



Valais Immersion

**A different way to learn German:
individual, active and intensive**

- ✓ Learn and stay with your teacher
- ✓ Get formal language instruction and practice the skills you need
- ✓ Profit from individualized feedback
- ✓ Share everyday life and use German during meals and activities
- ✓ Discover the beauty of this region on half-day or full-day excursions
- ✓ Learn German and get to know daily life and Swiss culture first hand

**Under the professional and personal guidance of
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Face-to-face teaching and self-study

Formal 1:1 or 1:2 instruction allows you to work on the knowledge and skills you need most. Individualized feedback ensures speed and accuracy.



What you learn formally can be reinforced individually with self-study material and online activities and practiced immediately outside of class.

Sharing everyday life

Your learning process will be imbedded in the diverse facets of daily life in the village—and expose you to the language needed to deal with them: preparing meals, chatting with a neighbor, working in the garden, seeing some friends, or just enjoying a relaxing break.

Getting to know culture, nature and people

To allow you to quickly feel at home in your new host country, I will show you some highlights of this region: the unique and ancient system of alpine irrigation, the Great Aletsch Glacier or the historic town centers of Brig or Sion. I will also introduce you to the many clubs you can join to spend your free time with locals.

About myself

After completing my university studies in Modern Languages (M.A.), I acquired certification as a high school teacher (M.Ed.) and adult educator. Most recently, I taught English for 13 years at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (zhaw) in Winterthur. Before that, I taught English and French in public secondary schools and German as a foreign language in the private sector.

After more than 30 years of teaching with ever larger classes and fewer lessons per class, I decided to take more independent control of my teaching, challenging and supporting learners in an individual and comprehensive setting. In particular, the needs of fast-learning academics and professionals can be better met in an individualized setting, using teaching material with a steep learning progression and making use of the learners' knowledge of other languages.

Interests and activities

In 2014, I moved from Zurich to the Valais. The joy of gardening took such hold of me that in 2019 I completed training to be certified as a Bioterra course leader and founded a group of like-minded people in the Upper Valais with the goal of promoting nature in the settlement area.



As I have a large vegetable garden, I really enjoy cooking with my own fresh ingredients and love trying out new recipes.

From spring to late autumn the garden keeps me quite busy but I still go hiking or cycling now and then. In winter, I enjoy snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing and going on ski tours.

Since 2015, I have also been on the board of the local maintenance association "Stigwasser-Wyssa". This association is committed to the preservation of the two historic water canals in Mund.

Acommodation

My modern wooden house is situated above the old village of Mund. The house has a gorgeous view of the Valais and is surrounded by a large natural garden with meadows, fruit trees, berry bushes, and a herb and vegetable garden.



On the upper floor of the house there is an open kitchen, the living and dining room, and a balcony and terrace for common use.



Your 19m2 bedroom with its own ample bathroom is also located on the upper floor. In the basement are my private rooms and the laundry room.

Surroundings and activities

Mund (1250 m) is located on the sunny slope of the Rhone Valley above Naters, and belongs to the UNESCO World Heritage Jungfrau-Aletsch area with the largest glacier in the Alps and exceptionally diverse plant, insect and animal life. The impressive landscape invites you to hike, snowshoe or ski.



Beyond the alpine town of Brig the Simplon Pass forms the gateway to Italy. Only 30 minutes from Brig lies Domodossola, a typical Italian small town with a beautiful historic center and a popular market. 25 to 35 minutes' drive from Brig you will find the pretty French-speaking towns of Sierre and Sion surrounded by vineyards.



Nature and sports enthusiasts will find a wide selection of possible activities: hiking, biking and snow-shoeing in Mund and surroundings; skiing and cross-country skiing in 30 - 90 minutes' distance.

The half-day or full-day excursions to some of the region's highlights are an integral part of this immersion program. You choose the activities and undertake them at your own risk. I will accompany you.

Customize your own course

Decide on the number of lessons you wish to take, the teaching format (1:1 or 1:2) and the number of days you would like to stay.

Choose whether you wish to have full board or half board and how many half-day or full-day excursions your program should include. I will make you an individual offer.

Prices: **intensive day**

CHF 620.- for a single person

CHF 740.- for couples

The price includes placement test, 3 lessons of formal instruction, lunch and dinner, and a half-day excursion with many opportunities to practice oral skills informally. Insurance is the responsibility of the participants.

Prices: **5-day course**

CHF 1510.- for a single person

CHF 2100.- for couples

The price includes placement test, individual study program, course book, 2 lessons of 45 minutes per day, self-study programme, 4 days accommodation with half board and 2 half-day excursions. Insurance is the responsibility of the participants.

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