

# AUTHENTIC BRUSON

On the hills high above the Val de Bagnes, Bruson is a charming mountain village with stone and wood chalets, and 400 or so permanent residents. It provides visitors with a calm, authentic Alpine setting. Here, life is closely linked to agriculture and a new local, community-based economy has been developed. The annual Palp Festival - which brings together contemporary music, art and traditions - takes place in Bruson and runs a grocery shop called La Brusonette. Near the beginning of the Bisse des Ravines trail, Eddy Baillifard, the Swiss ambassador for Raclette - or 'Mr Raclette' himself - serves his famous cheese dishes year-round. And to top it all off, marked paths and enduro trails criss-cross the surrounding area much to the delight of walkers and mountain bikers.

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## Don't miss IN DREAMS EXHIBITION - PALP FESTIVAL

With a theme of In Dreams (or Dans les Rêves), the PALP Festival summer art exhibition takes place throughout the village of Bruson from 12 June to 5 September 2021. This large-scale exhibition showcases 100 illustrations representing the dreams of Bruson's villagers, created with the collaboration of Swiss, French and Belgian artists (draughtsmen, illustrators, graphic designers, tattoo artists, architects, etc.). This artistic and human project subtly highlights the issues and realities of contemporary life in an Alpine village.

[www.palpfestival.ch/en/evenements/inthedreams](http://www.palpfestival.ch/en/evenements/inthedreams)



## Walking suggestion BISSE DES RAVINES

In full flow from mid-May to mid-October, the Bisse des Ravines trail takes walkers high above the village of Bruson through flower-filled meadows and larch forests. Typical features of the Valais mountain landscape, bisses are ancient irrigation channels that carried water from glaciers and Alpine springs to the lowlands. The paths that run alongside these mute witnesses to our recent past are now pleasant walks. A fairly easy loop, this 2-hour family trail starts in Bruson at an altitude of around 1,000 m. After an initial climb to warm up the limbs, the route follows a gentle slope along the bisse, which flows alternately through metal or wooden structures or along the ground. At 1,300 m, where the bisse starts to take in water, a pretty waterfall gushes down under the gaze of a wood-carved wolf.

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## Spotlight CHARLOTTE, A MARMOT LIKE NO OTHER!

Dotted across five trails in different parts of the Valais, Charlotte the marmot introduces the younger generation (children aged 6 to 12) to the unique features of the Alpine landscape and heritage. Kids are invited to look at their surroundings in a different way and to understand scientific issues based on their own ideas and experiences. From the La Côt car park in Les Mayens de Bruson, Charlotte takes families with their questionnaires on the Chemin de la Mine trail, helping them explore this new route which leads to the entrance of an old lead mine.

Ten checkpoints are spread over a 2-km route (4-km round trip). Leaflets are available at the start of the trail and the answers can be found at the Raclett'House



## Local culture THE ART OF RACLETTE WITH EDDY BAILLIFARD

Legend has it that on a cold day, a shepherd put their cheese a little too close to the fire. They ate the melted cheese anyway, and were hooked. Raclette was born! The method has since been developed and perfected to the point where it has become an art that maestro Eddy Baillifard teaches. Once the theory is out of the way - the origins of raclette, the tools used and techniques needed to scrape well - it is time to put into practice all the valuable advice Eddy offers. A short sharp flick with the back of the knife, and that's it! Once the move has been mastered, the long-awaited moment comes: eating! Full and satisfied, it's time to head home with pride, having added a new string to your bow with a scraper's certificate to prove it.

**Dates:** 15, 22 and 29 July, 19 and 26 August, 2 September and 28 October from 9 am-1 pm

**Prices:** Free for VIP Pass holders / or Adult / Child: CHF 80

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## Accommodation CABANE DE MILLE

On the hills high above the commune of Liddes at 2,473 m, the caretakers of Cabane de Mille mountain hut - Natacha and Lucien Darbellay - pamper hikers who are passing through. With 59 beds divided into 7 dorms, comfortable bathrooms, a bright dining room and a terrace facing the Combins and Vélán massifs, walkers enjoy a comfortable break in this refuge, which is energy self-sufficient. And to refuel, a menu of revitalising dishes and a selection of excellent Valaisan wines are on offer.

**Dates:** Open 19 June to mid-September

**Rates:** half board adult: CHF 68 / child 11-15 years: CHF 44

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