Bisses of Sion

Enjoy scenic walks along picturesque paths by the water, through the vineyard and its wall terraces or through forests, orchards and pastures. Admire the beautiful panorama of the city of Sion, its hills and castles and the Rhône Valley.

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**Bisse of Montorge**

The Bisse of Montorge, built in 1885, collects the water for the Lake of Montorge and distributes it on the south slopes of the hill, including the famous Mont d’Or vineyard.

⏰ **2 hours**

From the **train station**, take the following streets:
- Avenue de la Gare
- Avenue de Pratifori
- Rue des Amandiers
- Chemin des Lézards
- Rue de Gravelone

At the end of Rue de Gravelone, above the retirement home, take the small path on your right up to the **Lake of Montorge** through the vineyard. From there, follow the edge of the hill along the path up to the top. There you will discover the ruins of a castle built by the Duke of Savoie at the beginning of the 12th century.

To return:
1. Go back on the bisse and follow it to the west to get round the hill and reach the **hamlet of Muraz**. You can return to Sion by **route de Savièse**.

2. Continue along the **Bisse of Montorge** until **Pont-de-la-Morge**. From there, it is possible to return to Sion by bus (www.cff.ch).
The Bisse of Lentine begins in the Sionne then irrigates the vineyard of Savièse and Sion before ending its course into the Lake of Montorge.

2 1/2 hours

From the train station, take the following streets:
> Avenue de la Gare
> Rue de Lausanne
> Rue du Grand-Pont
> Route du Rawyl

You need to leave the Route du Rawyl at the point where it crosses the river la Sionne. Follow the river on its western bank in the direction of Drône village. Below the village, the bisse crosses the road.

Follow the bisse, for 3'250 meters, to reach the hamlet of Diolly.

Return to Sion either:
1. by following the Route de Savièse
2. or with the path leading to Montorge
The Bisse of Clavau, built around 1450, overlooks the Rhône Valley between Sion and St-Léonard.

_walk_ 2 1/2 hours

From the train station, take the following streets:
> Avenue de la Gare
> Rue de Lausanne
> Rue du Grand-Pont
> Rampe St-Georges > Rue du Vieux-Moulin

Next to the «Brasserie valaisanne» take the stairs on your right and follow the steep path up to the Bisse of Clavau, start of your walk. The path along the bisse overlooks the Rhône Valley. The walls retaining the vineyards are very high making this side of the Valley look like giant steps. The bisse passes through the vineyard region of Molignon. Then, the path dives into the Lienne Valley, below the village of Signëse. From that point, follow the path leading to Uvrier and St-Léonard.

In St-Léonard, you can visit Europe’s largest underground lake (www.lac-souterrain.com).

Return to Sion by train or by bus (www.cff.ch).
The Bisse of Baar was built before 1450. It is located on the left hills of the Rhône Valley, above Sion. It collects its water underneath the Brignon castle and irrigates the beautiful apricot trees and vineyards of Baar and Salins.

1 1/2 hour

This bisse can be combined with the Bisse of Salins.

When you arrive in Beuson from the Bisse of Salins, follow the ancient road which leads down to the Brignon castle. From the castle, walk down in the direction of la Printse and at the end of the village, right next to a barn follow the bisse.

At the end of the bisse, you can take the public bus to go back to the start of the Bisse of Salins.
First mentioned in 1435, the Bisse of Salins, still in use, collects the water in la Printse, in Plan Désert, to irrigate the orchards, pastures and raspberries of Beuson, Bioley and Salins.

The walk goes through various environments: alders on wetlands, dry grasslands on the sunny slopes, seabuckthorn with their red berries in autumn, spruces forests and raspberry cultures.

Walk 3 1/2 hours

This bisse can be combined with the Bisse of Baar.

You can start your walk in Bramois. Walk up in the direction of la Crêta and la Vernaz. After crossing the village of Salins along the main road, reach the start of the bisse after 4 hairpin turns. From there, follow the path along the bisse to Veysonnaz/Nendaz. Continue until the hydrant in the Printse river above the village of Beuson.

To continue along the Bisse of Baar read the indications about the Bisse of Baar (on the back of this brochure).
Grand Bisse of Vex

Built at the beginning of the 15th century, it has been renovated and the water flows all along since 2001.

.walk 3 hours 20 minutes.

From the Mayens de Sion (1325m), follow the road just above the restaurant «Le Relais des Mayens» to reach the start of the bisse.

When you arrive in Veysonnaz (1360m), continue along the bisse right next to the cable car station.

Follow the bisse in the direction of Planchouet (1505m).
Package Bisse of Clavau
A unique experience on the wine route

This package includes:
. a walk along the Bisse of Clavau
. a meal (3 courses and 5 wines) on terraces of 3 magnificent places on the vineyards.

Fr. 89.- per person

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