

Grimentz-St-Luc, Switzerland



Essential Facts

- Two attractive traditional villages set in the lovely valley of Val d'Anniviers
- High altitude at 1600m with snow sure skiing up to 2900m
- Easy access to all the ski resorts in the Val d'Anniviers with over 220km pistes
- Charming dual season resorts
- With over 200km of hiking paths and mountain bike trails
- Just over 2 hours from Geneva, and 45 minutes from Sion





Resort information

Grimentz is a picture perfect Swiss village in the Val d'Anniviers, set at an altitude of 1600m with skiing up to 2900m, accessed directly from the village. This little known gem is a chocolate box village dating back to the 15th century.

The centre of the old village is traffic free and has a good choice of restaurants, a couple of hotels and cosy bars. The old barns, dark wooden chalets and narrow lanes give these villages a unique atmosphere. The ski area has some excellent off-piste and is gloriously uncrowded.

St-Luc, only 20 minutes away by car, shares the same charm as the other beautiful unspoilt villages in the valley which retain the character of the classic Swiss Alps. Several cosy mountain restaurants provide great panoramic views of the valley, while the St Luc-Chandolin ski area is enough to keep beginners and intermediates busy. Other ski areas in the valley are easily accessed for experts looking for a challenge.

Getting there

Val d'Anniviers is easily reached by car or public transport with connections to several airports via the Swiss motorways, rail and Post Bus networks. It's just over 2 hours drive from Geneva, and during the ski season, Flybe operate a service to Bern from where the transfer takes 1 hour 45 minutes by car through the Lotschberg rail tunnel.

SwissAir is trialling flights out to Sion Airport during February this season, which will cut the transfer below an hour.





Winter

At 1600m and with snow sure skiing up to 2900m Grimentz offers over 220km of pistes in this spectacular valley with no crowds and few queues. There are two ski schools, a good roped off beginner area at Bendolla and plenty of blue and red runs for intermediate skiers. For experts there is a challenging black which drops 1300m from the top of the mountain almost to the village.

As the Where to Ski and Snowboard annual guide highlights "Grimentz has richly deserved reputation for its extensive off piste". Skiers of most ability levels can explore the huge Roc d'Orzival bowl, before skiing out through a forest.

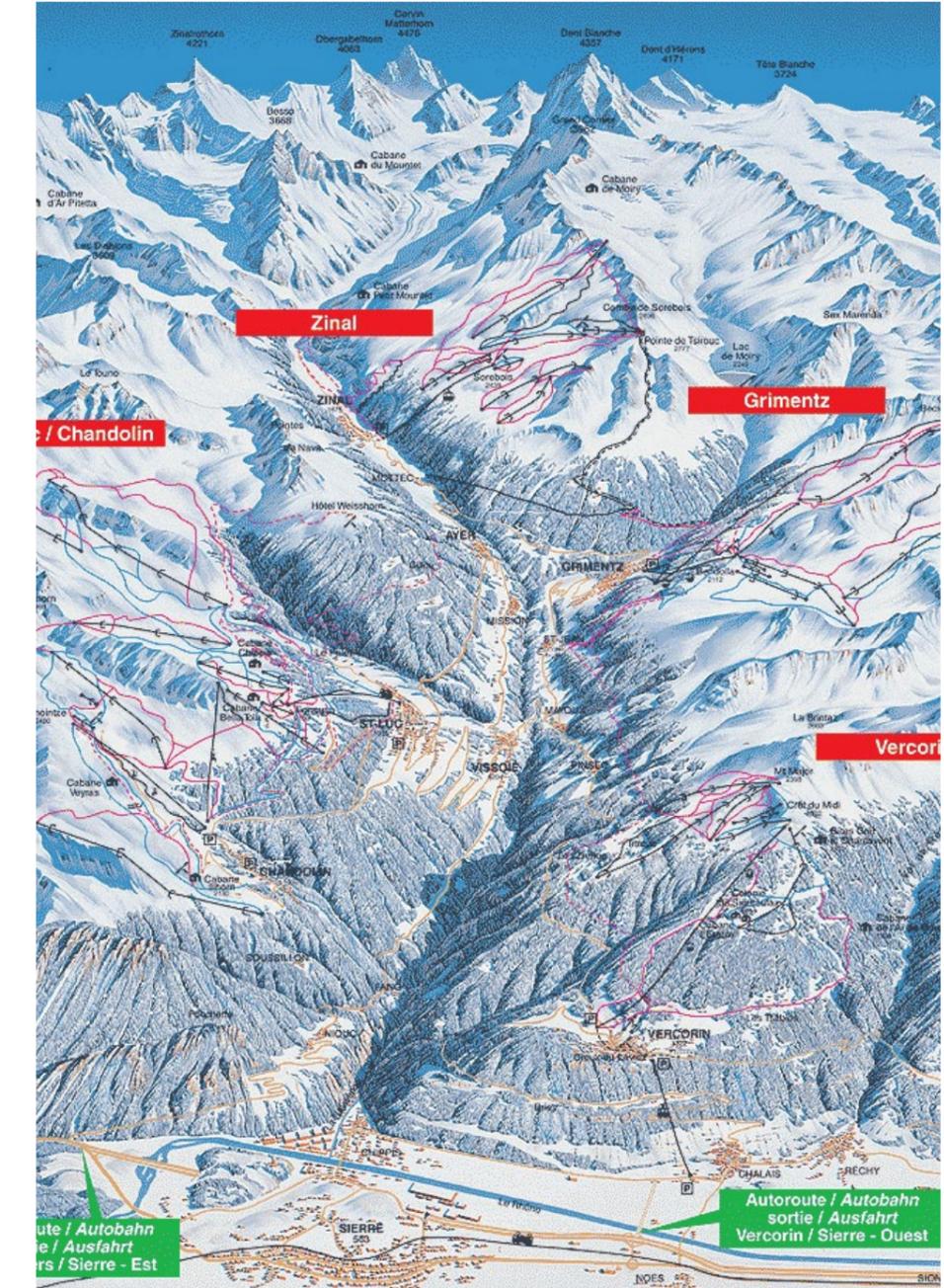
The St-Luc ski area is shared with neighbouring village Chandolin; it's a 65km network of pistes with a terrain park, accessible by 11 ski lifts and a funicular railway that leaves from the edge of town. The east-facing slopes are the sunniest in the Val d'Anniviers area, and are mainly gentle with some testing reds.



The largest ski area in the world

The Valais ski pass gives you access to the largest ski area in the world available on one ski pass, with the option of skiing in a different resort every day as the slopes of Verbier, Crans Montana, and Zermatt are all within easy reach.

Grimentz offers a fantastic variety of activities. In the centre of the village there is a children's bobsleigh slope and an ice-skating rink, with a further 12km of tobogganing runs for more adventurous visitors. The bowl-shaped Roc d'Orzival attracts backcountry skiers each year to carve hundreds of turns before descending into widely spaced trees.





Summer

The Val d'Annivers is traditional Switzerland in summer; the old chalets are adorned with red geraniums and the quaint old Valais hay barns are everywhere. There are charming restaurants and cafes in the old villages as well as some fabulous hotels.

Sign-posted trails lead walkers and mountain bikers between lakes, with a spectacular Alpine backdrop. One of the most dramatic is the Planets trail which starts at the astronomic observatory and is marked out with sculptures of the planets.

Activities in the area include paragliding, archery, fishing, swimming, football, and tennis. At the Maxi Fun Sport & Adventure Park you can try bungee jumping, trampoline, climbing wall, swings and suspension bridges, ensuring even the most adventurous visitor can find something new to try.





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