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From Zermatt and the Matterhorn, the panoramic tour leads Over 291 bridges and through 91 tunnels across the Swiss Alps to St. Moritz. The Glacier Express winds its way through remote valleys, past rugged cliffs, idyllic mountain villages, over the Landwasser Viaduct, and through the Rhine Gorge, the Grand Canyon of Switzerland.

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The Glacier Express in Times Square
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The world-famous panoramic train Glacier Express in one of the most visited places in the world – Times Square in New York.

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Excellence Class:
In about 8 hours from
Zermatt to St. Moritz.

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Correct tuning – what to look out for

Last year, the State Council decided to introduce the personal self-adhesive label system.

In each ballot, voters voting by mail must affix one of their personalized labels and their signature to their return form. Failure to do so will invalidate their vote.

Many invalid ballots

The review of ballot papers since the implementation of this new regulation has shown that the number of invalid ballot papers has increased significantly. This is partly due to the lack of personal self-adhesive labels and partly due to the lack of a personal signature.

Valid ballot

In order for the postal vote to be valid, the following must be met:

- The self-adhesive label must be affixed in the designated field on the return form
- the return form must also be signed

Obtaining personalized labels

Every voter received a sheet of personalized self-adhesive labels by mail from the municipality of Zermatt last year. Lost labels can be obtained free of charge from the Resident Services Department/Registry upon written request.



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Filing of 2021 tax returns

Changes to the 2021 tax period and tax payments in installments in 2022

And soon it will be in the mail again: the 2021 tax return.

In this article, you'll learn about the most important changes, how to claim professional expenses while working from home, and how rental income from vacation homes must be declared.

Filing your 2021 tax return

The 2021 tax returns of residents and second home owners may no longer be sent or submitted to the municipality of Zermatt by taxpayers or their tax representatives.

Tax returns not submitted electronically must be submitted exclusively to the following address:
Cantonal Tax Administration, Bahnhofstrasse 35, 1951 Sion

Electronically submitted tax returns can be submitted unchanged via the tax software VSTax.

Home office tax period 2021 Extraordinary home office and short-time work in connection with Covid-19

For the 2021 tax period, employees who worked remotely and/or were on short-time work during the year and occasionally traveled to their usual place of work can only claim the travel and meal expenses actually incurred . The employee must indicate the number of days of teleworking in the designated section of Appendix 5 of their tax return . This means that car travel expenses, the costs of meals spent away from home, and weekly stays away from home are reduced.

The tax deduction for the use of bicycles/scooters (CHF 700 per year) will not be reduced.

When traveling by public transport, general and Route subscriptions are accepted in full upon presentation of the receipts ; otherwise, the actual costs will be covered.

Compensation

Flat-rate compensation paid by the employer for the use of a home office must be listed under item 3 in the pay slip with the note "Flat-rate compensation for teleworking".

If the actual costs are reimbursed in accordance with Article 327 of the Swiss Code of Obligations, these must be recorded in the salary statement under section 13.1.2, with the note "Compensation for teleworking."

Most important changes in the 2021 tax period

Residents with a B residence permit who were already taxed retroactively in previous tax years will be assessed using the same method for subsequent years. They are required to fully complete and sign their tax return for the 2021 tax year, along with all supporting documents and evidence, by March 31, 2022.

All other cases involving residents with a B residence permit will receive an "Application for Subsequent Regular Assessment" (NOV) form, which can/must also be submitted by March 31, 2022. No extension is possible in this case.

If criteria 1 and 2 below are met, the completed form must be returned to the cantonal tax administration ; for criterion 3, the taxpayer can make the decision themselves: 1) The person with a B residence permit is resident in Switzerland and has other income or assets not subject to withholding tax .

2) The person with a residence permit B has an income from employment of at least CHF 120,000 gross.



3) The person with a residence permit B is resident in Switzerland and wishes to be subsequently taxed in accordance with the regular tax regulations.

If the form is submitted on time and completed in full, a 2021 tax return will be issued, which must be submitted in full with the relevant supporting documents. A subsequent 2021 assessment will then be prepared, crediting the withholding tax amounts paid.

Once submitted, an application for a NOV cannot be withdrawn . A NOV therefore becomes mandatory for subsequent tax years.

Bridging pensions for older unemployed people **are now tax-free** under the federal law of June 19, 2020.

This law aims to improve the social security of older people who have reached the end of their unemployment benefits , complementing the federal government's measures to promote the employment of older workers. People aged 60 and over who have exhausted their benefits are entitled to bridging benefits to cover their basic needs.

Furthermore,
Income from renting holiday apartments

Anyone who makes their own or rented property available for payment must declare the resulting income for tax purposes . This includes, in particular, income from online platforms such as Airbnb, Booking.com, etc.



If you are self-employed, records of income and expenses must be included with your tax return. If not, the income must be declared under heading 1110 (in the property register).

VSTax 2021

We recommend that everyone use the free VSTax 2021 software at www.vs.ch/vstax to complete their 2021 tax return . This software has been further adapted and improved for the 2021 tax period. It will be available for download from the beginning of February 2022. If you have any questions about using the program, please contact the relevant contact persons at www.vs.ch/vstax-kontakte .



Use the free VSTax software and the Tell Tax smartphone app to manage your receipts. More information at www.vs.ch/telltax.

The website www.vs.ch/steuern contains the "assessment aid online" with all instructions and content on assessment practice, the tax calculator for calculating all types of taxes and much other information on tax erwenen published.

The 2021 tax returns will be sent out starting in February 2022.

The deadline for filing the 2021 tax return is March 31, 2022. The "Application for subsequent ordinary assessment (NOV)" form for Permis B must also be submitted by March 31, 2022!

Tax payment in installments 2022

The 2022 installment payments will be sent in February 2022 and serve as advance tax payments, levied in accordance with Article 193 of the Tax Act. These advance payments must be made within 30 days of the due dates listed below:

1st installment February 10, 2022
2nd installment April 10, 2022
3rd installment June 10, 2022
4th installment August 10, 2022
5th installment October 10, 2022

In the final tax settlement for 2022, the amounts paid will be credited to the corresponding tax year. Interest will be calculated as follows:

Any amounts overcharged and paid will be subject to interest at a rate of 3.5% in the final settlement.
· The default interest for unpaid or late payments is also 3.5%.

As in previous years, no interest credits can be granted for advance payments of tax withholdings in 2022

· The negative compensatory interest for outstanding amounts will be demanded in accordance with Article 164 paragraph a of the Tax Act with the final settlement from the general due date of taxes, 31 March 2023, and charged at 3.5% if the interest amount exceeds CHF 500.

Taxpayers who have made insufficient advance payments are advised to make a supplementary payment in order to avoid the compensatory interest.

Community Center New opening hours



In the sense of a pilot phase changes the municipality of Zermatt from 1 February 2022 to

31 July 2022 their opening hours of the administration building (Kirchplatz 3).

Monday: 8:30 – 11:00 / 14:00 – 16:00
Tuesday: 8:30 – 11:00 / 14:00 – 16:00
Wednesday: 8:30 – 11:00 / 14:00 – 16:00
Thursday: 8:30 – 11:00 / 14:00 – **19:00**
Friday: **12:00** – 16:00

Counter and telephone service is available during opening hours. Appointments can still be made outside of these hours.

After this pilot phase, the findings will be evaluated and further action regarding opening hours will be communicated at an early stage.

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Those who have not received any 2022 advance invoices are asked to contact the Tax Office.

Covid-19 provision Change of tax period for the reversal of the Covid-19 provision

Valais companies that were directly affected by the pandemic and whose activities had to be suspended due to the measures adopted by the Federal Council may postpone the release of the Covid-19 provision in the 2020 financial year and make it to the 2021 financial year.

Subsequent creation of a Covid-19 provision

Valais companies that had to close their operations due to the above-mentioned Federal Council decisions and that did not create a COVID-19 provision in the 2019 financial year may subsequently create one in the 2020 financial year according to the criteria defined in Directive No. 1.07 . This provision must be reversed in the 2021 financial year. The creation of such a provision is not permitted for direct federal tax purposes.

Taxpayers who are experiencing payment difficulties can contact the Tax Office, and we will work together to find solutions.

If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Department of the municipality of Zermatt (by email to steuern@zermatt.ch or by phone at 027 966 22 40).



Municipality of Zermatt

Construction periods spring and autumn 2022

Each January, the municipal council sets the construction schedule for the current year. These schedules also include the permitted transport days for excavated material. Special transports may be carried out during transport days. Out of consideration for Zermatt's roads and bridges, special transports may not exceed a maximum permissible total weight of 26 tonnes (vehicle and load).

The use of motor vehicles (trucks, two- axle tractors, and motorized carts), construction machinery, and drilling, blasting, and excavation work is regulated by municipal regulations and is only permitted during specific periods, known as "construction periods." Helicopter flights, however, are not regulated by municipal regulations. They are subject to the provisions of federal legislation and the agreement of April 13, 2004, between Air Zermatt and the municipality (EWG).

Permitted construction periods spring

Approved period: **Monday, May 2nd to Tuesday, May 31st evening (6.30pm)** (early site installation on Thursday, April 28th and Friday, April 29th).

April – special transports in this context require authorization).

Permitted construction periods autumn

Approved period: **Monday, October 3rd to Friday, October 28th in the evening (6:30 p.m.)** (early construction site installation on Thursday, September 26th and Friday, September 30th – special transports in this context are subject to approval).

Uniform operating times

The following standard operating hours apply to motor vehicles, construction machinery, and drilling, blasting , and excavation work: **7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** (Monday – Saturday)

Blocked days Bridge driveway

Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28
Whit Monday
Monday, June 6

Corpus Christi Bridge

Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18

Premature and/or extended geothermal drilling

For early and/or extended geothermal drilling, **an application must be submitted to the Safety Department in advance.**

Data for approved early and/or extended geothermal drilling

Approved period spring

Thursday, April 21 to Friday, April 29 in the evening
Wednesday, June 1st to Wednesday, June 15th evening

Approved period autumn

Monday, 19 September to Friday, 30 September evening;
Monday, 31 October to Friday, 11 November evening

Private development tunnels

The first 15 m of the tunnel must be completed within the specified construction time.
At this time, further drilling and blasting work may only be carried out upon request.
The application must be submitted to the Security Department in good time (7 days in advance).

Outside of construction periods, the following working hours apply: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
During these times, a maximum of three blasting operations per day are permitted. Handling of demolition debris must take place underground in the tunnel and may not occur on public roads. Removal of demolition debris must be carried out using locally approved electric vehicles.

Time window for special transports

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 21 April to Wednesday, 22 June
Monday, 19 September to Wednesday, 30 November
6:00 – 7:15 a.m. / 8:45 – 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Monday, 20 June to Thursday, 30 June
Thursday, 1 September to Friday, 16 September Thursday, 1 December to Friday, 9 December

Restricted periods for journeys with combustion engines

From **1 January to 20 April and from 12 From December 1st, no special permits** will be issued for special transports using vehicles with combustion engines. Exempt from this are journeys in the public interest.

From **1 July to 31 August**, only journeys to mountain construction sites for public or tourist infrastructure are permitted through Zermatt (**6:00 – 7:15 a.m. and 8:45 – 9:15 a.m.)**.

restrictions

1. Motor vehicle traffic / construction machinery

On Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays, no transport is permitted using vehicles with combustion engines. Excavated material **may not be removed on Saturdays—not even by electric vehicles.**

2. Crane removal in November

The removal of cranes by helicopter in November is permitted on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the 3rd and 4th weeks of November, subject to a written request.

General provisions

1. Application

Applications for special driving permits (for vehicles with combustion engines or journeys with trailers) must be submitted at **least one working day (Mon-Fri) and at least 24 hours before the journey** via the online application form (<http://gemeinde.zermatt.ch/>). **Applications for a special driving permit** must be submitted to the Security Department . Applications submitted later will not be processed until the following day.



2. Weight limit

All trucks used require a permit. Excavated material transports and special transports must not exceed the maximum permissible total weight of **26 tons** . Three-axle vehicles up to this weight limit are permitted. A weight limit of 4 tons applies to the **Eischtje – Sunnegga** (Riedweg) and **Furi – Stafel, Chalchofu** (Stafelstrasse) roads **from November 1 to June 30** .

3. Premature site installation

Special transports carried out with trucks and other vehicles with combustion engines as part of the early construction site installation **require a permit.**

4. Site installation plan

A site installation plan must be submitted to the EEC Construction Department.

5. Blocked days

On these days and on public Sundays and holidays, motor vehicle traffic for construction purposes, the use of construction machinery and the carrying out of drilling, blasting and excavation work are generally prohibited.

6. Speed

The maximum speed limit from the entrance to Zermatt (Lüegelbach) is **20 km/h for all vehicles throughout the entire village area.**

7. Truck transport goods

The trucks may only transport excavated and demolition material.
Where space permits (no public land), trucks should deliver construction materials, building elements, and components to the construction site during the excavation period, from which the excavated material will be transported . A written request must be submitted in advance to the Safety Department for transporting other goods, even during the construction period.

8. Transport tracked vehicles

Crawler vehicles, except those with rubber tracks, may only be transported on low-loading wagons. A written request must be submitted in advance to the EWG Safety Department. Crawler vehicles must always be thoroughly cleaned upon leaving the construction site.

9. Road Cleanliness: To

prevent contamination of municipal roads and paths, the construction site access road must be paved with asphalt or concrete. This measure must be implemented to a width appropriate for the vehicles and along the entire length from the road to the construction site (max. 50 meters).

Appropriate measures must be taken to ensure that no dirt gets onto the road when leaving the construction site.
Developers whose construction sites cause excessive pollution of public roads will be billed to the municipality for the extra expenses incurred as a result of the pollution, based on external rates. Violations of the regulations will also be subject to a fine.

In order not to disturb public roads and squares, vehicles may only be driven if they are well maintained and clean.
The municipal council may require additional measures in special cases.

10. Penal provisions

Violations of the above provisions shall be punished with a fine of between CHF 50 and CHF 5,000, unless the penal provisions of federal or cantonal laws apply.

Information sheet for construction sites

A **site installation plan** must be submitted to the EWG **at least 10 working days before the start of construction** , which generally contains the following components (if applicable, for each implementation phase):

Construction requirement

· Site plan showing the locations of material and personnel barracks and material depots;

· Location of any crane systems, including details of the swivel ranges;
Location of construction site toilets.

Drainage and ditch requests

Construction site drainage according to SIA 431;
· Connection and location, time to the public sewerage system or drinking water supply;
· Application for excavation in public areas (supply and disposal lines of any kind according to the form "Application for permission to excavate in public road areas". Note: The infiltration areas must be kept free of soil compaction);
In the case of street lighting interruptions and work on them: proof of adequate lighting in the public area.

Requirement for construction site

traffic · Traffic management on public roads, paths and the construction site itself (construction road);
· Location for goods handling and parking area for construction vehicles.

Requirement for use of public land

· Submit the application form, including a scaled site plan, to the Security Department. This also applies to the attachment of installations to public lampposts, traffic signs, or the removal of fences.

For further information, please contact the Construction Department and the Civil Engineering and Safety Departments at 027 966 22 15 or email: bauabteilung@zermatt.ch.

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The sister community: Sexten, the village of the Three Peaks, introduces itself

Sexten is a small mountain community, located in the heart of the Three Peaks Nature Park in the Sexten Dolomites, at 1,340 m above sea level, with just under 2,000 inhabitants, 4,000 guest beds with 800,000 overnight stays (2019, before Covid), and, fortunately, a still quite active agricultural sector.

These are the most concise facts about the municipality in the easternmost corner of South Tyrol, which lies directly on the border with Austria/East Tyrol and the Veneto region (language border).



Due to this unique geographical location, the village endured unspeakable suffering, especially during both wars. The Dolomites front, crossing the icy peaks, ran directly through the area below the Three Peaks. It was the only town in South Tyrol to be bombed, and it only slowly recovered in the 1960s.

People in both villages, because their unique attractiveness will continue to attract countless «Strangers» = attract guests to our towns and thus provide us with a tourist and economic livelihood make possible.

The idea of twinning was pursued by both sides in the following years , supported by various stakeholders (Robert Guntern, former mayor, Romy Biner-Hauser, current mayor), and strengthened through mutual visits and friendly ties . This twinning is now enshrined in the municipal charter of both towns .

Matterhorn / Three Peaks

At first glance, the small town of Sexten may seem to have little in common with the internationally renowned Zermatt , yet two important parallels can be observed. First, there is the mountain that has shaped the lives, actions, and thoughts of people on both sides , and has done so for over 150 years. In Zermatt, the legendary Matterhorn, with the world-famous story of its first ascent involving Whymper and the Zermatt mountain guides. In Sexten, on the other hand, the mystical Three Peaks, where mountain guide history was also made, and where alpinism originated in the Dolomites. These world-famous mountains were and are – then as now – the guarantors of a good, secure future for the

Secondly, there are the people. The "mountain people," with their charming quirks and corners, their special talents, their hospitality, and their unconditional willingness to find their way in the unique, yet challenging natural surroundings that these landscapes offer us, 365 days a year.

Formation of sister congregation

In the 1980s, at the International Interski Congress , Willi Rainer, then President of Sesto Tourism, and Robi Biner, former Zermatt ski school director and lift director, met . Both immediately recognized the aforementioned similarities and thus the potential for a partnership between Zermatt (Switzerland) and Sesto (South Tyrol/Dolomites).

potential

Now it's up to us to continue to expand and enhance this friendship , and to derive cultural, economic, and tourism benefits from it. Joint school projects, hotel internships for our young people, sporting events , and much more could be considered. Above all, this partnership and friendship should promote human relations between the two communities. We, the people of Sesto, look forward to this challenge!

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News from the library

This coming spring, the

Zermatt library will once again be hosting attractive events for young and old.

BiblioWeekend – what is it?

Imagine: Swiss libraries in the spotlight! Opening hours Friday evening, Saturday, or Sunday! Events, conferences , and readings at unusual times! That's the goal of a group from Bibliosuisse working on a project called BiblioWeekend. A weekend where libraries from all over Switzerland are open.

BiblioWeekend was inspired by similar events in French-speaking Switzerland ("Library Saturday") and Italian-speaking Switzerland ("Domenica in biblioteca"). The goal of BiblioWeekend is to raise awareness of the importance of open libraries, put libraries at the center of attention, and open their doors to all segments of the population. The basic idea is to create special moments in which libraries can showcase their capabilities – at times when they are normally closed, but their users (and non-users) are free and therefore have time.



The first national edition is for the Planned for March 25-27, 2022. The theme of the event is "Reaching for the Stars."

We'll also be reaching for the stars in Zermatt. On Friday, March 25, 2022, a light theater featuring the fairy tale "The Star Money" will be offered for young visitors.

The event begins at 4:30 p.m. and lasts approximately 30 minutes. Children ages 2 to 8 are welcome to attend.

On Saturday, March 26, 2022, the renowned magician Lionel Dellberg will be our guest. In the afternoon, starting at 5:00 p.m., warm wine and Stäckli (small snacks) will be served in front of the library. During this time, Lionel will entertain guests at the standing tables, literally Let yourself be enchanted. Come by and let us surprise you.

Further details on opening hours will follow. The library will be open this Saturday from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM.



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the Zermatt Family
Support Services Association
(FEA).

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the children into their everyday
family life and offer them a
trusting, stimulating, and
safe environment.

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allows for flexible times, is
individual and child-friendly.



Why a childminder?

Family-based childcare is ideal if you want family-like care for your child in a smaller, manageable group with a consistent caregiver. This option also appeals to parents in our region who need flexible childcare hours beyond the opening hours of a daycare center. We strive to meet parents' needs, although it's often difficult when they receive work schedules at short notice.

How did the childminders come to FEA Zermatt?

Already in 2004, the five municipalities of Nikolaitals (Grächen, St. Niklaus, Randa, Täsch and Zermatt)

What do you do as a childminder?

To better explain the everyday life of a daycare family, we interviewed Virginia Arbus, a childminder in Täsch:

What motivated you to apply to be a childminder?

After the birth of my second daughter, it was difficult for me to return to work. My friends and family suggested I try becoming a childminder.

I love children. I love their world, their innocence... You never stop learning from them. Children are now part of my everyday life. That makes me very happy.

What are the prerequisites for the family to move along? What hurdles was there to master?

It takes patience and understanding to care for children from other families. It's not always easy for one's own family's "private life." Understanding from all sides is essential.

ten is necessary. I have to concentrate on many things. Every child is different and needs different activities. Sometimes I need more than two eyes.

What does a normal day look like?

I get up and prepare breakfast for my two girls- and me. Sometimes day-care children also come for breakfast. Afterwards, the children are I've got ready for school. Then I have a little time for housework. After that, I play with the children and prepare lunch. At 11:30 a.m., the children come home from school, and we eat together.

In the afternoon, when the school-age children are back at school and, depending on the day-care children, their nap is over, I'm outside with the others. After school, I help the children with their homework.

The "Daycare Parents" structure for out-of-home childcare was established under the umbrella of the SMZO . This service was transferred to the FEA Zermatt association on January 1, 2014. Since then, the sponsoring association has coordinated and arranged the childcare services. Fabienne Biffiger works as the coordinator for the Nikolai childcare center. She is responsible for ensuring the smooth running of the childcare placement process. New childcare providers and parents seeking childcare placements register through the coordination office . The coordinator relieves the childcare providers and the parents leaving the center of administrative and legal tasks, promotes the childcare providers' qualifications and continuing education, and oversees the childcare relationships.

I paint and play with them. Some children are then picked up by their parents, while others have dinner with us. Afterwards, I prepare my children for bedtime.

On days when I'm not looking after children, I try to spend a lot of time with my family. This is very important to me and my own children.

What are your reasons for being a childminder at Nikolai Childminders?

I always worked until I had children of my own . After thinking long and hard about where to look for work, it became clear to me that I would prefer to stay home with my children. I learned from friends that I learned that FEA Zermatt offers the opportunity to register as a childminder. I thought it was a good idea, as it would allow me to work with children from home and still earn some money.

What do you wish for in terms of "recognition as a childminder"?

I think it needs to be more recognized and appreciated . The time that childminders invest in the children and the responsibility we take on during this time when the parents are working is a huge undertaking. We try everything to make the children feel comfortable with us. When you receive recognition for that, it's a good feeling, just like in any other profession.

Do you feel well supported and accompanied by the Family Supplementary Services Association?

Yes, absolutely! From day one until now. Always!!!



Left: Virginia Arbus, childminder

Right: Fabienne Biffiger, childminder coordinator

Childcare in a
Day care is flexible, individual and child-
friendly.



Michèle Maccaud, President of the Valais
Association of Childminders

The implementation of the 2001 law for young people was the catalyst for the development of childcare in Valais. This law requires municipalities to offer and expand childcare facilities and stipulates that all those providing childcare must be employed by an association. It should be noted that there is no self-employment status, and if a person is not employed (even if they declare their income), it is considered illegal childcare . The purpose of this law was to protect the children in care.

etc.). It is also responsible for organizing the initial and continuing training of childminders. The activity of childminders should no longer be associated with "babysitting." It is a genuine professional activity that entails various requirements for recruitment and investment (e.g., in training). Childminders must provide high-quality services by offering their home as a workplace and respecting the rhythm and needs of the children in their care.

And this

Our childminders do an outstanding job and are dedicated to the well-being of the children. They deserve true appreciation for this! According to the cantonal youth law, people who regularly care for children in their homes for remuneration must have a permit and be a member of an association recognized by the umbrella organization.

If this is not the case, both the parents of the children in care and the childminders themselves can be fined. We are committed to fighting illegal childcare for the benefit of our children . The FEA Zermatt association is constantly looking for new childminders in our area.

Get in touch with us if you care for children . We'd be happy to work with you!

After more than 20 years, the canton of Valais offers Over the past few years, no fewer than 17 associations have participated (13 in Lower Valais and 4 in Upper Valais). Today, almost the entire Valais region is covered and offers childcare services at the family-based childcare level. Current figures demonstrate how deeply family -based childcare is anchored in the Valais economy and how it meets the needs of the working families. In fact, 560 childminders care for more than 4,000 children per year!

It is important to remember that family-based day care is a complementary service to the early childhood structures of a daycare center.

The canton is responsible for the supervision and coordination The association's responsibility has been delegated to the Valais umbrella organization for childminders. Michèle Maccaud is the cantonal director, and her task is to establish cohesion between the various associations by proposing a common pedagogical approach and promoting cooperation and exchange between the various

partners (municipalities, coordinators

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The app «Zermatt Hazard Information» is being expanded

The existing APP for the notification of closures of the Täsch – Zermatt road, but also for the warning of dangers by the municipality of Zermatt, will be supplemented by a new

Offer expanded.

On behalf of the cantonal road master and the regional security service, the municipality of Zermatt operates Cooperation with Zermatt Tourism the The Zermatt Danger Info app provides, among other information, information about road closures/ openings on the Täsch-Zermatt cantonal road and urgent hazard warnings. This app is widely used in conjunction with the SMS service, which is still operating for notifications of the Täsch-Zermatt road closure.

Due to popular demand, this app is now available with traffic information for long-distance Shorter traffic disruptions on the cantonal road Visp – Täsch and the side roads to Törbel, Embd, Grächen.

The desired push-up notification (natural hazards Zermatt, road warnings Täsch – Zermatt, traffic information Mattertal) can be activated within the app under the settings.

Information about the cantonal road, section Täsch – Zermatt, can still be obtained via the chargeable SMS service or by telephone (027 606 69 38).



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Municipality of Zermatt

Trend vehicles – what works and what doesn't

Several innovative electric vehicles have conquered the Swiss market in recent years: e-bikes, e-scooters, cargo bikes, stand-up scooters, and even self-balancing devices.

These so-called "trendy vehicles" are particularly popular in cities. Current law restricts them to use where bicycles are also permitted. They are not permitted to use traffic areas reserved for pedestrians.

There are also trendy vehicles like hoverboards, solo wheels, or e-skateboards that are not road legal. Therefore, they are not permitted for use on public roads .

Zermatt Regional Police

From April 1, 2022,

according to a Federal Council decision, all e-bikes must be equipped with daytime running lights starting in April 2022. E-bike riders who ride without their lights set during the day will be fined CHF 20.

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- Driving license: From 14 years = Cat. M / +16 years = none
- Approved for road use (public): Yes
- Streets with general driving bans and sidewalks are not allowed to be driven on. (Bahnhofstrasse)
- Max. 500 watts

Electric scooter

- Max. 1 person
- Max . engine speed: 20 km/h
- Minimum age: 14 years
- Driving license: 14–16 years = Category M / + 16 years = none
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Fire hydrants in and around Zermatt

The hydrant is an important component of the water supply and fire service. Accessibility must always be ensured so that it can be used in an emergency.

It's often the case that fire hydrants are covered in snow and even ice in winter. This makes it impossible to use firefighting water immediately in an emergency, and valuable time is lost.

Dependent on support

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Your water supply and fire department Zermatt



The municipal council and fire department are committed to ensuring that the firefighting water supply functions properly even in winter. In this context, it is important that all hydrants are accessible and clear of snow and ice.

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Culinary success at 2548 meters for the Riffelhaus 1853



The Riffelhaus 1853 with Alain Kuster at the stove receives 14 Gault-Millau points and is ranked number 1 in the «Hot 10» of the most beautiful ski resorts by Urs Heller, head of Gault-Millau. Ski-out hotels of Switzerland.

Alain Kuster, who has been cooking in Zermatt for 30 years and has been chef de cuisine at the Riffelhaus 1853 for two years, is delighted with the award : "As we all know, the way to a person's heart is through their stomach. With our menu, which focuses on regional dishes and local producers, we have cooked our way into the hearts of Riffelberg visitors."

The Riffelhaus, which was built in 1853 and has been owned by the local community since 1862, is operated by the Matterhorn Group. For Julia Vetter, director of the Riffelhaus since December, it's the "jewel on the mountain." She particularly appreciates the fact that the Riffelhaus has been honored twice by Switzerland's most popular restaurant guide: "The Riffelhaus should be a destination that attracts not only ski and hiking enthusiasts, but also gourmets. What could be better than crowning a successful day of skiing with a Herens beef tartare accompanied by a Valais Pinot Noir?

The daytime menu at the Riffelhaus 1853 restaurant focuses on popular classics such as Valais platter, fondue, rösti with fried eggs , and tarte flambée, which can be ordered by the minute on the terrace with breathtaking views of the Matterhorn. In the evening, half-board guests are treated to delicacies such as glazed pork belly and Alpine hay soup: "The selection of high-quality regional products supports our commitment to offering fresh, seasonal, and local cuisine that reflects the culinary diversity of Valais," says Alain Kuster. This is also reflected in the wine list. Of a selection of over 40 wines, more than 60% come from Valais.

Julia Vetter grew up in the hotel industry and completed her training at the "Traube" in Tonbach, Germany. She recently succeeded Jürgen Marx, who previously served as director of the Riffelhaus for two seasons and has since assumed responsibility for all hotel, restaurant, and retail operations as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Matterhorn Group.



«Our goal: A fresh, seasonal and offer local cuisine.»

Zermatt Tourism

For the first time in the history of Zermatt Tourism: General Meeting in hybrid form

After the general meeting of Zermatt Tourism (ZT) was not possible on site last year due to the coronavirus pandemic, those responsible wanted to restore some normality and offer the opportunity for personal exchange.

However , since the conditions for a meeting with more than 100 people were once again very poor , the organizers decided to hold the 2022 AGM as a hybrid event—i.e., on-site and via video conference. Members could decide for themselves whether to cast their votes from home or at the Zermatterhof.

Making the most of the crisis
There was a lot to vote on . For example, the positive annual financial statement: Despite a 3.8 percent decline in overnight stays, ZT closed with a balanced account and a small profit of CHF 2,798. This was only possible with rigorous cost control, as the constantly changing conditions made long-term budget planning almost impossible, explains Kurdirektor Daniel Luggen: "We decided almost monthly which measures we could implement and which we couldn't."

Despite cost-cutting measures, members were able to present a comprehensive annual report on The focus was on the measures surrounding the anniversary
The first female ascent of the Matterhorn by Lucy Walker 150 years ago. But the company also anticipated the slow awakening of overseas markets and relaunched marketing activities, particularly in the US market.

Potential for improvement in digitalization
But there was more to report than just good news. The digitization projects didn't really get off the ground last year, and the goal of having a functioning marketplace by the end of the year was completely missed. According to Resort Director Daniel Luggen, the reasons for this failure are complex: "On the one hand, we struggled with technical challenges, but on the other hand, we also struggled with the complexity of the various systems currently in use by accommodation providers. This caused us problems."

With vigor into the next year
The outlook for the future was comprehensive . The medium-term plan , which was developed jointly with the delegates and adopted by the destination communities , sets out the direction: In a total of six thematic areas, various

ZT will focus on specific areas in the new business year. For example, ZT intends to place the guest more at the centre of information and to leverage the expertise of its employees.
improve through targeted training. Marketing should also increasingly target the segments defined in the marketing strategy , thereby promoting the stay of guests. Collaboration with service partners is essential in this regard.

Another focus is on preparing for the autumn season: Among other things, the offering will be improved in collaboration with service partners . However, marketing for the previously rather under-utilized autumn season also urgently needs more attention. Zermatt Tourism is focusing on

setbacks in digitalization and will continue to do so this year.
ter with Bonfire AG on digitalization . The focus is on the market-platz also the further development of the app and the completion of the electronic registration form.

Getting better together
Zermatt Tourism also takes a
It plays an important role in destination development. Together with the delegates, those responsible want to promote a sense of community and destination awareness . Zermatt Tourism also wants to develop internally and serve its members well as a service-oriented organization. This certainly includes providing information about the activities that take place throughout the year in "Zermatt Inside" or

will also be published continuously on the extranet www.ztnet.ch . Zermatt Tourism welcomes any feedback and suggestions from its members and service partners.



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Zermatt Tourism

Winter Celebrations: Shining eyes thanks to ice and light art

For four weeks, guests and locals in Zermatt were able to marvel at ice sculptures and light art at various locations in the village.

The aim of the founders of the new event series, Philippe Oswald and Giovanni Beretta, was to usher in winter in Zermatt with the "Winter Celebrations".
The numbers show that the event can be considered a success: over 600,000 views on social media, plus hundreds of comments and reactions. But what is the organizers' conclusion?

Giovanni Beretta, the ice sculptures in Zermatt were on display for a month, and light installations provided a colorful start to winter—what kind of feedback have you received on this project?

Very positive. Even the construction of the ice blocks was photographed by many. Many guests strolled all over the village to see all the sculptures.

The joy continued; after a few weeks, when we were renovating the "Home of Winter" ice cream cone with the Matterhorn inside on the Kirchbrücke, we were surrounded by people with cell phones in their hands.
In addition, a visit to the sculptures proved to be a welcome addition to the bad-weather program: Several people reported to us that they had skipped skiing in the bad weather and instead searched for and admired the sculptures. The lighting at various locations in the village was also well received; the pleasant atmosphere was greatly appreciated.

The "Winter Celebrations" began with an opening show on December 17, 2021. How did you feel about this start?

The musical entertainment, the artist on stilts, and the fire show in the church square gave the celebration a certain "touch" – it was a wonderful start.

Such a project will certainly bring
It also brought challenges. What did you struggle with?

Certainly, and mainly with the warm weather. Fortunately, however, we have location-
We selected sites that were relatively well protected from the sun . The "Home of Winter" sphere on the church bridge, however, was exposed to touch, sun, and wind. However, we maintained this sculpture intensively so that it could be admired for a long time. Furthermore, we prepared a

Concerns about vandalism arose. However, apart from a few minor issues, the sculptures were respected. Due to the coronavirus situation over the holidays, the side events unfortunately had to be canceled.

What final words do you have about the "Winter Celebrations"?
The purpose of this project was primarily to convey the message of hope through light and ice art.
We wanted to give magic to the locals as well as the guests , and we succeeded.



«Using light and ice art to spread a message of hope was our motivation."

Thoughts of the two brothers and ice artists

Fredi and Hampi Odermatt
In Zermatt, ice artists encounter a very international, interested audience. In many countries, ice sculptures are more common than in Switzerland – for example, as buffet decorations at weddings, birthday parties, or anniversaries. Guests from various countries then report on their numerous

Encounters with ice sculptures. Fortunately, the memories don't fade so quickly.

Yes, transience is usually the main topic when discussing ice sculptures. Whether it isn't too warm to create ice sculptures is probably the most frequently asked question. One must consider that an ice sculpture—in contrast to an ice cube in a drink—has a considerable mass of up to 800 kilograms of ice. The larger the ice mass, the greater the cold storage capacity. Since in Zermatt it is usually several degrees below zero at night in winter, the ice can charge itself with sufficient cold. This means that an ice sculpture can survive several hours in double-digit plus temperatures unscathed. But to do so, it absolutely needs a shady location. If the ice sculpture is exposed to direct sunlight, these rays are concentrated in the ice. The absolute transparency of the ice creates the so-called magnifying glass effect. The concentrated sunlight leads to extreme

Temperatures within the ice and the structure of the ice sculpture can deteriorate dramatically in a short period of time. The ice turns white and loses stability.
However, once you have found the ideal location for an ice sculpture, it can provide enjoyment in the mountains for several months.

If you place an ice sculpture at room temperature, it becomes an interactive work of art. You can then observe its ephemeral state for hours.
Everything that was once angular and defined becomes round and organic over time. The sculpture is essentially reduced to its essence, abstracted. However, transience is what most appeals to us, along with the purity of the ice.
Fascinated. It forces you to be in the moment. Spectators often ask during ice carving whether it isn't frustrating when all the works simply melt away. Carving ice sculptures is like making music: You try to achieve the best possible result in the present, to awaken emotions, to express feelings. After a concert, no one asks where all the music of the last 90 minutes has gone. That's where the carving has an effect.

of ice sculptures almost sustainable. And as the saying goes: In the end, all that remains is memory.

A close-up photograph of a man wearing a black ski helmet and goggles. He is smiling and giving a thumbs-up gesture with his right hand. The background shows a snowy mountain landscape under a clear blue sky.

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A group of nine musicians, dressed in traditional Breton costumes (red vests, white shirts, and black hats), are standing in a line and playing long, curved wooden flutes called fifas. The flutes are held diagonally across the frame, creating a strong sense of rhythm and movement. They are positioned in front of a building with a rustic, stone-like facade and a window with a decorative frame.

For Andrea Schneider, the greatest highlights of the last 20 years include the running wedding on July 7, 2007, the 2015 World Long Distance Mountain Running Championships, and the 2019 European Mountain Running Championships. One of the worst moments, however, was the decision to cancel the 19th edition in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. "The 19th Gornergrat Zermatt Marathon on July 3-4, 2021, was all the more wonderful. We defied COVID-19 and, thanks to tremendous support, organized a unique running event—a major highlight in my career as head of the office."

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A portrait of a woman with shoulder-length blonde hair and round glasses, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a dark blue zip-up jacket over a light-colored top. The background is a solid, neutral grey. The lighting is soft, highlighting her features.

344 Zermatt Tourism congratulates Camilla Wellig on her new role and wishes her much success.

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Zermatt cable cars

Successful first months of the Matterhorn Test Center

The new Matterhorn Test Center on Trockener Steg has been in operation for around four months.

The Zermatt ski test with 13 different brands for Testing in October and November 2021 attracted numerous winter sports enthusiasts in beautiful weather. The same applies to the Stöckli Ski Fun, which has been held for several years and takes place from mid-November to mid- December.

Stöckli test center permanently set up

Throughout the winter season, the Stöckli Test Center will remain permanently located in the smaller part of the building, and ski-loving guests can test the latest models from the world-champion Stöckli brand starting at 9:00 a.m. The new Matterhorn Test Center, located directly on the ski slope, has been very well received by guests thanks to its modern design and the convenience of the "ski-in ski-out" experience . Those responsible on site are also enthusiastic about the new location: "With this panorama and the modern facilities, working is twice as fun. We have plenty of space, and guests are amazed by the view of the Matterhorn through the large windows," enthuses Frank Ludwig of Stöckli Swiss Sports AG.

Matterhorn Test Center – More than just ski testing

The modern rooms with the Matterhorn as The impressive backdrop invites you to more than just test the latest ski models. In the large room, where the official ski test takes place from October to November , events, meetings, or gatherings of various kinds can take place from January to September , where, depending on the seating arrangement, up to 460 people can enjoy a unique experience – including a view of the Matterhorn. With 461m2, it is also the

Room with the largest capacity in Zermatt.

The event hall was inaugurated on October 1, 2021, during the Zermatt Bergbahnen Annual General Meeting . Markus Hasler, CEO of Zermatt Bergbahnen, is convinced: "With the Matterhorn Test Center, we have set a sign that we are constantly moving forward and investing in the future."



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When Air Zermatt AG was founded in 1968, its primary purpose was to provide permanent medical care and accessibility to the residents and guests of Zermatt by helicopter. Following this fundamental idea, thanks to the incredible innovation of its main founder, Beat H. Perren, a helicopter company developed that set global standards in mountain rescue.

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Pioneering work on the Eiger North Face

In the years following its founding, the young company caused a sensation when it demonstrated its first drop maneuvers using a cable winch on the Eiger North Face. Shortly thereafter, the first direct rescue from this impressive wall followed, astonishing not only the experts. Many other spectacular rescue operations in the Swiss Alps subsequently began at the small heliport at the entrance to the village of Zermatt. For example, the first evacuation of 72 people from the blocked large cabin of the Schilthorn cable car.

or the direct rescue of two alpinists from the northeast face of Badile. These premieres were duly honored internationally. Günther Amman (with the "Robert E. Trimble Memorial Award), Sigi Stangier, and Beat H. Perren (with the Heroism Award) received worldwide recognition for their heroic efforts, risking their own lives . These awards boosted the number of patrons of the then Swiss Air Rescue and

contributed significantly to the fact that today in Switzerland we have a subsidy-free air rescue system.

International contacts and exchange of experiences

Air Zermatt was the first helicopter company to medicalize its air rescue operations in 1973 and, in addition to the crevasse tripod, developed avalanche search devices, fire extinguishers, and other technical aids that have proven their worth in use.

Such developments led to a lively exchange of experience at the international level . Thanks to these contacts and the global recognition of Air Zermatt's innovations , the small air rescue company is still sought after for advice on difficult mountain rescues around the world .

Rescue station in the Himalayas

For upcoming mountain rescues in the Himalayas , the Andes or other mountains of the world, the mountain rescuers from Zermatt

Zermatt History

Air Zermatt – Pioneers of mountain rescue

often asked for active support. One of these rescues in the Himalayas led to the development of a project that couldn't have been more unique: the establishment of a rescue station in Nepal.

Since 2010, not only pilots but also operations managers, mountain rescuers, and technicians from Nepal have been trained in modern rescue techniques. In addition to training, the pilots and mountain rescuers from Zermatt also took responsibility for on-site operations , supporting rescues at altitudes up to 7,000 meters. The highest helicopter rescue and rescue operation ever flown took place on Annapurna on April 29, 2010. Air Zermatt pilot Dani Aufdenblatten and mountain rescuer Richi Lehner were honored with the "Heroism Award" from the International Helicopter Association (HAI) for this extraordinary achievement. To secure funding for this project , Air Zermatt, together with the rescue station, founded the "Alpine Rescue Foundation Zermatt (ARF Zermatt)."



«Beautiful memories remain – the anticipation
However, the new building at Schluhmatte is
already very big.»

Zermatt cable cars

New construction project at Schluhmatte is taking shape

After 58 years of service, it's over: The cable car from Zermatt to Furi will serve its final duties this winter and will be dismantled next summer.

The "old lady" is being replaced by a more modern aerial tramway. At the same time, the building at the Schluhmatte valley station is being rebuilt and expanded to include office space for the Zermatt Bergbahnen administration . The industry leader is demonstrating its innovative and future-oriented approach.

Passion and commitment The cable car from Zermatt to Furi began operating in 1963. In autumn 2021, the

The final overhaul required by the Federal Office of Transport took place so that nothing stands in the way of a final winter in the service of the Zermatt Bergbahnen. Long-time employees become nostalgic when talking about this project. Simon

Willisch, head of the Furi workshop, who has been involved in the maintenance of the cable car for the past 22 years . "Together with my team , I have manufactured around 20 casting heads since 2003, which are replaced during the annual overhauls. We have fond memories of the 'old lady,' but we are also very excited about the new cable car," says Willisch. With a passenger capacity of 100 people per cabin and more floor space per person , the new cable car will be larger than the previous system with 80 people per cabin. The modern design of the cabins and the future operation without attendant personnel reflect the positioning of Zermatt Bergbahnen as an industry leader.

Premium combined with functionality

The existing eight-seater Matterhorn Express gondola will continue to operate throughout the construction period. The new valley station will optimize the flow of guests and luggage, which is essential for the completion of the Matterhorn

Alpine Crossing plays an important role. The modern architecture, with a light well in the center of the building, combines contemporary flair with high functionality and sustainability. New, spatially coordinated office space for the Zermatt Bergbahnen administration will be created on the upper floors, and the underground transshipment point will relieve congestion on Schluhmattstrasse.

A lot of experience from long-standing protagonists

Anton Lauber is an expert in the construction industry. He has served as Head of Construction at Zermatt Bergbahnen for many years and has managed and coordinated major construction projects in recent years. Nevertheless, he is looking forward to a new challenge . The experience is evident in the question about timing, which Lauber answers without much thought: "The procedure was initiated in October

Submitted to the Federal Office of Transport in 2021. If all goes according to plan, we expect to begin work in spring 2022."