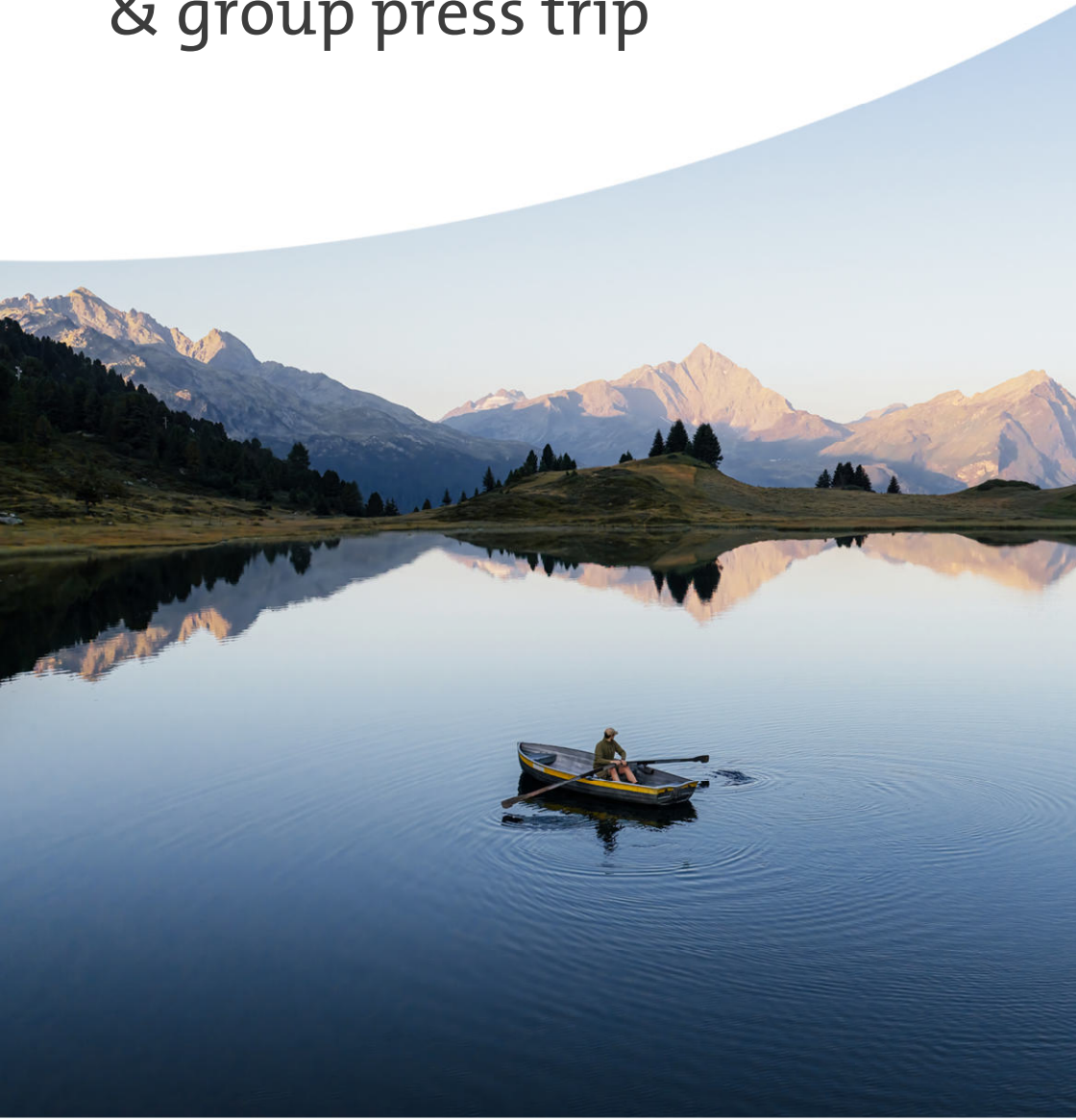


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# News, research ideas & group press trip





The pass village of Mulegns with the "Tor Alva," the world's tallest 3D-printed building © Hanne's Heinzer

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# New experiences & offers

## Senda Sursilvana Alpina

📍 Surselva

The Senda Sursilvana Alpina is a new, seven-day, long-distance hike from Disentis to Flims. It heads along challenging mountain trails (T3 to T4) and is aimed at experienced, sure-footed and well-trained hikers. You will be rewarded with unique views of Oberalpstock, Tödi and Tschingelhörner, alpine glacier landscapes, flower-filled meadows and tranquil high valleys. Overnight stays are in mountain huts.

<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/send-alpina>



## Säumerweg Avers

📍 Viamala & Val Bregaglia

The new long-distance hike follows old mule tracks from Thusis through the high Avers Valley, over an alpine pass to Soglio, and on to Chiavenna in Italy. The hike takes five days. Along the way, hikers can look forward to many highlights, including the Viamala and Roffla Gorges, the untamed Val Ferrera, the Brentan chestnut forest, and the Piuro waterfalls. Overnight accommodation is in hotels and mountain inns. Luggage is transported from hotel to hotel for hikers.

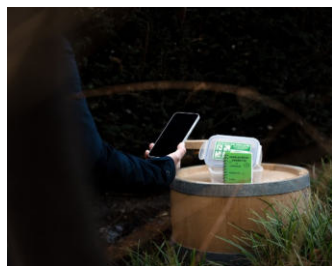
<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/säumerweg-avers> (in German)



## First geocaching tour in Graubünden

📍 Graubünden

Geocaching is a modern form of treasure hunt in which you search for hidden containers – so-called caches – using GPS data. On GeoTours, you don't just search for one cache, but several in succession, and thus discover a whole region. From this summer, the first GeoTour in German-speak-



ing Switzerland will be available in Graubünden. It consists of 14 unusual caches – one is hidden in a bear statue, for example – along the Alpine Circle. You need at least three days for the entire tour. All caches are accessible by public transport.

<https://graubuenden.ch/geocaching>

## Best Tourism Village by UN Tourism

📍 Valendas

From a village with its windows boarded up to a place full of life: Valendas in the Beverin Nature Park received the “Best Tourism Village 2025” award from the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

Thanks to a lot of hard work, skill and foresight, Valendas is now a lively village again. The development of the village's history can be seen and experienced during guided village tours and an exhibition that is open to the public all year round.

<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/un-tourism-villages>

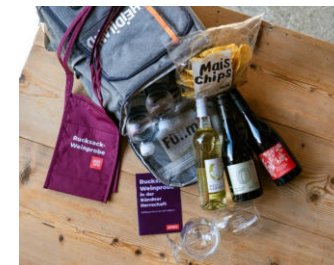


## Backpack wine tasting

📍 Bündner Herrschaft

During the backpack wine-tasting tour, you will hike through the vineyards of Bündner Herrschaft and taste three exquisite wines and snacks from the region along the way. In addition to the wines, the backpack contains glasses and snacks. It can be purchased in Maienfeld. Thanks to its mild climate and lime-rich soil, Bündner Herrschaft is considered a first-class wine-growing region. In the recent past, winegrowers from the region have won the Pinot Noir world championship title several times.

<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/backpack-wine-tasting>

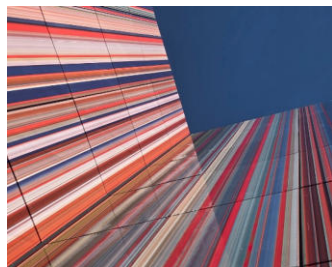


## Strip Tower in Engadin

📍 Sils i. E.

The monumental work "Strip Tower" by German artist Gerhard Richter has been on display in Sils since this January. According to the artist, there is no more suitable place to present this work of art, as the location is particularly close to his heart. In the sculpture, digitally processed horizontal strips are transformed into eight vertical panels covered with glazed, coloured ceramic tiles. Over five metres high, the panels intersect to form a cross-shaped interior. Strip Tower was first presented at Art Basel 2023 and was on display in Kensington Gardens in London in 2025.

<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/gerhard-richter>



## Art in hotel gardens

📍 Davos & Soglio

From April 2026, the "Art Garten Hotels" will be staged in 21 hotels with gardens throughout Switzerland. Artists will showcase their works in dialogue with the location, landscape and hotel. In Graubünden, Renata Schalcher is presenting an installation with six works at Palazzo Salis. On Schatzalp, works with precise, scaled-down forms by Max Roth and the large sculpture "Der Zeitungsleser" (newspaper reader) by Kurt Laurenz Metzler (1941–2024) will be on display. In collaboration with the artist duo PiaLeto, a large light sculpture is also to be created on Schatzalp. Volunteers and guests will be involved in the construction process.

<https://art.gartenhotels.ch> (in German)



## Kunstwege (Art trails)

📍 Pontresina

Pontresina will once again be transformed into an open-air gallery in summer 2026. Under the exhibition title "espace public space", nine renowned artists – including Guido Baselgia and Jules Spinatsch – will be using and enriching the public spaces, surfaces, objects, façades, roofs, niches,



squares, gardens and the sky above, of the main street Via Maistra with 15 works.

<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/kunstwege> (in German)

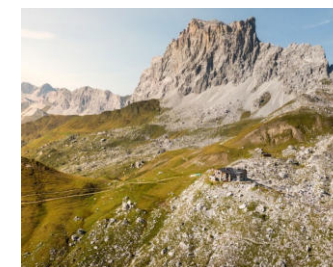
## New & renovated accommodation

### Carschina hut SAC

📍 Prättigau

The long-distance hike "Prättigauer Höhenweg" leads from Klosters through Rätikon to Bündner Herrschaft in four stages. A highlight of the hike is the overnight stay in the Carschina hut. It is perched high on a mountain crossing below the striking Sulzfluh. This summer, the hut will reopen after extensive renovation work. The aim of the renovation was to adapt the accommodation to modern comfort and environmental standards – without changing its characteristic charm, reflective of its construction in 1968.

<https://www.carschina.ch> (in German)

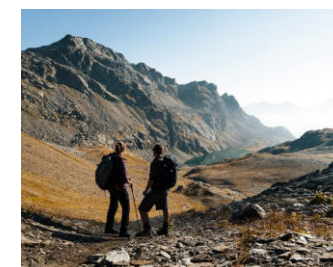


### Farmer's mountain hut Aclas Dafora

📍 Parc Ela

Since 2023, visitors have been able to explore Switzerland's largest nature park on foot on the Parc Ela Trek. The tour takes you far from civilisation – mostly at over 2,000 metres above sea level. To make this experience possible, new accommodation has been created in several places, and further accommodation will be added in the summer: In Aclas Daforain a hamlet of farmer's mountain huts, hikers will be able to spend the night in an unattended mountain hut with 16 beds. For meals, guests will find home-made dishes that they only need to heat up. The new accommodation extends the long-distance hike to 18 stages.

<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/acla-dafora> (in German)



## Pods at Gasslihof

📍 Thalkirch

Farmer Marco Waldburger has transformed a historic Walser farmhouse into a cosy inn at the very back of the Safiental valley. The old wooden beams in the nine lovingly furnished rooms create a rustic ambience. You can now also spend the night in glamping pods, known as ibex huts. In the restaurant, guests are spoilt with dishes featuring local produce from the farm.

<https://www.gasslihof.ch> (in German)



Juf – at 2,126 metres above sea level, the highest year-round inhabited settlement in Europe © Thalia Wünsche

# Anniversaries

## Hotel Belvedere Scuol

 150 years

The four-star superior Hotel Belvedere in the centre of Scuol is a town landmark with a rich history. Built in 1876, at the height of Scuol's spa tourism boom, it has been expanded several times over the years. In 1999, the current owners, Julia and Kurt Baumgartner, bought the hotel, renovated it piece by piece, and constructed a direct connection to the Bogn Engiadina spa. The Baumgartners are committed to forward-thinking tourism. Their "Belvedere Hotel Familie", which includes the GuardaVal and Belvair hotels, has been awarded the "Swisstainable Level III – Leading" label.

<https://www.belvedere-hotelfamilie.ch>



## Alberto Giacometti

 125 years

This year, Alberto Giacometti, one of Switzerland's most important artists, would have celebrated his 125<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was born and grew up in Val Bregaglia in the south of Graubünden. Although he emigrated to Paris as a young man, he always remained close to his homeland. Today, visitors can tour his studio in Stampa, visit his grave in the San Giorgio cemetery and follow in the footsteps of the artist and his family on the Sentiero Giacometti between Stampa and Borgonovo.

<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/alberto>



## viaSpluga

 25 years

The muleteers used to bring salt and wine over the Alpine passes, today long-distance hikers follow in their footsteps on the viaSpluga. This cultural and historical trail can be completed in four stages, taking you from Thusis to Chiavenna in Italy. Highlights of the long-distance hike include the Traversiner suspension bridge, the Viamala and Roffla Gorges, the Church of St Martin in Zillis, the village Splügen and the Splügen Pass.

<https://en.viamala.ch/viaspluga>



## Nationalpark Bike-Marathon

 25 years

On 29<sup>th</sup> August, around 1,500 mountain bikers will meet up for a tour around the Swiss National Park in Engadin. The National Park Bike Marathon combines single trails and forest and alpine paths to create an experience that goes far beyond a sporting competition. With a distance of 141 kilometres and 3,848 metres of elevation gain, the route is nevertheless a tough one. For those for whom this is too challenging, there are shorter variants.

<https://www.bike-marathon.com/en>



## Grand Train Tour of Switzerland

 10 years

The Grand Train Tour of Switzerland celebrates its tenth anniversary in 2026. It combines the most beautiful panoramic routes into a unique 1,280-kilometre route that can be divided into eight stages. In Graubünden, the Glacier Express from Zermatt over the Oberalp Pass and the Albula Pass to St. Moritz and the Bernina Express from Chur over the Bernina Pass to Tirano in Italy are part of the Grand Train Tour.

<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/grand-train-tour>



## Mountain lake instead of sea

Who needs the sea when Graubünden, with its 1038 lakes and large rivers, also offers countless opportunities for swimming and water sports? These are the best activities on and in the water in Switzerland's largest canton.

### Kitesurfing and windsurfing

📍 Lake Silvaplana

The surfing mecca of Switzerland is in Engadin. The reason: the Maloja wind. It blows with great reliability every afternoon and attracts kitesurfers and windsurfers to Lake Silvaplana. The Swiss Kitesurf kitesurfing school is located on its shores. It has been offering courses for beginners who want to learn the trendy sport for 25 years. In winter, you can also go snowkiting on the frozen Lake Silvaplana – with skis or a snowboard on your feet.

<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/surfing>



### Canyoning

📍 Viamala

Before your adventure in the water begins, you descend 321 steps into the impressive Viamala Gorge. The Canyoning is technically easy in this location – no abseiling – but the scenery is spectacular. Swim and slide in and along the river Hinterrhein through the most impressive gorge in Graubünden. To the left and right, rock faces up to 300 metres high tower towards the sky. After around two hours, you get out of the water in Rongellen and warm up with a hot drink at the Alte Post inn.

<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/canyoning-en>



## River rafting and kayaking

📍 Rhine Gorge

The Rhine Gorge is one of the most beautiful paddling areas in Switzerland – whether for river rafting or kayaking. From the easy to moderately difficult whitewater of the river Vorderrhein, you have time and space to admire the unspoiled nature and the white cliffs of the Swiss Grand Canyon. The experience is at its most exciting in late spring, when the river is at its fullest due to the melting snow.

<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/rafting-kayaking>



## Stand-up paddleboarding

📍 Graubünden

Stand-up paddleboarding is easy. All it takes is a little balance and some strength in your shoulders and arms – and you're gliding across the water. In Graubünden, you can do this with an impressive mountain view. Stand-up paddleboarding is particularly beautiful on these lakes: Heidsee, Crestasee, St. Moritzersee and Lake Davos. All equipment can be hired on site.

<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/paddleboarding>



## Wakeboarding

📍 Lake Davos

Wakeboarding on Lake Davos first started as a crowdfunding project. Today, it is one of the most modern facilities in Switzerland and is equipped with obstacles for beginners and advanced wakeboarders. As part of the Davos Klosters destination guest programme, you can try out the water sport for 15 Swiss Francs (incl. equipment rental). The wakeboarding season runs from mid-June to the beginning of September.

<https://graubuenden-erleben.ch/wakeboarding>



## Sleep with the cows

Many farms in Graubünden offer tourist accommodation, ranging from sleeping in the straw to special holiday apartments and glamping. We have selected five of the most beautiful agritourism accommodation options for you.

### Sleeping on the alp

📍 Alp d'Err

If you want to experience the hustle and bustle of an alp up close, spend the night on Alp d'Err at 2,179 metres above sea level. In summer, over 100 cows graze on the alp. Their milk is used to make alpine cheese, cream, butter and yoghurt at the alpine dairy. There are two rooms with eight beds each for overnight guests. Raclette with cheese from the alp is available for dinner on request. Alp d'Err is an overnight stop on the Parc Ela Trek.

<https://alp-derr.ch> (in German)



### Sleeping on straw

📍 Maienfeld

Would you like to spend the night as cosy as Heidi in her grandfather's hut? This is possible in a straw bed at Hof Just. The farm, with dairy cows, cattle, calves, chickens, goats and cats, is less than ten minutes away from Heididorf, the adventure world centred around the character in the novel. A three-hour hike (there and back) takes you to Heidialp and a mountain hut with a garden terrace serving food.

<https://hofjust.ch> (in German)



### Sleeping in a yurt

📍 St. Antönien

Guests can experience a touch of Mongolia at Stapfa farm, where the Engel family rents out a yurt during the summer months, from June to October with space for up to four adults and one child. The yurt is furnished with a double bed, two single beds, a table and seating. A stove provides warmth on cold nights. In the morning, guests are served a breakfast basket with farm produce.

<https://www.agrotourismus-stapfa.ch> (in German)



### Sleeping in a farmer's mountain hut

📍 Siat

The Arca da Siat is an organic farm with Scottish Highland cattle, sheep, geese, chickens and bees. Above the village lies their rustic and romantic farmer's mountain hut dating from 1909. Guests have to fetch water from the well next to the accommodation and chop their own wood, and there is no electricity. Instead, there is plenty of peace and quiet, a wonderful mountain view and, in autumn, the company of Highland cattle grazing around the hut.

<https://www.arcasiat.ch> (in German)



### Sleeping in an old barn

📍 Braggio

The Berta family's agritourism business is located in Braggio, the highest village in the Calanca Valley, which can only be reached on foot or by cable car. Four holiday accommodation options are available for rent, two of which are in converted barns. Braggio is the ideal starting point for hikes and bike tours in the wild landscape of the Parco Val Calanca.

<https://agriturismoraisc.ch> (in German)



## From the National Park to Alpine Traditions

📅 Group media trip from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Unspoilt nature, idyllic mountain villages, diverse culture and vibrant traditions – on this group media trip we explore the various facets that characterise the Lower Engadin Valley.

After a restful night in Zernez, we spend the first day in the Swiss National Park. At the visitor centre and on a hike, a ranger explains what makes this nature reserve unique. In the afternoon we travel on to Scuol and visit the Bacharia Hatecke, which produces Bündnerfleisch and Salsiz (cured meat specialties). During a guided tour, the master butcher explains his craft. He also talks about what responsible meat consumption means.



The second day is dedicated to culture. In the morning we attend a sgraffito workshop. Sgraffito is a scratching technique used to embellish house façades in Engadin. The meaning of the various motifs will be explained to you, and you will find out for yourself how quickly you have to work before the plaster hardens. In the afternoon, we take a guided tour through Scuol on the trail of spa tourism and mineral water.



The third day starts early. At dawn, we drive up to the alp where the goats are decorated for their return to the valley. Back in Ardez, breakfast and a walk through the picturesque village await us before we meet the farmers and animals again as their procession passes through the narrow streets of the village. The afternoon is free for you to explore on your own or to feel the beneficial effects of the mineral water on

your own body in the Bogn Engiadina spa.

### Programme highlights

- Visit to the goat procession as they descend from the mountain
- Try making your own sgraffito
- Hike in the Swiss National Park with a ranger

If you are interested in participating, please contact us.



Ardez, a typical Engadine village © Andrea Badrutt

## Graubünden's new tower landscape

💡 Research idea

Towers have always been an important landmark for travellers: church spires as a sign of faith above village centres, fortified towers and castle towers as signs of power and wealth along old north-south routes. The tower is man's oldest gesture towards the landscape: an exclamation mark in stone.



This gesture is currently making a comeback in Graubünden – however the driving force is not necessity, but curiosity. Contemporary towers are no longer used for control, but for contemplation.

The poetic start was made by the artist Not Vital with his “House to Watch the Sunset” at Tarasp Castle. It stands in space like a walk-in sketch: pared down and quiet – archaic in form, contemporary in

expression. As you climb the building, your gaze not only widens, but also becomes more alert.

A special tower stands on the Bernina Pass: the Camera Obscura by Guido Baselgia. The tower functions as an archaic camera. Through a small opening, the mountain panorama falls as a living image into the dark interior – landscape becomes projection, view becomes insight.



The latest tower in Graubünden, Strip Tower by Gerhard Richter in Sils, is a walk-in installation and becomes an interface between art and landscape.



The Nova Fundaziun Origen translates the tower motif into something dramatic. “Tor Alva”, the White Tower of Mulegns, is not only the world's tallest 3D-printed building, but also a stage – a vertical cultural space that dares to be contemporary and quotes the history and tradition of emigrating confectioners.

The result is a new tower landscape in Graubünden: historical witnesses alongside contemporary interventions. For travellers, this opens up a surprisingly up-to-date approach to the vertical – as a place to think, a school of thought and an invitation to change perspectives.

## The last village on the Julier Pass

💡 Research idea

High up near the Julier Pass at almost 1,800 metres above sea level, a place with its own rhythm and unexpected density unfolds. In Bivio, where paths have crossed for centuries, history and new ideas meet – and create a vibe that has an impact far beyond the village boundaries.



As the only historically trilingual municipality in Switzerland, Bivio still thrives on cultural exchange to this day. Roman legionaries, monks and pass travellers left their mark on the town, as did the later emergence of tourism. Traces of this are still visible: in the churches, the pass routes, in the village – and also in current archaeological finds at the foot of the Julier Pass.

At the same time, Bivio has remained surprisingly vibrant. In a village with fewer than 200 inhabitants, several established hospitality businesses exist side by side: the traditional eighth-generation Hotel Post, the family-run Hotel Solaria, Hotel Guidon, now run by the snow sports school, and Hotel Grischuna with its new wellness area. They all symbolise a village that is constantly reinventing itself without losing its roots.



Pioneers, free spirits and adventurers meet in Bivio. New projects are constantly finding their way into the village: a spontaneous idea gave rise to the highest coffee roastery in Europe with year-round jobs, and likewise the trendy Bivio Openair, which attracts many young people from all over Switzerland with its sustainable vibe.

Bivio is surrounded by an impressive mountain landscape: hikes lead over Kanonensattel to Alp Natons or up the historic Septimer Pass – paths that have been travelled for centuries and still open up fresh perspectives today.

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