

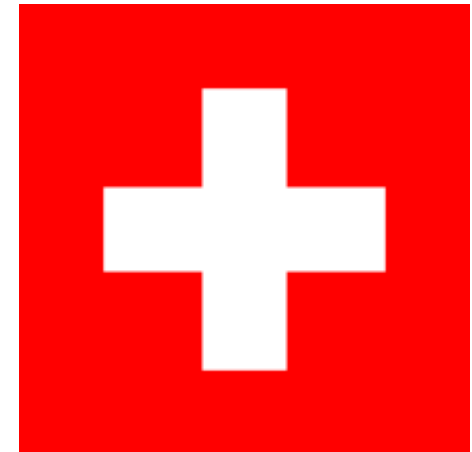
INVEST IN SWITZERLAND: MAIN ADVANTAGES

When you decide to invest in real estate, the stability of the country and the stability of the real estate market are very important. The value of a ski property in Switzerland has either risen or stayed stable in the last years.

Switzerland is a very interesting country for investors due to the economic stability, the judicial security and the important and reliable infrastructures.

Here are some of the main advantages of Switzerland

- Economical and political stability
- The Swiss Franc is one of the strongest currencies on the world
- A well-known banking system
- Security (in every sense)
- Swiss quality constructions
- Very good public infrastructures
- Perfect location in the heart of Europe
- Low inflation
- No capital gain tax
- Low tax rates
- Lump-sum taxation possible
- One of the best health care
- One of the best education
- No inheritance tax in the Valais region



« Lex Weber » the referendum that changed the real estate market in Switzerland

- The 11th March 2012 referendum resulted in the ban of construction of new second homes in communes where there are already more than 20% of second homes. All touristic places in the Swiss Alps have more than 20% of second homes. New developments which were awarded a building permit prior to 11th March 2012, will be built over the next few years. ONCE THE STOCK IS DEPLETED, THERE WILL BE NO MORE SECOND HOMES FOR SWISS OR FOREIGN BUYERS!
- These new properties should prove to be a sound investment due to the lack of new second homes in the future.
- We sell some of the last new second homes of the « 4 Vallées » region.



Valais

Valais is a Swiss canton with 325'000 inhabitants. It is the sunniest canton of Switzerland, which is also why very good wine is produced in Valais. The Valais has the largest vine production of Switzerland and those are recognized in international competitions worldwide and some of the wines are amongst the best in the world.

There are 46 peaks of more than 4'000 m above sea, for example the "Matterhorn" and the "Pointe Dufour" (4'634 m above sea) which is the highest mountain of Switzerland. There are more than 680 glaciers in Valais. The "Aletsch" glacier is the longest of the world and it is part of the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Valais has many thermal resorts like Saillon, Leukerbad, Ovronnaz, Val d'Illiez, Breiten and Brigerbad.



Sion

Sion is the capitale of Valais and it has almost 35'000 inhabitants.

The “Valère” and “Tourbillon” castles lie above the town. In the basilica of the “Valère” castle, you will find the oldest organ that is still used.

In Sion, there are theatres, cinemas and many open air shows like “Sion en Lumières” and “Sion sous les Etoiles”. There are many museums. The old town is only for pedestrians and there are many good restaurants.

Sion is the sunniest town of Switzerland with more than 2'200 hours of sunshine per year (for example London, Paris, Hamburg and Zurich have about 1'500 hours of sun per year).

In Sion, you will find a 18 hole golf course.

Sion has a perfect location and it can be reached by car, train and plane as there is an airport in Sion. Here are the distances between Sion and some cities:

International airports :

- Geneva / 158 km / 2hr 20min by train
- Zurich / 240 km / 2hr 40min by train
- Milano Malpensa / 205 km / 2hr 30min by train

Other distances :

- Verbier : 54 km / Zermatt : 80 km / Montreux : 65 km
- Evian : 85 km / Interlaken : 84 km / Gstaad : 98 km
- Torino : 213 km / Lyon : 309 km / Milan – 2h15 de train

