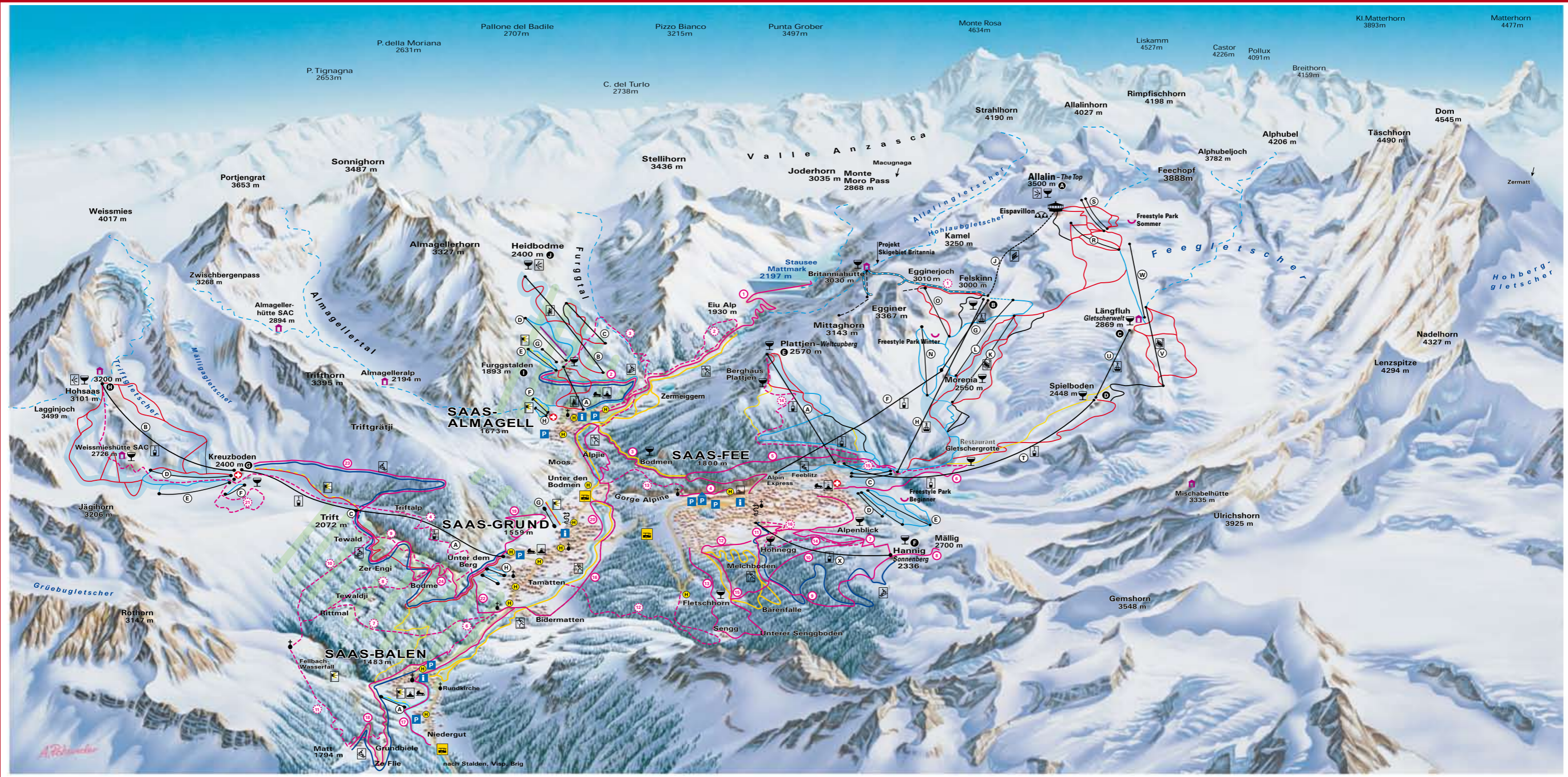
Kalbermatten Village ski-lifts I+II, Stafelwald I+II, Leeboden I

Days	Adults	Children
Single fare	4.–	3.–
from 12.00 p.m.	16.–	8.–
1	23.–	16.–
2	37.–	23.–
3	52.–	30.–
4	66.–	40.–


Hannig/Plattjen


	Days	Adults	Children
Hannig (Liftpass for sledging)	1	32.–	20.–
Plattjen	1	38.–	22.–


A deposit of CHF 5.– is payable for the Key-Card.
We also accept Euros. Euro prices are orientation prices.
Ski passes can be booked online: www.saas-fee.ch





Signs


 Metro Alpin


 Cableway


 Alpin Express


 Cable car


 Chair lift





 Ski runs easy


 Ski runs intermediate





























 Meeting place for the Ski and Snowboard school


 Ice rink


 Indoor swimming pool


 Restaurant


 Revolving restaurant


 Ice pavilion


 Mountain hut SAC





 Bus line with bus stop


 Parking

 Alpine Coaster

 Tourism office








Winter hiking paths

Warning: Hikers using the winter hiking trails and the snowshoe trails do so at their own risk. We accept no responsibility for accidents!

①	Saas-Almagell–Zermeiggern–Mattmark	2 hrs.
②	Saas-Almagell–Furggstalden	1 hrs.
③	Saas-Fee–Bodmen–Saas-Almagell	40 min
④	Saas-Fee–Kapelle zur Hohen Stiege	15 min
⑤	Grundbiel–Biffig–Saas-Fee	1 hrs.
⑥	Saas-Fee–Bergrestaurant Gletschergrotte	1 hrs.
⑦	Saas-Fee–Alpenblick–Hannig	1½ hrs.
⑧	Hannig–Mellig	1 hrs.
⑨	Saas-Fee–Hohnegg–Melchboden–Hannig	1½ hrs.
⑩	Zuckmayerweg Saas-Fee	1½ hrs.
⑪	Munggweg: Saas-Fee–Hohnegg	30 min
⑫	Titaweg Saas-Fee: Wildi–Honegg	30 min
⑬	Saas-Fee–Fletschhorn–Sengg–Bärenfalle	2½ hrs.
⑭	Saas-Fee–Alpenblick–Melchboden	1½ hrs.
⑮	Saas-Fee–Bärenfalle–Melchboden	1¼ hrs.
⑯	Saas-Balen–Saas-Grund–Saas-Almagell	2 hrs.
⑰	Saas-Balen–Niedergut	30 min
⑱	Saas-Balen–Matt	1 hrs.
⑲	Saas-Grund–Furwald	1 hrs.
⑳	Saas-Grund–Gstein	30 min
㉑	Hohsi-Rundweg	30 min
㉒	Trail of silence: Saas-Grund	1 hrs.
㉓	Trift-Zwischenstation–Kreuzboden	1 hrs.
㉔	Saas-Grund–Trift	1–2 hrs.

Snowshoe trails
(Alpineroute – High-Alpine walking trail)

①	Felskinn–Egginerjoch–Britanniahütte–Felskinn	1–2 hrs.
②	Zermeiggern–Guferschmatten–Eiualp	1–1½ hrs.
③	Zermeiggern–Stafel–Furggu–Chapf–Furggstalden–Sesselbahn	1½–2 hrs.
④	Saas-Grund–Unter dem Berg–Brunnen–Triftalp–Kreuzboden	2–3 hrs.
⑤	Kreuzboden–Weissmieshütte–Hohsaas–Bergstation	2–3 hrs.
⑥	Saas-Grund–Unter dem Berg–Triftbach–Weg der Stille–Kapelle St. Antonius–Saas-Balen	1 hrs.
⑦	Bidermatten–Kapelle St. Antonius–Rittmal–Uneri/Oberi Brend–Heimischgarten	2–3 hrs.
⑧	Saas-Grund–Unter dem Berg–Triftbach–Bodmen–Tewald–Uneri/Oberi Brend–Heimischgarten	2–3 hrs.
⑨	Saas-Grund–Zer Engi–Tewald–Trift-Zwischenstation	1–1½ hrs.
⑩	Trift-Zwischenstation–Tewald–Oberi Brend–Heimischgarten	1–2 hrs.
⑪	Saas-Balen–Fellbach–Matt–Ze Gartu–Heimischgarten	2–3 hrs.
⑫	Saas-Grund–Tamatten–Wald–Sengg–Auf der Fluh	1–1½ hrs.
⑬	Saas-Fee–Kapelle zur Hohen Stiege–Zelli–Bodmen–Unter den Bodmen	1–1½ hrs.
⑭	Saas-Fee–Plattjen–Talstation–Berghaus Plattjen–Plattjen-Bergstation	2–3 hrs.
⑮	Saas-Fee–Plattjen–Talstation–Felskinn–Talstation–Bergrestaurant Gletschergrotte	1 hrs.
⑯	Saas-Fee–Weiler Hohnegg–Rest. Alpenblick	1 hrs.

The -symbol on the yellow signposts indicates that you are on a prepared winter hiking trail. The stretches **Saas-Fee–Saas-Almagell**, **Saas-Fee–Hohnegg** and **Saas-Fee–Fletschhorn** are illuminated for evening hikes.

Timettables/Opening hours


Winter 2008/09

Please note: exact adherence to times given in this timetables is not guaranteed!

Saas-Fee–Allalin Alpin-Express 1.+2. Sect. Saas-Fee–Felskinn	17.11.08–21.11.08 22.11.08–23.11.08 24.11.08–28.11.08 29.11.08–30.11.08 01.12.08–05.12.08 06.12.08–10.01.09 11.01.09–07.02.09 08.02.09–28.03.09 29.03.09–18.04.09 19.04.09–26.04.09 from 27.04.09	Out of operation 08.30 a.m.–4.00 p.m. Out of operation 08.30 a.m.–4.00 p.m. Out of operation 08.30 a.m.–4.00 p.m. 08.30 a.m.–4.15 p.m. 08.30 a.m.–4.30 p.m. 08.30 a.m.–4.45 p.m. 08.45 a.m.–4.45 p.m. Out of operation
Felskinn–Allalin Metro Alpin 3. Section	17.11.08–10.01.09 11.01.09–07.02.09 08.02.09–28.03.09 29.03.09–18.04.09 19.04.09–26.04.09 from 27.04.2009	↑ 08.45 a.m.–3.30 p.m. ↓ 3.45 p.m. ↑ 08.45 a.m.–3.45 p.m. ↓ 4.00 p.m. ↑ 08.45 a.m.–4.00 p.m. ↓ 4.15 p.m. ↑ 08.45 a.m.–4.15 p.m. ↓ 4.30 p.m. ↑ 09.00 a.m.–4.15 p.m. ↓ 4.30 p.m. Out of operation (possible prolongation until 03.05.09)
Saas-Fee–Felskinn Felskinnbahn	17.11.08–10.01.09 11.01.09–07.02.09 08.02.09–28.03.09 29.03.09–18.04.09 19.04.09–26.04.09 from 27.04.2009	↑ 08.30 a.m.–3.45 p.m. ↓ 4.00 p.m. ↑ 08.30 a.m.–4.00 p.m. ↓ 4.15 p.m. ↑ 08.30 a.m.–4.15 p.m. ↓ 4.30 p.m. ↑ 08.30 a.m.–4.30 p.m. ↓ 4.45 p.m. ↑ 09.00 a.m.–4.15 p.m. Snow permitting Out of operation (possible prolongation until 03.05.09)
Saas-Fee–Spielboden 1. Section	20.12.08–10.01.09 11.01.09–07.02.09 08.02.09–28.03.09 29.03.09–19.04.09 from 20.04.2009	08.45 a.m.–4.00 p.m. 08.45 a.m.–4.15 p.m. 08.45 a.m.–4.30 p.m. 08.45 a.m.–4.45 p.m. (possible prolongation until 26.04.09) Out of operation
Spielboden–Längfluh 2. Section	Connections with Section 1 Saas-Fee–Spielboden. Last departure down to the valley from Längfluh 10 min. before the last departure down to the valley from Spielboden.	
Saas-Fee–Plattjen	20.12.08–10.01.09 11.01.09–07.02.09 08.02.09–28.03.09 29.03.09–19.04.09 from 20.04.2009	08.45 a.m.–4.00 p.m. 08.45 a.m.–4.15 p.m. 08.45 a.m.–4.30 p.m. 09.00 a.m.–4.45 p.m. Out of operation
Saas-Fee–Hannig	20.12.08–19.04.09 from 20.04.2009	08.45 a.m.–14.30 p.m. Out of operation Night tobogganing on Thursday + Tuesday from 06.00–9.00 p.m.

No service for skiers and snowboarders from 27.04.2009

Saas-Grund–Kreuzboden 1. Section	20.12.08–14.02.09 15.02.09–18.04.09	09.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m. 09.00 a.m.–4.15 p.m.
Kreuzboden–Hohsaas 2. Section	20.12.08–14.02.09 15.02.09–18.04.09	09.15 a.m.–3.45 p.m. 09.15 a.m.–4.00 p.m.
Saas-Almagell–Furggstalden 1. Section	20.12.08–17.04.09	↑ 09.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m. ↓ 4.45 p.m.
Furggstalden–Heidbodmen 2. Section	20.12.08–17.04.09	↑ 09.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m. ↓ 4.00 p.m.

Grund-Almagell-Balen +  **					Saas-Almagell**				
Days	Adults from 1990	Juveniles 1991–1992	Child 1993–1999	Senior from 1944	Days	Adults from 1990	Juveniles 1991–1992	Child 1993–1999	Senior from 1944
from11 a.m.	• 47.–	• 43.–	• 30.–	• 43.–	from11 a.m.	36.–	32.–	24.–	32.–
from12 a.m.	• 43.–	• 40.–	• 27.–	• 40.–	from12 a.m.	33.–	30.–	22.–	30.–
from 1 p.m.	• 40.–	• 37.–	• 25.–	• 37.–	from 1 p.m.	30.–	27.–	20.–	27.–
1	• 49.–/52.–	• 45.–/48.–	• 32.–/34.–	• 45.–/48.–	1	39.–	35.–	26.–	35.–
2 fixed	99.–	89.–	64.–	89.–	2 fixed	75.–	68.–	50.–	68.–
3 fixed	140.–*	126.–*	91.–*	126.–*	3 fixed	109.–	98.–	72.–	98.–
4 fixed	179.–*	161.–*	116.–*	161.–*	4 fixed	139.–	125.–	92.–	125.–
5 flexi	258.–	232.–	168.–	232.–	5 flexi	192.–	173.–	127.–	173.–
5 fixed	220.–*	198.–*	143.–*	198.–*	5 fixed	168.–	151.–	111.–	151.–
6 flexi	306.–	276.–	199.–	276.–	6 flexi	228.–	205.–	150.–	205.–
6 fixed	252.–*	227.–*	164.–*	227.–*	6 fixed	197.–	177.–	130.–	177.–
7 flexi	352.–	317.–	229.–	317.–	7 flexi	253.–	228.–	167.–	228.–
7 fixed	275.–*	248.–*	179.–*	248.–*	7 fixed	214.–	193.–	141.–	193.–
8 flexi	389.–	350.–	253.–	350.–	8 flexi	276.–	248.–	182.–	248.–
8 fixed	298.–*	268.–*	194.–*	268.–*	8 fixed	230.–	207.–	152.–	207.–
9 flexi	429.–	386.–	279.–	386.–	9 flexi	303.–	273.–	200.–	273.–
9 fixed	320.–*	288.–*	208.–*	288.–*	9 fixed	248.–	223.–	164.–	223.–
10 flexi	462.–	416.–	300.–	416.–	10 flexi	327.–	294.–	216.–	294.–
10 fixed	340.–*	306.–*	221.–*	306.–*	10 fixed	266.–	239.–	176.–	239.–
11 flexi	497.–	447.–	323.–	447.–	11 flexi	353.–	318.–	233.–	318.–
11 fixed	363.–*	327.–*	236.–*	327.–*	11 fixed	285.–	257.–	188.–	257.–
12 flexi	532.–	479.–	346.–	479.–	12 flexi	380.–	342.–	251.–	342.–
12 fixed	385.–*	347.–*	250.–*	347.–*	12 fixed	303.–	273.–	200.–	273.–
13 flexi	570.–	513.–	371.–	513.–	13 flexi	405.–	365.–	267.–	365.–
13 fixed	409.–*	368.–*	266.–*	368.–*	13 fixed	319.–	287.–	211.–	287.–
14 flexi	606.–	546.–	394.–	546.–	14 flexi	427.–	384.–	282.–	384.–
14 fixed	431.–*	388.–*	280.–*	388.–*	14 fixed	334.–	301.–	220.–	301.–

** with guest card 5% reduction

Special trail price in Saas-Grund–Almagell–Balen from 3.15 p.m. CHF 8.–

Saas-Balen

Days	Adults	Children
from 12.00 p.m.	11.–	8.–
1	14.–	10.–
2	26.–	16.–
3	39.–	23.–
4	50.–	30.–
5	61.–	37.–
6	70.–	45.–

Valid for unlimited travel on successive days on all the facilities in Saas-Balen.

Children under the age of 6 pay the normal fare in Saas-Balen.

- valid only in Saas-Grund (excl. post bus)
- * 1–2-day extension possible Saas-Grund, Saas-Almagell

Saas-Grund – Dorflift Ziebel

One-day card (from 9.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m.+) CHF 9.–
Card valid for half a day (from 12.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m.+) CHF 5.–
Holders of ski passes in the Saas Valley can travel free by day, and children under 9 years of age pay the normal rate.
Groups of 15 people or more: One-day card CHF 7.–
Card valid for half a day CHF 4.–

Saas-Almagell

The lift in the village «Zum Berg» and the «Pinocchio-lift» are free.

Prices subject to change.
Bus reservation for groups necessary: phone +41 27 958 11 45

Single fares for non-skiers

• one way upward • return ticket

Section	Distance	Diff. in altitude	Fares adults		Fares children		Groups up to 10 persons			
			CHF	€	CHF	€	adults		children	
Saas-Fee-Allalin	5125 m	1617 m	69.—	44.50	34.50	22.50	55.—	35.50	27.50	18.—
Saas-Fee-Felskinn	3650 m	1152 m	27.— 35.—	17.50 22.50	13.50 17.50	9.— 12.50	21.— 28.—	13.50 18.—	10.50 14.—	7.— 9.—
Felskinn-Allalin	1475 m	465 m	26.— 34.—	17.— 22.—	13.— 17.—	8.50 11.—	21.— 27.—	13.50 17.50	10.50 13.50	7.— 9.—
Saas-Fee-Morenia	1800 m	750 m	25.—	16.—	12.50	8.—	20.—	13.—	10.—	6.50
Saas-Fee-Plattjen	2005 m	767 m	25.—	16.—	12.50	8.—	20.—	13.—	10.—	6.50
Saas-Fee-Längfluh	3400 m	1070 m	27.— 35.—	17.50 22.50	13.50 17.50	9.— 11.50	21.— 28.—	13.50 18.—	10.50 14.—	7.— 9.—
Saas-Fee-Spielboden	2450 m	650 m	25.—	16.—	12.50	8.—	20.—	13.—	10.—	6.50
Spielboden-Längfluh	950 m	420 m	17.—	11.—	8.50	5.50	13.—	8.50	6.50	4.—
Saas-Fee-Hannig	1120 m	520 m	18.— 25.—	11.50 16.—	9.— 12.50	6.— 8.—	14.— 20.—	9.— 13.—	7.— 10.—	4.50 6.50
Saas-Grund-Kreuzboden	2438 m	845 m	21.50 26.50	14.50 18.—	10.80 13.30	7.— 9.—	17.20 21.20	11.50 14.—	8.60 10.60	5.50 7.—
Saas-Grund-Kreuzboden Multiple ride ticket (5 x)			101.—	67.—	50.50	33.50				
Saas-Grund-Hohsaas	4421 m	1545 m	35.50	23.50	17.80	12.—	28.40	19.—	14.20	9.50
Saas-Grund-Trift	1291 m	515 m	21.50	14.50	10.80	7.—	17.20	11.50	8.60	5.50
Saas-Almagell-Furggstalden	571 m	221 m	7.— 11.—	4.50 7.—	4.— 6.50	2.60 4.20	6.50 10.—	4.20 6.50	3.50 6.—	2.30 3.90
Furggstalden-Heidbodmen	1341 m	520 m	10.— 14.—	6.50 9.—	6.— 8.50	3.90 5.50	9.— 13.—	5.80 8.40	5.50 8.—	3.60 5.20
Saas-Almagell-Heidbodmen	1912 m	728 m	15.— 22.—	10.— 14.—	9.— 13.—	5.80 8.40	14.— 20.—	9.— 12.90	8.— 12.—	5.20 7.80
Saas-Almagell-Heidbodmen-Furggstalden			19.—	12.50	11.—	7.10	17.50	11.30	10.—	6.50

Price reductions Saas-Grund, Saas-Almagell

Information available at the desk for: disabled, senior citizens and holders of guest card, Swiss Pass, Swiss FlexiPass, Euro Rail ticket, Swiss Card, half-fare card and General Abonnement (GA).
Every 10th person in a group travels for free.

Price reduction Saas-Fee

Information available at the desk for holders of: Swiss Pass, Swiss Flexi Pass, Euro Rail, Swiss Card and half-faire, general tickets and guest card.
Groups of 10 or more people: every 10th person travels for free.

Prices subject to change.



Rates info and safety regulations for the Saas Valley

First find out, then buy

Purchased passes cannot be exchanged, extended, altered or returned. EC cheques will not be accepted.

Advance purchase

Passes valid from the following day can be bought after 3 p.m. (except full- and half-day cards).

Full- and half-day cards and passes

These passes/cards are personal and non-transferable. A passport-size photograph is compulsory for 8 days «fixed» and 5 days «flexi».

Lost passes: Key cards (from 2 days) are only replaced on presentation of proof of the card being blocked. Half-day and full-day cards are not replaced. Photo mandatory for 8 days «fixed» and 5 days «flexi».

Age limit for children and juveniles

Children born in 2000 and later travel free

Children: born 1993–1999

Youngsters: born 1991–1992

Adults: born in 1990 or before

Important: identity card mandatory!

Reductions for senior citizens

Senior citizens born in or before the year 1944 will be allocated a reduction of approximately 10% on their ski pass.

Important: identity card mandatory! Photo mandatory for 8 days «fixed» and 5 days «flexi».

Holders of flexi-passes can use up the days within the season!

An accident – what to do?

Report any accident immediately to the next station or to a slope patroller, and give the most accurate location details possible.

Bad weather, avalanche danger, unforeseen departure, interruption to services, breakdowns:

If one, several, or all of the facilities go out of service due to the above reasons, the bearers of passes have no right to a refund.

Accident or illness

In the event of an accident, illness or death (of a dependent) you will receive a reimbursement. You must return the partially-used ticket to the ticket office, and provide, as soon as possible, a medical certificate from a doctor in the region. Should you recover during the holiday, you must buy a new ski pass for the time remaining. No refunds for half-day and full-day cards.

In Saas-Fee a charge of $\frac{1}{4}$ of the standard price applies for big dogs!

Price reductions cannot be accumulated.

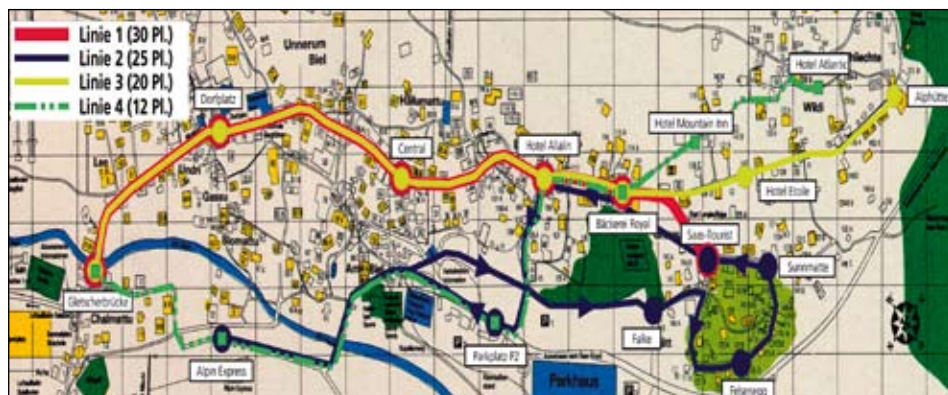
You will find tariffs and safety regulations for the Saas Valley on the Internet page www.saas-fee.ch/bergbahnen, as well as at the cash points of the cable car systems

Public transport facilities

Connections Saas Valley

There are hourly bus connections between Saas-Grund, Saas-Almagell, Saas-Balen and Saas-Fee. The ski bus runs according to schedule from 7.00 a.m. until 7.00 p.m. and stops in all villages at different bus stops. Details and timetables are available from the local post offices or on the ski map.

Local Bus Saas-Fee



Information about timetables and tariffs can be obtained from the tourist offices of Saas-Fee/Saastal Tourism. Timetables are also put up at the bus stops.

(Does not run on Saturdays)



New: «Allalino». Treat yourself to a ride on the nostalgic village bus.



Winter sports schools

Swiss Ski and Snowboard School, the local, 3906 Saas-Fee

Tel. +41 27 957 23 48, fax +41 27 957 23 66, info@skischule-saas-fee.ch, www.skischule-saas-fee.ch



Office hours

Mon–Fri 8.30–11.00 a.m. Ski/Snowboard
 3.00–6.00 p.m. Mon–Fri 10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.
 Sat/Sun 3.00–6.00 p.m.
 (Sun 9.30–11.30 a.m.)

Meeting time on day 1

9.45 a.m. ski school meeting point
 sport's ground Kalbermatten
 next to the ice rink.



Class instruction

Skicourse
 Day pass CHF 54.– (3 h)
 Weekly pass CHF 188.– (15 h)
 Additional week CHF 178.–



Ski and Snowboard

Member of

SWISS SNOWSPORTS



Private instruction

	1 hour 8.30–9.30 a.m.	1½ hours from 1.45 p.m.	2 hours from 1.45 p.m.	3 hours from 1.45 p.m.	5 hours VIP 10 a.m.–4 p.m. incl. 1 hour lunch break
1 person	CHF 70.–	CHF 105.–	CHF 140.–	CHF 210.–	CHF 350.–
2 persons	CHF 80.–	CHF 120.–	CHF 160.–	CHF 240.–	CHF 380.–
3 persons	CHF 90.–	CHF 135.–	CHF 180.–	CHF 270.–	CHF 410.–
4 persons	CHF 100.–	CHF 150.–	CHF 200.–	CHF 300.–	CHF 440.–

Lessons for the handicapped, Telemark lessons, freestyle lessons and babysitting in the evenings.

Included in the price are:

Local, qualified ski instructor who is fully familiar with the area, meals, medals for the ski race, medals for the test (Swiss Snow League), snowblades, admission to children's disco and participation in the weekly entertainment programme.

We offer our youngest guests:

activities for children, heated rooms for tea, children parks.
 The ski instructors organise 8–9 evenings of torchlight skiing with various shows.

ESKIMOS Ski and Snowboard School Saas-Fee

Tel. +41 27 957 49 04, Mobile +41 78 612 81 24, info@eskimos.ch, www.eskimos.ch

Office hours

Mon–Sun 8.30–12.00 a.m.
 1.00–6.00 p.m.

Course times Class instruction

Mon–Fri 9.30–12.00 a.m.
 9.30 a.m.–3.00 p.m.

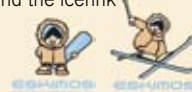
Meeting time on day 1

9.25 a.m. sport's ground
 Kalbermatten behind the icerink



Lessons in small groups Ski & Snowboard (max. 4–6 people or 5–8 people)

weekly course Ski/Snowboard CHF 200.– (12.5 hrs.)
 weekly course Ski ESKIMOS Minis & Youngsters CHF 255.– (12.5 hrs.)
 weekly course Ski ESKIMOS Minis & Youngsters CHF 460.– (27.5 hrs. including lunch)



weekly course Freestyle Ski/Snowboard CHF 460.– (27.5 hrs. including lunch and 2 hours' video analysis)

Private lessons Ski/Snowboard (per hour) CHF 80.– (1 or 2 people)
 From 3 people (per hour per person) + CHF 30.–

VIP courses Ski/Snowboard CHF 210.– (2 hrs. lessons & 1 hour supervision)
 VIP courses Ski/Snowboard CHF 420.– (4 hrs. lessons & 2 hour supervision)

VIP courses Families/Groups – VIP Switzerland

www.eskimos.ch

ESKIMOS Nordic Sports – Nordic Winter/Snowshoe Walking

www.eskimos.ch

ESKIMOS Action – Groups/companies, experience and Incentives

www.eskimos.ch

Included in the price are: Qualified instructors, group quality limit max. 6 or 8 people, diplomas, medals and goodies.

Swiss winter sports schools Saas-Grund/Saas-Balen

3910 Saas-Grund, Tel. +41 79 689 67 55, skischule@saastal.ch, www.saastal.ch/skischule

Office hours		Course times	Ski	Board	Meeting time on day 1
Mon/Tues	8.30–10.00 a.m.	Mon/Tues	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	9.45 a.m.–11.45 a.m.	10 minutes before the beginning of the course at Kreuzboden
Sat/Sun	3.30– 6.00 p.m.		2.00–4.00 p.m.	12.00–2.00 p.m.	
Sun	10.00–11.00 a.m.	Sun	12.00–3.00 p.m.		

Office Kreuzboden:
Mon/Thur 9.45 a.m.–2.00 p.m.

Skiing class instruction		Snowboard	
(10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.)		Basic Levels (2 h)	
1 day	CHF 50.–	1 day	CHF 50.–
3 days	CHF 150.–	3 days	CHF 150.–
5 days	CHF 180.–	5 days	CHF 180.–
6 days	CHF 200.–	6 days	CHF 200.–
Additional pass CHF 60.–		Top Level	
		1 day	CHF 70.–
		3 days	CHF 170.–
		5 days	CHF 200.–
		6 days	CHF 220.–

Private instruction in skiing, snowboarding and cross country

	1 hour	2 hours
1 person	CHF 50.–	CHF 90.–
2 persons	CHF 70.–	CHF 130.–
3 persons	CHF 90.–	CHF 180.–
4 persons	CHF 100.–	CHF 200.–

Race Camp (2.00–4.00 p.m.)
5 days CHF 180.–

Swiss winter sports schools Saas-Almagell

3905 Saas-Almagell, Tel. +41 27 957 24 06, Fax +41 27 957 36 68,
Mobile +41 79 458 41 32, victor.anth@bluewin.ch

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Office hours		Course times for class instruction	Meeting time on day 1
Mon–Fri	8.30–10.00 a.m. 4.00–5.30 p.m.	Mon–Fri 10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m. Alternative time: 1.00–4.00 p.m.	10.00 a.m. below the church at ski lift «Zum Berg»
Sat/Sun	4.00–5.30 p.m.		

Place of instruction: Saas-Almagell, Saas-Grund and Saas-Fee

Skiing, carving, snowboard, cross-country

Class instruction		Private instruction	1 hour
1 day	CHF 50.–	1 person	CHF 50.–
2 days	CHF 100.–	2 persons	CHF 60.–
3 days	CHF 150.–	3 persons	CHF 80.–
4 days	CHF 170.–	4 persons	CHF 90.–
5 days	CHF 180.–		
Additional week	CHF 160.–		

Group instruction
1 day CHF 270.– (3 h)

Taster day on Sunday: (1.00 p.m.–3.00 p.m.)
for children CHF 40.–

Tests

- The snow garden – Blue Ski and Board League, Red Ski and Board League, Black Ski and Board League
- All children participate in the test on Friday. Prizes are included in the price of the weekly pass (5 days).

The snow sports school at Saas-Almagell also offers snow-shoe walking events – enquire for details (see p. 33)

No refunds are made if skiing instruction is cancelled due to acts of God, including storms, threat of avalanche, etc. No liability is accepted for accidents which occur during the supervised period.

Weekly tickets are not transferable. Unused course tickets are not refundable. No children under the minimum age are accepted. Parents are responsible for the provision of skiing equipment and suitable clothing.

Climbing schools – Great experiences off-piste

Mountain Guide Office Mountain-Life

CH-3906 Saas-Fee
Phone +41 27 957 44 64
Fax +41 27 957 18 74
www.mountain-life.ch
info@mountain-life.ch

Mountaineering School Active Dreams

CH-3910 Saas-Grund
Phone +41 27 957 14 44
Fax +41 27 957 14 43
www.weissmies.ch, www.klettersteig.ch
weissmies@rhone.ch

Would you like to climb your first four-thousand-metre peak? A climb or a ski tour with an experienced mountain guide will be an unforgettable highlight of your holiday. A couple of highlights:

A selection from the programme

Freeriding/off-piste

Use the lift facilities for the ascent; they will take you to a height of 3600 m. You will be rewarded with wonderfully deep snow and firm descents away from the slopes in the midst of the fascinating glacier worlds.

Ski Plus

Short ascents, max. 2 hours, take us to isolated peaks and passes. Enjoy the views and long descents into the sunny side valleys of the Saas Valley.

Ski tour Adlerpass-Zermatt

Probably the loveliest way to get to Zermatt. After a fairly long ascent to the Adlerpass and a short, steeper descent to the Findel glacier, you will be amazed by the views of the Matterhorn. With each turn over the 2100 m difference in altitude, we come closer to the «mountain of mountains» – which looks even bigger and more impressive to us.

Snow shoe trekking

Loop tour on snow shoes on glacier slopes to the Britannia hut and back to the ski region. Sunny, fascinating tour, easy to follow with plenty of time to relax.

The Alpine Gorge

A via ferrata for everyone!

Well secured, you travel through a gorge of ice and rocks. We highly recommend this adventure to both families and groups.

Please ask about the current snow conditions directly at the mountain guides offices.

You can obtain a list of mountain huts at the tourist offices and you will find an overview in the summer brochure «Absolutely natural».

The programme for the mountain sport schools can be obtained from the Tourist Office or from the mountain guide offices.



Winter sports

Ice skating	Saas-Fee Natural ice rink, open from 8.00a.m.–10.00p.m. Mid–Dec. to end of Feb. All prices with guest card. Single adm. CHF 4.–/€ 2.60 Block of 10 CHF 30.–/€ 20.– weekly ticket CHF 20.–/€ 13.– (Children up to 15 free)	Saas-Grund Ice Rink, open from October from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. (not available at following times: Mon, Wed and Fri between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.) Entry fee CHF 5.–/€ 3.–, group entry (10 people or more): CHF 4.–/€ 2.50 per person	Saas-Almagell Natural ice rink, open from mid–December to around end of Feb. Single adm. CHF 4.–/€ 2.50 Children CHF 3.–/€ 2.– Groups of 10 or more persons: CHF 3.–/€ 2.– per pers.	Saas-Balen Natural ice rink, open from mid–December to around end of February, free of charge
Curling, Snow-bowling	Curling per course and hour CHF 20.–/€ 13.– Snowbowling: CHF 15.–/€ 10.–	Tues and Thur from 7.00–10.00 p.m. drink included CHF 9.–/€ 6.–, for 16 persons or more: CHF 7.50/€ 5.– Registration at the Tourist Office up to the evening before.	Natural ice rink Per course and hour CHF 20.–/€ 13. Rink reservations at the Tourist Office	Tues 8.00–10.00 p.m. CHF 4.–/€ 2.50 incl. 1 glass of mulled wine. Registration at the Tourist Office up to the evening before.
Sledging	5 km sledge way at Hannig Sledge rental: CHF 8.–/€ 5.–, deposit Price Adult: CHF 18.–/€ 11.50 Children: CHF 9.–/€ 6.– Day Ticket: CHF 32.–/€ 20.50 Children: CHF 20.–/€ 13.–	11 km toboggan run from Kreuzboden to Saas-Grund Toboggan hire: CHF 5.–/€ 3.50/deposit (ID card required). One-day card for adults: CHF 34.–/€ 22.–, One-day card for children: CHF 25.–/€ 16.–	3 km sledge way from Furggstalden to Saas-Almagell Sledging pass (single ride): adult CHF 7.–/€ 4.50, children CHF 4.–/€ 2.50, Sledging day pass: adult CHF 19.–/€ 12.–, children CHF 12.–/€ 8.–.	
Snowtubing		Snow tubing «Gstein». Daily from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Adult CHF 12.–/€ 8.–, children CHF 7.–/€ 4.50. Groups of 10 people or more. Also possible on other evenings on request. Information and further details. Tel. +41 79 412 75 18.	Daily snowtubing in the Furggstalden skiregion. No charge for ski-pass or ticket holders.	
Visitors' race	Thursday in the Stafelwald region. Information and booking: Swiss Ski and Snowboard School, Saas-Fee	On Thursdays at Kreuzboden, Start: 11.00 a.m., Information: Saas-Grund ski school	Every Thursday in the Mittwald area. Information at the tourist office.	

Cross-country Saas-Fee: 6 km, Saas-Valley: 26 km classical, 4–8 km skating, depending on snow conditions.

Rates:	One-day pass:	CHF 6.–	€ 4.–	with bus:	CHF 9.–	€ 6.–
	One-week pass:	CHF 34.–	€ 22.–	with guest card:	CHF 30.–	€ 20.–
	One-week pass with bus:	CHF 49.–	€ 32.–	with guest card:	CHF 45.–	€ 29.–
	Pass for all Switzerland:	CHF 100.–	€ 64.50			
	without bus season pass:	CHF 40.–	€ 26.–			
	Cross country lessons: Registration at the ski school					

Ice climbing Locations: Car park/Saas-Grund at the cable car station (Chalchofen), Climbing for beginners (incl. equipment), Book at: Mountain Guide office

Climbing the gorge Crossing the Gorge Alpine
Registration: Mountain Guide office Mountain-Life and Active Dreams

Badminton Leisure Centre Bielen, Tue and Wed, with visitor's card CHF 19.– € 12.50
without visitor's card CHF 21.– € 13.50 per place/hour.

Tennis Bielen leisure centre, from 4.00 p.m with visitor's card CHF 32.– € 20.50, without visitor's card 34.– € 22.–, after 4.00 p.m. with visitor's card 38.– € 24.50, without visitor's card 40.– € 26.– per place/hour.

Prices are subject to change.

Snowshoe hiking

Even if you do not ski, you can still enjoy all facets of the winter wonder world on snowshoes. Discover the uniquely beautiful winter countryside in the Saas Valley!

Saas-Fee

Organised daily by various operators. Hikes of various degrees of difficulty. Contact the Mountain-Life mountain guides' office, César Sport Rent or Haus der Geschenke or the Tourist office.

Saas-Grund / Saas-Balen

Let yourself be led through the lovely snow-covered terrain of the Saastal landscape – accompanied by qualified guides. Information and booking at the mountain guide office «Active Dreams». Site p. 23.

Saas-Almagell

Snowshoe paradise. On request, tours are available every day. Find out at the Tourist Office, at the ski school office or from Kurt Andenmatten, professional hiking guide, Tel. +41 78 605 34 39. See page 23.

Ski- and snowboard rental in the local sports shops (incl. standard skis and boots)

Saas-Fee

1 day	CHF 57.–	€ 37.–
3 days	CHF 136.–	€ 88.–
6 days	CHF 219.–	€ 141.–

Saas-Grund/Saas-Almagell/Saas-Balen

1 day	CHF 43.–	€ 28.–
3 days	CHF 103.–	€ 66.–
6 days	CHF 165.–	€ 106.–

Skiwear rental

Saas-Fee Cesar Sport Alpin, Easy Sport

Various items of sports equipment such as snow shoes and climbing equipment can be hired from various sports outlets.

Winterwalking

Saastal offers 60 km of well laid winter walking trails

Would you like to enjoy the winter far away from the ski pistes and escape from everyday life in the depths of snow-covered forests? With the right equipment, every hike in the snow becomes an amazing experience. 60 km of well-groomed hiking paths await you!

Britannia – high-alpine walking trail (from March)

The walking tour starts at the Felskinnbahn mountain hut and goes via the Egginerjoch to the Britannia hut where the hut warden waits to welcome all those snow walkers, Nordic walkers and snowshoe walkers passing through his door. After a small detour to enjoy the view on the «Klein Allalin» the walking group heads back via the Chessjengletscher (glacier) to the Egginerjoch. The walking trail is well signposted and stretches over some 5 km of good-quality walking terrain. The walk through the sunny Britannia region lasting some 2.5 hours guarantees a fantastic high-alpine experience at over 3000 metres above sea-level in the wonderful mountain and glacier world of Saas-Fee.

Wellness

Bielen leisure centre, Saas-Fee

You will be delighted with the varied activities: Indoor tennis, badminton, a 25-m swimming pool, with neck shower and massage jets, sauna, whirlpool, steam bath, indoor relaxation areas, solaria, table tennis, and billiards. Hire of equipment: towel, robe, trunks/swimsuit, rackets.

Opening hours:	27.10.08–14.12.2008	daily	1.00–9.00 p.m.
	03.11.08–08.12.2008	Tu–Su	1.00–9.00 p.m.
	15.12.08–26.04.2009	daily	10.00 a.m.–9.00 p.m.
Prices	Swimming pool/jacuzzi/steam bath		
	Adults with visitor's card	CHF 15.– € 10.–	without visitor's card CHF 16.– € 10.50
	Children with visitor's card	CHF 8.50 € 5.50	without visitor's card CHF 9.50 € 6.–
	Swimming pool/jacuzzi/steam bath/ with sauna		
	Adults with visitor's card	CHF 22.– € 14.–	without visitor's card CHF 23.– € 15.–

Swimming for early birds Tuesday, 7.00 a.m.–10.00 a.m., with breakfast CHF 28.– € 18.–, without breakfast CHF 15.– € 10.–, booking by Monday at 6 p.m., (min. 5 pers.) Tel. +41 27 957 24 75

Prices are subject to change.

Alpine wellness

Everyone is talking about wellness. Wellbeing (feeling well) and fitness (being in good shape) go hand in hand with the high alpine environment. Medical studies show that merely staying at an altitude above 1500 metres has a positive influence on the body, mind and spirit. It is even easier to switch off or be physically active in the fresh mountain air in the mild climate of the southern Saas Valley. Whether you want to relax, improve your fitness or take preventative measures to maintain good health, the Saas Valley has the right professional offers for everything. Our specialised, qualified wellness hotels are looking forward to your arrival.

Opportunities to enjoy «wellness» facilities at our hotels

External guests (non-hotel residents) also have the opportunity of enjoying the wellness facilities of various hotels. Further information is obtainable at the hotels.

Saas-Fee	Hotel Artemis	Hotel Beau-Site	Saas-Grund	Hotel Touring
	Hotel Europa	Hotel Ferienart		Saas WellFit
	Hotel du Glacier	Hotel Saaserhof	Saas-Almagell	Hotel Pirmin Zurbriggen
	Hotel Schweizerhof			





Children and families

In October 2005 Saas-Fee and Saastal were awarded the quality-seal title of «Families Welcome» by the Swiss tourist board. These family-oriented holiday regions offer everything and anything that a family might wish for from a holiday location. Experience carefree and memorable moments with magnificent landscape surroundings.

Children and beginners will be glad to find lots of flat and sunny slopes everywhere in the region. The Stafelwald region at the Saas-Fee village lifts is an ideal area for beginners. The **Beginner-Freestyle-Park** is located there, a small fun-park with various snow-toys. This park with its various rails and rollers enables an easy introduction into Freestyling for beginners and children. The Kids Funpark located opposite is sure to be a big hit with the kids.



Saas-Fee

The «Kids Fun Park» in Saas-Fee

The new Kids Fun Park at the sports field is a thrill for all children. A magic carpet makes it easier to go up the hill, slalom is practised with funny figures and the snow carousel pulls children around in circles: skiing becomes great fun even for very small children!



The Swiss Ski and Snowboard School offers the following supervised activities for children:

Weekly programme

Ski instruction for children from the age of 5 (see page 28) and a children's programme with plenty of variety:

Mon: Assignment of classes	Thurs: Children's race for classes 2, 3 and 4
Tues: Games, a visit by Snowli	Fri: Children's race for classes 5 and 6
Wed: Games, children's disco in the evening	Presentation of prizes for all classes

Also: participation in the weekly entertainment programme.

Skiing lessons with supervision

In the morning: 3 hours ski instruction followed by lunch

In the afternoon: supervised activities

1 day (incl. lunch)	CHF 92.- € 60.-
5 days (incl. lunch)	CHF 399.- € 257.50

Skiing lessons (Monday to Friday, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.)

The ideal solution for young beginners:

1 morning:	CHF 54.- € 35.-
5 days	CHF 188.- € 122.-

Minimum age 5 years, reservations at the Swiss Ski and Snowboard School Saas-Fee, tel. +41 27 957 23 48.

Day care centre for children

For children from 18 months to 6 years of age. Further information can be obtained from the Saas-Fee Tourist Office, Tel. +41 27 958 18 58.

Glückskäfer Babysitter service

Have the babysitter come to your hotel accommodation or flat. Enquire for exact costs. Booking: tel. +41 79 225 81 54.



Saastal

In Saas-Grund the village lifts «Tamatten» and «Ziebel» are ideal for children starting off in snow sports. The «Zum Berg» ski-lift and «Pinocchio-lift» in Saas-Almagell and the «Boden» ski-lift in Saas-Balen are also ideal for beginners.

Saas-Grund/Saas-Balen

PIPO-Club

For children from the age of 4, Children's «Ski Garden» with heated room at Kreuzboden

PIPO-Skilift: Mon–Fri 10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.

Ski school 1 day CHF 50.– € 32.–

5 days CHF 180.– € 116.–

6 days CHF 200.– € 129.–



First steps in the snow

Sunday lessons for children at Kreuzboden.

Time: 12.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m. Price: CHF 40.– € 26.–

Reservation: Ski School Office Saas-Grund, Tel. +41 79 689 67 55

The «Hohsi-Nest» day nursery at Kreuzboden

Leave your children for an hour, for half a day or a whole day at the Hohsi-Nest and enjoy your winter holiday. Days open: Sun–Fri, Price CHF 10.–/h
For reservations contact the ski school office, Tel. + 41 79 689 67 55.

New: children's disco

Thursdays in the Römerkeller in Saas-Grund from 4.30 p.m. Information at the ski school office.

Saas-Almagell

Fun 4 Kids:

Wed., 2.00–5.00 p.m. at the Tourist Office Saas-Almagell.

Price: CHF 5.– € 3.50. Clothing: winter clothing, hat, gloves, winter boots.

Registration at the Tourist Office up to the evening before,

Tel. +41 27 958 66 44.

The Pingo club and Pinocchio lift

For children from the age of 3, close to the church in the village of Saas-Almagell, Mon–Fri 10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.,

1 day CHF 50.– € 32.– 5 days CHF 180.– € 116.–

For reservations contact the winter sports school in Saas-Almagell,

Tel. + 41 27 957 24 05

Fun for children at the «Zum Berg» ski-lift

Every Tuesday at 4.30 p.m. kids get the chance of experiencing really close up the already legendary clowns and entertainers at the snow sport school. No need to feel any fear here.

Disco for children in the Groovy Bar

Children traditionally meet at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday in the disco.

Fun guaranteed!



Sports by night

<p>Saas-Fee</p> <p>Sledging by night at Hannig (5 km) Tuesdays + Thursdays from 6.00–9.00 p.m. Last run down: 10.00 p.m. Price for single runs: adults CHF 18.– € 11.50 children CHF 9.– € 6.– holders of Saas-Fee/ Saas overall pass pay 50% of the normal price</p> <p><i>Sledge rental:</i> CHF 6.– € 4.– +deposit</p> <p><i>Head torch rental:</i> CHF 4.– € 2.50 +deposit</p> <p><i>Dinner:</i> individual booking at the Hannig mountain restaurant Tel. +41 27 957 14 19 or Ferieneck Hohnegg Tel. +41 27 957 22 68</p> <p>Mountain magic Evening hike with mountain magic and typical Valais evening meal Day: Thursday Time: 5.30 p.m. at the Tourist Office, Price: Adults CHF 30.– €20.–, Children CHF 18.– € 11.50 Book at the Tourist Office by 4.00 p.m. on the previous day</p>	<p>Saas-Grund</p> <p>Special night event As per the programme. Night sledging from 6.30–9.45 p.m. (11 km). «Snow and Fun» show by the ski and snowboard school, firework display and lots more. Mountain transport, sledge, headlamp and event: adults CHF 10.– € 6.50.– children CHF 5.– € 3.– Holders of a ski-pass valid for at least 5 days may take part in the Night Event at no extra cost (excluding sledging). <i>Dinner:</i> individual booking at the valley station Tel. +41 27 958 15 80 Reservation required, Hohsaas Cableways</p> <p>Snowbowling Tues and Thurs from 7.00 p.m. including refreshments, CHF 9.– € 6.–, price with 16 participants or more: CHF 7.50 € 5.–. Registration at the Tourist Office up to the evening before</p> <p>Snowtubing by night Tues and Fri, 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Groups 10 people or more, also possible on other evenings on demand, enquire for further details. Tel. +41 79 412 75 18.</p> <p>Nighttime fun (Skiing by night) at the «Ziebel» skilift in the village. Thurs. 7.30 – 10.00 p.m., Price: CHF 5.– € 3.– Small bar on site.</p>	<p>Saas-Almagell</p> <p>Sledging and skiing by night (3 km) Tue from 7.00–9.45 p.m. Price per evening: adults CHF 8.– € 5.– children CHF 5.– € 3.–</p> <p><i>Sledge rental:</i> CHF 8.– € 5.– + deposit</p> <p><i>Head torch rental:</i> CHF 4.– € 2.50 + deposit</p> <p><i>Sledge & head torch rental:</i> CHF 10.– € 6.50 + deposit</p> <p><i>Dinner:</i> individual booking in the mountain restaurants Furggstalden and Alpina</p> <p>Snowbowling On the natural ice rink with instruction by an expert, including a glass of mulled wine. Day: Wednesday, time: 5.00 p.m., price: CHF 7.– € 4.50 Registration at the Tourist Office up to the evening before</p> <p>Snowtubing by night Tues, 7.00–9.45 p.m. Admission possible with the evening pass-card.</p>	<p>Saas-Balen</p> <p>Sledge party Matt – Saas-Balen Day: Tuesday Time: from 8.00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Sledge and head torch rental:</i> Cableways Saas-Grund/ Sports shops Book at: until 11.00 a.m. Tourist Office Saastal/ Post office Saas-Balen</p> <p>Skiing by night Location: Boden skilift in the village, illuminated piste, Parking area free of charge Day: Thursday Times: from 8.00–10.00p.m. Price adults incl. 1 glass of mulled wine or fruit tea: adults CHF 6.– € 4.– children CHF 4.– € 2.50</p> <p>(ski passes not valid)</p> <p>Snowbowling Tues 8.00–10.00 p.m. CHF 4.– € 2.50 incl. 1 glass of mulled wine. Registration at the Tourist Office up to the evening before</p>
<p>Winter carriage rides Enjoy the atmosphere of winter in a romantic horse-drawn carriage. Further information obtainable at the Tourist Office Saas-Grund, Tel. +41 27 958 66 66.</p>			

Alternatives to winter sport

Allalin 3500 m – ice pavilion

Visit the biggest ice grotto in the world (over 5500 m³).
Direct access to the ice pavilion from the Metro Alpin top station hall at 3500 m above sea level. A world of adventure for adults and children: Nature, Entertainment, Art, Science.

Admission prices: Adults CHF 5.– € 3.–, children CHF 3.– € 2.–
Free of charge when in combination with individual full-price tickets

Opening times: see the timetable of the mountain transport companies Saas-Fee Bergbahnen AG – the Metro Alpin

Saas Museum, Saas-Fee

The Saas Museum is a mine of information about the traditions of Saas-Fee and the Saas Valley. One of the most popular exhibits is Carl Zuckmayer's original studyroom, the German writer who made Saas-Fee his second home.

Opening hours: According to the local notice-board
Prices: Adults CHF 4.– € 2.50 with guest card,
CHF 5.– € 3.– without guest card
Children CHF 2.– € 1.50 with guest card,
CHF 2.50 € 1.60 without guest card.
Groups (from 10 persons) CHF 4.– € 2.50

Bakery Museum, Saas-Fee

Visit the Bakery Museum in Hotel Garni/Bakery Imseng.
Baking in the past and present, a fascinating experience for young and old.
You can copy recipes here!

Opening hours: Daily from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Admission free

Baking for children (with certificate): every Tuesday, 11.00 a.m., CHF 7.– € 5.–
Prior booking welcome: tel. +41 27 958 12 58
Don't forget your camera!

«Feeblitz» Saas-Fee Bob-Sleigh Run

The unique adventure in the pearl of the Alps. Speed down the slopes during summer or winter – great fun for young and old alike. The «Feeblitz» is situated in the «Misch» area, close to the cable car station «Alpin Express». Tel. +41 27 957 31 11 (closed on Mondays).

Admission cost

	Adults with visitor's card	Children with visitor's card
1 Ride	CHF 5.50 € 3.60	CHF 3.70 € 2.60
5 Rides	CHF 26.– € 17.30	CHF 17.– € 11.30
10 Rides	CHF 50.– € 33.30	CHF 33.– € 22.–
	Adults without visitor's card	Children without visitor's card
1 Ride	CHF 6.– € 4.–	CHF 4.60 € 2.80
5 Rides	CHF 28.– € 18.50	CHF 18.50 € 12.50
10 Rides	CHF 55.– € 36.50	CHF 36.– € 24.–

Our weekly programme is available at the tourist offices with all the latest information about events such as wine tasting, village tours, torch-lit walks, etc.





Village atmosphere

Shopping in the Saas Valley

The proprietors and staff of Saas valley's numerous shops will be happy to advise you where to go for your purchases. You will find details and tips on restaurants and shops in our «Gletscher-Post», the newspaper for local residents and guests.

Gastronomy in the Saas Valley

There are 60 restaurants in the village and region of Saas-Fee with a wide choice ranging from simple meals to Valaisan specialities and gourmet menus. Saas-Grund, Saas-Almagell and Saas-Balen also offer a wide choice of restaurants. A satisfying Saas Rösti (Hash browns), a raclette (melted cheese with boiled potatoes), a cheese fondue or a tasty «Zvieriteller» (cold cuts of ham, salami, cheese etc.) are served in all hotels and restaurants.



Markus Neff, chef of the year 2007

Gault-Millau Switzerland, the gastronomic specialists, have elected Markus Neff «chef of the year 2007». He is head cook at the Waldhotel Fletschhorn in Saas-Fee and newcomer in the 18-point league. Markus Neff knows all about the special ingredients: for years he has constantly offered high quality, first-class products in his surprising creations. He has the skill to create the exceptional from simple, but high-quality ingredients. He owes his success to his ambition, his perseverance, his instinctive feeling, care and patience, his talent as a craftsman and of course to his love of detail.

Night life

Rock around the clock! After the day's activities on the piste, why not enjoy a few drinks in the village at one of the many après-ski bars and get into the swing of things for an evening of fun and entertainment. It's party time at the in-venues, cosy bars and pubs, well into the early hours.



Saas-Fee Meetings & Incentives

Since 2006 a new service for MICE organisers has been on offer at the Saas-Fee Tourist Office.

Whether for a seminar, incentive or group trip: contact Saas-Fee Meetings & Incentives, your partner in the business field. We will organise your stay from A to Z. From the hotel, the kind of room needed for the seminar, to an attractive supporting we will put together a programme suited to your individual desires, and which will provide you and your guests with unforgettable moments and the experience of a lifetime in the glacier village.

We are also pleased to organise individual programmes for societies and groups, family excursions, special occasions, class meetings, school excursions. Experiences to treasure and which you will continue to talk about for a very long time ...

Favourable dates for business events:

Mid-June until before Christmas

Month of January

April (after Easter) until the end of the season

(recommended not only at weekends, but also during the week)

Further information obtainable from: www.saas-fee.ch/seminare.

For further information or a detailed offer, please send us an e-mail to: mice@saas-fee.ch



Destinations in our neighbouring regions

Planning an excursion to Zermatt, Grächen or even the neighbouring resorts to the south?

For more details, please contact the tourist offices, PTT travel services and the local coach companies.

Other places of interest are quickly and easily accessible by public transport:

Stockalper Castle, Brig

Visit the Stockalper Castle in Brig, built in the 17th century. It is well worth taking a stroll through the «Burgschaft», as the people of Brig call it. Travel time by car: 50 minutes, by postbus: 1 hour 10 minutes.

Zermatt

... our famous neighbour. After a bus journey and a journey by cogwheel railway, you arrive at the foot of the Matterhorn, the symbol of the Swiss Alps. Travel time by car: approx. 1 hr., by public transport approx. 2.10 hrs.

Excursion with Imseng Travel Agency: Wed–Fri,
Information and booking: Tel. +41 27 957 33 44,

Saas-Fee from 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.,

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Tel. +41 27 957 17 57, Dep. Zermatt from 4.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.
(in case of enough bookings only)

Costs Adults: CHF 40.– € 26.– Adults

Children: CHF 30.– € 20.– Children

Leukerbad

The baths, fed by water from the Leukerbad hot springs are relaxing and invigorating!

Travel time by car: approx. 1.15 hours, by public transport: approx. 2.15 hours.

Lötschental

The «Tschägäättä» and «Herrgott grenadiers» are well known, but comparatively few people are aware of the natural beauty of Lötschental. A visit is well worth while! Travel time to Wiler by car: Approx. 1.10 hours, by public transport approx. 1.20 hours.

Raron/Sion

Visit the grave of the famous German writer and poet Rainer Maria Rilke in Raron and combine the visit with an excursion to our Canton's capital, Sion or Sitten, by its German name. Travelling time to Raron by car:

around 40 min.; by public transport: around 1.15 hours/ Travelling time to

Sion by car: around 1.5 hours; by public transport: around 1.45 hours

Markets in Italy

Domodossola

Market on Saturday

Travel time: approx. 1.45 hrs.–2.15 hrs.

Stresa/Lago Maggiore

Market on Friday

Travel time: approx. 2.20 hrs.–3.45 hrs.



Important addresses and telephone numbers

Emergency services

Fire brigade.....	118	Ambulance.....	144
Police	117	Breakdown service	140

Doctors in the Saas Valley

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Guests of honour

Saas-Fee, Saas-Grund, Saas-Almagell, Saas-Balen

Regular guests will be honoured from 10 years of loyalty.

We would be delighted to welcome you as a guest of honour and thank you for your loyalty some time in the future.

Preview of summer highlights in Saas-Fee/Saas Valley

<i>Mid-June 2009</i>	Procession to the alpine pastures and cow contest on Zermeiggrern	Saas-Almagell
<i>End of June/</i>		
<i>beginning July 2009</i>	Procession to the alpine pastures and cow fighting contest on Triftalp	Saas-Grund
<i>July 2009</i>	International Alpine Music Festival	Saas-Fee
<i>July 2009</i>	6 th «Hohsi» mountain race Kreuzboden	Saas-Grund
<i>July 2009</i>	Saas-Fee-Ride	Saas-Fee
<i>July 2009</i>	Yodelling festival at Kreuzboden	Saas-Grund
<i>July 2009</i>	Festival dei Festival Lugano (Mountain film festival)	Saas-Fee
<i>July 2009</i>	Festival of the Mattmark Music Society	Saas-Almagell
<i>July 2009</i>	Sucking pig festival	Saas-Almagell
<i>1st August 2009</i>	40 th Folklore Procession	Saas-Grund
	«How the early Saas people lived»	
<i>August 2009</i>	Concert series	Saas-Fee
<i>August 2009</i>	Alpine Farmers Festival on Triftalp	Saas-Grund
<i>September 2009</i>	4 th Mile of Pleasure	Saas-Fee

For more information about further events please contact the tourist offices.

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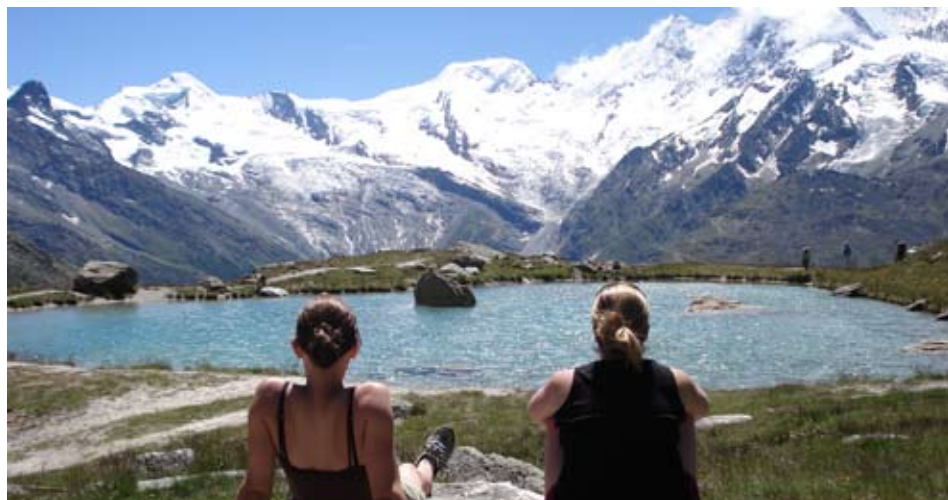
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