

RISK

Exhibition
9 June
– 6 Jan. 2019

Find yourself in the midst of an alpine world marked by natural hazards and risks. In the course of an original and informative tour you will discover how our societies consider hazards and deal with them to avoid catastrophes. You will also encounter professionals entrusted with risk management, and come to question the relationship of our societies to the ecosystem – yesterday, today... and tomorrow.

A joint exhibition of the History and Nature museums within the framework of the RISK project initiated by the heritage section of the Cantonal Cultural Services.

Escape Room in the exhibition: From 2 to 14 players, for ages 10 and up, D/F, please register at the reception.
Private evenings: please register by phone: 027 606 47 077

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Une année pour en parler



Le Pénitencier
Exhibition Centre of the Cantonal Museums
Rue des châteaux 24 – 1950 Sion
Tue. – Sun.: 11:00 – 18:00
(17:00, October – May)
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Memory on Ice: imperilled remains

Exhibition
6 Oct.
– 3 Mar. 2019

Under the effect of global warming, glaciers are bringing to light remains that were trapped in the ice for decades, centuries, and even millennia. A new field – glacial archaeology – collects and studies the remains that have been so well preserved in this natural deep freeze.

The exhibition presents a selection of prehistoric and historic objects that were found on glaciers in the Alps and show what they contribute to our knowledge of the movements of human populations in the course of time and their use of the high mountain areas.



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Extension Moths

The exhibition at the Nature Museum is extended until 19 August 2018.

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Eric Philippoz Le carnotzet

Exhibition until
11 November 2018

The winner of the Manor Cultural Prize Valais 2017, Eric Philippoz, set up his "carnotzet" at the heart of the museum. This type of wine cellar – a folk invention and place for conviviality usually reserved for initiates – was designed from a contemporary angle that combines tradition and gay culture.



Valais Art Museum
Place de la Majorie – 1950 Sion
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Events

21 July
at the Art Museum
PALP festival
Meeting with Eric Philippoz in his carnotzet. Concerts on the museum grounds, 18:00 – 22:00.

1–2 September
at the History Museum

European Heritage Days

The History Museum organises for this occasion some guided tours of the restoration work at the Valera Basilica and a family workshop: "Smugglers without Borders".

1st Sunday of the month

Every first Sunday of the month, the Cantonal Museums offer original activities that allow you to discover their exhibitions and collections free of charge.

10 November

Museum Night

The three museums show themselves in their costumes of light and invite you to an evening full of surprises for young and old.



On school holidays?

Come to the museums if you want to have fun. Exciting experiences are waiting for you!

16 October: **Let's Play with Art**, at the Art Museum, 14:00 – 16:00, 5 – 10 years

23 October: **Top-Chrono** takes place at the exhibition RISK at Le Pénitencier, 14:00 – 16:00, 9 – 13 years

28 December: **Christmas Fantasy** at the History Museum, 14:00 – 16:00, 8 – 12 years

More information at
www.musees-valais.ch

How to find us?



The three Museums, the Valera Basilica and its Treasury, and Le Pénitencier are all located in Sion's old town on the hillside (accessible from May to September with the tourist train *Le P'tit Sédunois*).



For more information:
www.musees-valais.ch
You will also find the Valais Cantonal Museums on Facebook!

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Valais Art Museum

With its focus on the history of landscape, the School of Savièse and contemporary art, the collection of the Valais Art Museum presents itself through an original thematic tour accentuated by certain artists (Ritz, Biéler, Burnat-Provins, Vallet, Duarte, Carron). You can discover works in dialogue with the Sublime in the Alps, the lost paradises of the Belle Epoque, the forces of nature, or the climatic issues of the 21st century. There are also temporary exhibitions at *Le Quatrième* and on *Le Créneau*, and a tour specially made for children, all the while strolling through the medieval castle and its picturesque terraces.

Free guided tours and activities on the first Sunday of the month.

For visitors who are blind or have impaired sight, the Art Museum offers a *Touch & See* option.

Nominated for the European Museum Award 2018



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Looking at landscape

Valais Nature Museum

Man and Nature



The Valais Nature Museum will surprise and enchant you with its original approach. The tour begins in total immersion, as it were, face to face with the animals that live in the forest, true to nature. From one room to the next, the tour deals with the relationship that Man has maintained with his environment from prehistory until the present day. By looking into our increasingly distant relationship to nature, the exhibition ends with the Anthropocene: a new geological era characterised by the impact of human activity on the terrestrial system.

Free tours and activities every first Sunday of the month.

The Nature Museum is temporarily closed for maintenance work and an expansion of the geological collection. You will be able to discover the new room devoted to the Anthropocene when the museum re-opens on 17 July 2018.

Rue des Châteaux 12 — Sion
Tue. — Sun.: 11:00 — 18:00 (17:00, October — May)
Museum closed until 17 July 2018
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Valais History Museum

50,000 years of history

Located at the heart of an internationally famous monument, the Valais History Museum invites you to travel 50,000 years into the past. The tour leads you through the former residences of the Church canons and shows how the canton developed in the course of the centuries. The History Museum also presents unique pieces that document everyday life in the Valais: from bronze ornaments made by the Rhône Culture to medieval liturgical chests and a collection of uniforms worn by Swiss mercenaries. There are playful and interactive tours that permit families to discover and enjoy these treasures.

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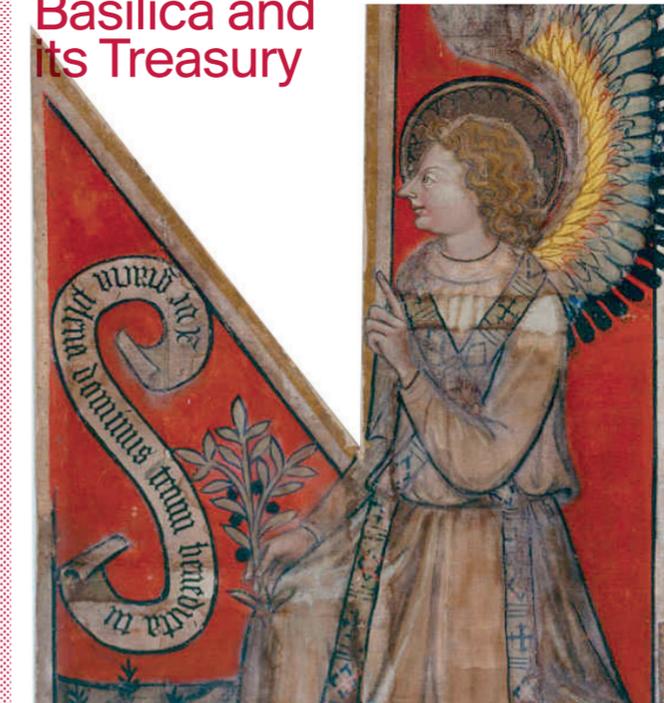
The Steles from Le Petit-Chasseur
These anthropomorphic steles unearthed in Sion are valuable vestiges of Neolithic art and prehistoric culture in the Alps. These treasures are on display at Le Pénitencier during temporary exhibitions.



Château de Valère — Sion
June — September: daily 11:00 — 18:00
October — May: 11:00 — 17:00 (closed Mondays)
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The Valera Basilica and its Treasury

1000 years of prayer



The site of Valera combines an amazing landscape and a long religious heritage. Restoration work is being done in the apse of the Basilica, but the nave is still open to visitors, and you can discover the Treasury in the company of a guide.

Guided tours of the Treasury:
— Monday-Saturday at 10:30, 12:00, 14:00 and 15:30
— Sundays at 12:00, 14:00 and 15:30
— From October to May, closed Mondays

Valera Basilica:
— From June to September: daily, 10:00 — 18:00
— From October to May: Tuesday — Sunday, 10:00 — 17:00

The new presentation in the former Hall of Archives features a large number of rare pieces, such as precious Byzantine textiles, Oriental carpets, medieval chests, and the wonderful carved and painted decoration of the Chapel of Guillaume de Rarogne. The painted wings of the historic organ are exhibited there on a temporary basis. This exceptional heritage bears witness to nearly a thousand years of continuous occupation of the site by the Cathedral Chapter.

Need a snack?
The Valera Cafeteria and its terrace are at your service during the opening hours of the History Museum.