

CULTURAL LE CHÂBLE

Sitting at a crossroads, Le Châble is a peaceful haven where you can enjoy life at a traditional pace. The capital of the Bagnes commune, Le Châble is linked to Verbier and Bruson by gondolas, which depart from next to the train station. Traditional customs play an important part in the hearts of locals, who keep them alive through a number of popular festivals, including «Bagnes, capital of raclette», the flagship event for the region. It's held every year at the contemporary Espace Saint-Marc event centre, which also has an outdoor playground and an urban sports area with a skate park, pump track and dirt jumps.

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Don't miss BAGNES MUSEUM & ITS LATEST EXHIBITION «DRÔLES DE RIRES» (FUNNY LAUGHTER)

As custodian of Alpine heritage for the world, the Musée de Bagnes offers a varied programme. Throughout the year, its temporary exhibitions present the work of regional artists, explore themes specific to the Alpine region or feature contemporary works. Until September 12, 2021, the exhibition «Drôles de rires» - or Funny Laughter - brightens up the walls of the old parish church. Commonly associated with fun and happiness, laughter turns out to be mystifying and puzzling when you think about it. Far from being triggered only by humour and jokes, it creeps in everywhere without warning. Beyond the mouth movements, muffled sniggers and noisy outbursts, the exhibition explores laughter in the context of the mountains where, in all seriousness, it affects the relationships, conversations and habits that give meaning to the territory.

www.museedebagnes.ch

Walking suggestion TOUR DES VILLAGES

As the name suggests, this picturesque, fairly easy, 21-km route passes through the valley villages and allows time for several breaks to explore. Admire the landscape from the Vernays chapel; visit the saw and mill, and have a quick drink in the ruelle des Fontaines in Sarreyer; check out the Bisse des Ravines lined with impressive sculptures and stop on its terrace to enjoy a picnic break with Verbier as a backdrop; Lourtier; Champsec; and finally end the loop on a tasty note in Bruson by visiting the Brusonette grocery shop to stock up on all the essential local products.

Restaurants along the route include: Le Café du Mont-Fort in Sarreyer, La Raclett'house chez Eddy or Le Carrefour (for speciality burgers) in Bruson, as well as various restaurants in Le Châble

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Spotlight FIRST TRACK LAB

Capable of producing prototype skis and snowboards in just a few hours, First Track Lab's research and development team brings innovation to board sports for all the brands it works with. Curious visitors from the age of 7 up can go behind the scenes of the manufacturing process by visiting the workshop. During this one-hour tour, Thibaut reveals the processes and secrets of our winter playthings.

Dates: Every Friday from 2 July to 24 September from 4–5 pm

Prices: Free for VIP Pass holders / or Adult / Child: CHF 20

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Local culture ANCIENNE DEMEURE

Under the guidance of André Fellay, head of the collection and caretaker of the Ancienne Demeure, visitors are taken back in time to discover the domestic environment of a 19th-century Alpine peasant family. The tour takes you into a three-storey family home with modest wood-clad rooms and a fire-blackened kitchen. From one room to the next, through low doorways and up the narrow stairs, this forgotten daily life is revealed through the objects on display: a rack for rye bread, a loom, a shoemaker's chair, an interesting drawer-bed, traditional hats, and more.

Dates: Every Friday in July and August from 2–6 pm. On other days and during the rest of the year, visits on demand

Prices: Free for VIP Pass holders / or Adult: CHF 5 / Free until 18 y.o

www.museedebagnes.ch/les-maisons-sauvages-du-val-de-bagnes/ancienne-demeure



Accommodation HOTEL A LARZE

This small family hotel clad in larch wood, a 5-minute walk from Le Châble train station, provides an at-home feeling but with the added bonus of service. In a simple, welcoming atmosphere, the 10 comfy, double rooms share a reading room with fireplace and cosy TV corner. On the ground floor, feast on a hearty breakfast in the bright dining room or out on the terrace, with your feet on the grass. On the wellness side, the sanarium provides a well-deserved break after a good day of hiking

Rates: from CHF 140–180 per night, including breakfast

www.alarze.ch