

Press Kit Winter 2022/23



Flims Laax Falera. History & Brands.

The destination of Flims Laax Falera originally developed from summer tourism, with Flims and Lake Cauma at the very centre. Later, the region developed into a popular winter destination, with the centre shifting up the mountain to LAAX and the Crap Sogn Gion mountain station. The destination offers a variety of year-round tourism offers to different target groups – whether in winter or summer. In this way, the destination's potential is fully exploited.

The destination's brand strategy uses the strengths of the two brands, Flims and LAAX, all year round. While Flims is renowned for hiking, culture and nature, and is perceived as the quieter location, LAAX, on the other hand, represents action, adventure and community and is seen as the louder of the two destinations. This strategy reflects the tradition and history of the multifaceted destination Flims Laax Falera and uses authentic brand names that relate to the region. The Weisse Arena Group, founded in 1996, is responsible for the year-round marketing of the destination.

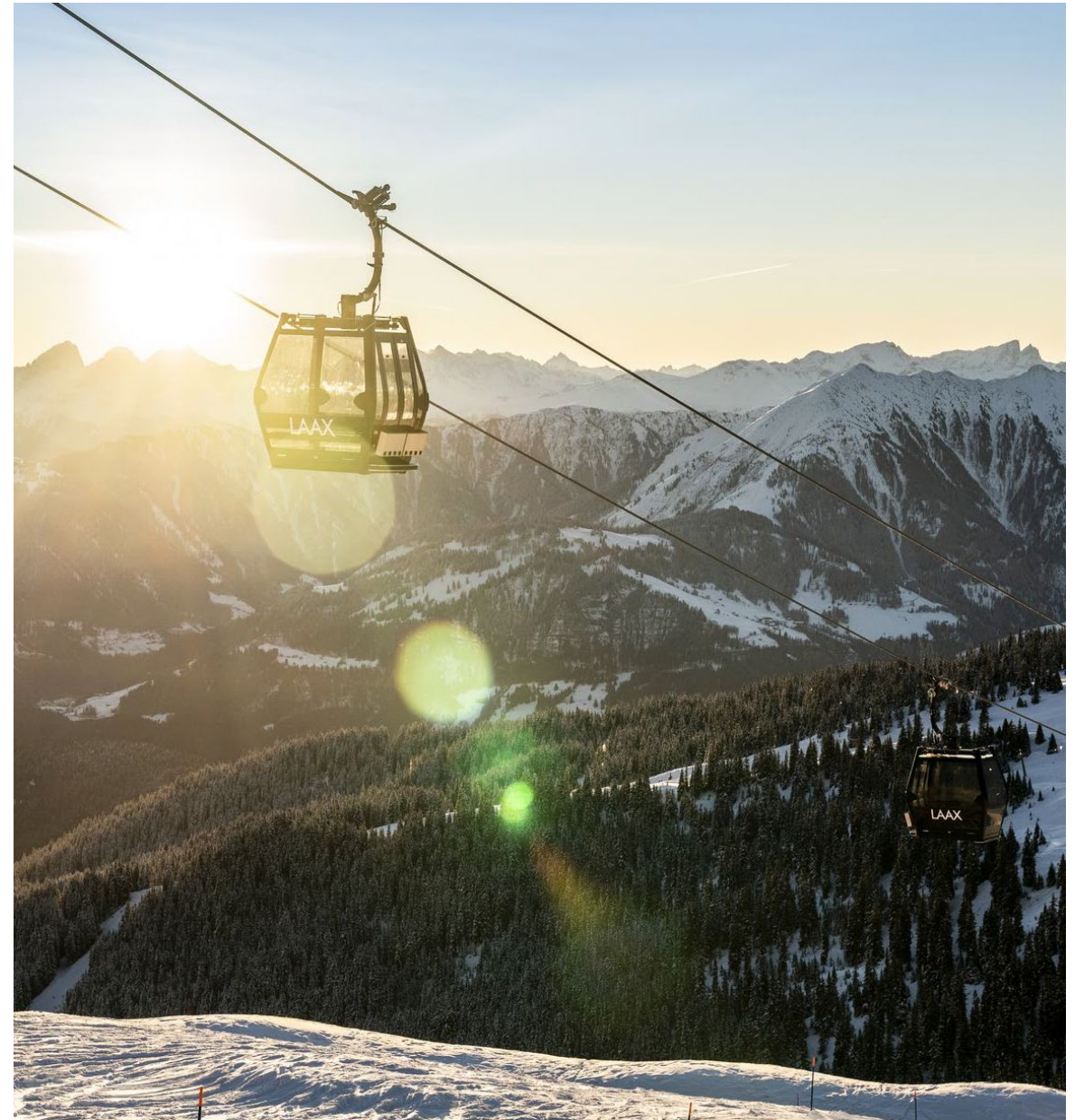
Weisse Arena Group.

The Company Behind the Resort.

The Weisse Arena Group, based in Laax, Graubünden, was formed in 1996 through the merger of the Crap Sogn Gion Mountain Railways in Laax and the Flims Mountain Railways in Flims.

The business model of the Weisse Arena Group, with its five wholly owned subsidiaries and numerous brands, is unique in the Alpine region. The group includes a mountain railway company, various hotel and restaurant businesses, sports and rental shops, a ski, snowboard and bike school, as well as a management and construction company.

As an integrated service provider in the tourism and leisure industry, the group is responsible not only for the operation of the winter sports area, but also for the year-round marketing of the entire destination of Flims Laax Falera. Learn more →



Flims Laax Falera.

The Winter Destination.

More than just winter holidays.

Winter sports enthusiasts can look forward to 224 kilometres of pistes with a mix of blue, red and black runs. Over 70 per cent of pistes are between 2,000 and 3,000 metres above sea level, making LAAX one of the most snow-sure ski areas in Switzerland. 28 modern lifts take guests quickly up the mountain.

Action-hungry skiers also have five snow parks, an Olympic-sized pro kicker line, a mini pipe and the world's largest half pipe at their disposal for their enjoyment.

Away from the slopes and parks, LAAX also has three toboggan runs, 62 kilometres of double-tracked cross-country ski trails and around 100 kilometres of winter hiking trails.

Learn more ➡

Digital forerunner in tourism.

LAAX has also been an industry pioneer in terms of digitalisation for years: as one of the first winter sports resorts, online bookings were introduced back in the 90s, the interactive INSIDE LAAX app was launched in 2015, and area-wide Wifi was also installed on the mountain. With over 396,000 users, the app has successfully established itself and has proven to be a useful companion for tourists in the destination.

In winter 2018/19, the network operator Sunrise also launched the first standardised 5G network in a winter sports region on Crap Sogn Gion (2,252 m above sea level), a world premiere in LAAX. Learn more ➡

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Free60 Natural Snowpark

Inspired by the Natural Selection Tour of the US-American snowboarder Travis Rice, this winter action lovers can enjoy a new fifth snowpark: the Free60 Natural Snowpark is located in unprepared terrain on an avalanche-safe slope.



KIDS Freestyle Academy in Flims

For the youngest guests and because the original LAAX Freestyle Academy is only accessible from the age of 6, the KIDS Freestyle Academy will open this winter 2022/23 in Stenna Flims for kids from 0 to 8 years to jump, play and have fun.



Greenstyle Book: 12-year anniversary

"How to Run a Sustainable Alpine Destination" is the name of the first Greenstyle book, which is being published to mark the 12th anniversary of Greenstyle. It is also intended to serve as a guide for other destinations for more sustainability. →



See what LAAX has in
store for you.

For Action Lovers. Upside Down in LAAX.

Freestyle is not just a trend in LAAX, but a tradition. Freestyle is also not a question of age, but rather of attitude. LAAX offers action and fun for guests of all ages. This is also proven through multiple awards, such as "World's Best Freestyle Resort" at the World Ski Awards. They're part of the World Travel Awards and are considered the Oscars of the travel industry.

What awaits freestylers in LAAX? Five snowparks with over 90 obstacles, the Olympic-sized Pro Kicker Line, a minipipe and the world's largest halfpipe. In the valley, budding professionals and experts alike also get their money's worth in the legendary Freestyle Academy LAAX, Europe's first indoor freestyle hall. The academy, which is around 1,500 square metres, combines the concentrated freestyle expertise of LAAX all year round and regardless of the weather. Learn more →



Our Top 3 Action Experiences



Free 60 Natural Snowpark

The latest addition to the snowparks LAAX: the Free60 Natural Snowpark. It's located in unprepared terrain on a safe slope between Crap Sogn Sogn Gion and Plaun and offers two runs with obstacles made of wood from the surrounding area. ➡



Freeriding on Marked Routes

For those who want to float through fresh powder snow but don't feel experienced enough to plan their own routes, the yellow-marked freeride routes in LAAX are the perfect place to go. These are controlled and safe and offer just as much fun and riding quality. ➡



Freestyle Academy LAAX at the Big Top

Built across 1,500 m², the legendary Freestyle Academy LAAX offers a world-class playground to learn tricks, improve skills and simply have fun. Whether beginner or pro, old or young – everyone is welcome. Since summer 2022, the academy has been located in the Knie Big Top in Prau la Selva in Flims. ➡

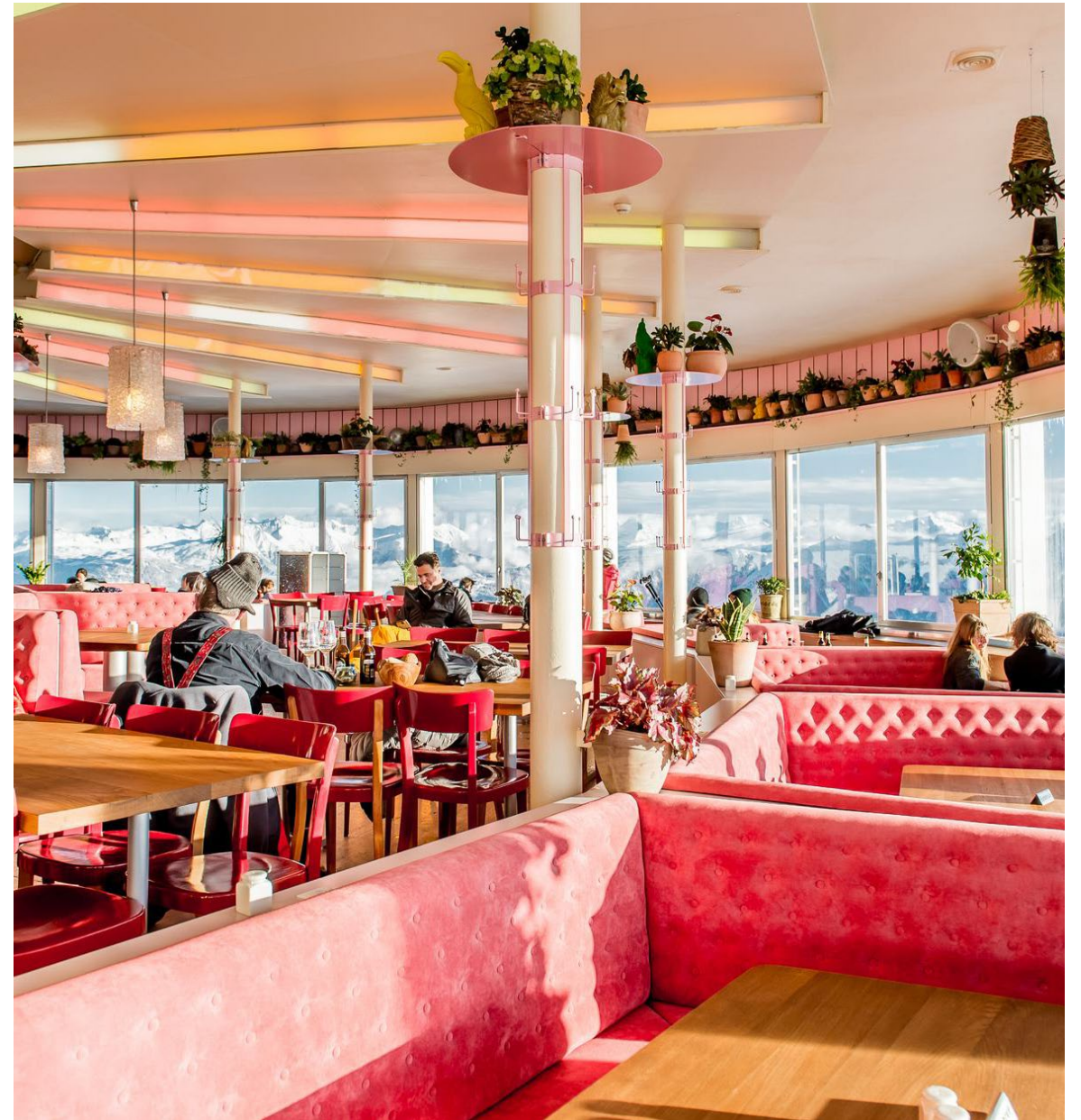
For Gourmets. Get A Taste of LAAX.

Whether it's Graubünden specialities, pan-Asian cuisine, Gault-Millau award-winning creations or hearty burgers - all guests will find something to their taste in LAAX. Local gastronomy is creative and varied both in the valley and on the mountain, in a traditional and unusual ambience.

GALAAXY, the Vorab restaurant, the Tegia Curnius or the Berghaus Nagens all offer quick, tasty, and easy meals.

Guests can round of their day in style at restaurants such as Nooba, Tegia Larnags, Camino or the Grandis Ustria da vin.

Those who prefer vegetarian or even vegan dishes are well catered for in the Riders Restaurant and in La Clav in the Hotel Adula. See what else the destination has to offer ➡



Our Top 3 Culinary Experiences



Culinary Trail “Forest & Winter”

Those who like to be active but still enjoy a tasty meal can simply walk from course to course on the Culinary Trail and let themselves be spoilt with traditional delicacies. ➡➡



Vegetarian Cuisine at Riders Restaurant

The first vegetarian restaurant in LAAX experiments with traditional techniques and flavours. The fresh ingredients from regional producers give the dishes a local twist. ➡➡



Vegan Vegetarian Cuisine at La Clav

The vegan and vegetarian dishes at La Clav are a creative reinterpretation of Swiss classics like capuns and pizokel. In doing so, the restaurant remains true to its roots, but provides new taste experiences to a new audience. ➡➡

For Families. Fun for Young and Old.

The Swiss Tourism Association (STV) awards the "Families Welcome" seal of quality to holiday resorts that are aware of the wishes and needs of families and gear their offers accordingly. Flims Laax Falera has already been awarded the seal several times and can count itself among the most family-friendly regions in Switzerland. And rightly so: young and old can expect varied experiences here that will leave them raving long after their stay.

In particular, the "Ami Sabi" children's programme, which was developed especially for the destination with the song and story writer Linard Bardill from Graubünden, delights the youngest guests time and again – in winter and in summer. The wizard, Ami Sabi, teaches children exciting facts about the local flora and fauna in a playful way. [Learn more ➡](#)



Our Top 3 Family Experiences



Ami Sabi Snow Wonderland

In Ami Sabi Snow Wonderland, children learn not only how to ski, but also a lot of exciting facts about the local flora and fauna in a playful way. The wizard Ami Sabi tells his stories with creative songs and magical tales. ➡



Night Sledging from Foppa to Flims

When darkness falls, things really get going in Foppa, near Flims: on a slope specially prepared for tobogganing, guests speed down the mountain before heading for a delicious cheese fondue in the mountain restaurant. ➡



Lantern Path from Falera to Laax

For those who like it a little quieter, the lantern trail is the place to head. Around 300 Sonnenglas® lanterns shine through the winter night, allowing guests to feel the true magic of the region and forget the hustle and bustle of everyday life for a short while. ➡

Events – Winter 2022/23



iF3: International Freeski Film Festival

On 10 December 2022, the international freeski and snowboard scene will meet at Crap Sogn Gion in LAAX for the iF3 Freeski Film Festival. LAAX is the only stop on the tour in Switzerland. The best films from the backcountry of the previous season. ➡



LAAX OPEN: Ski Slopestyle Premiere

From 17 to 21 January 2023, the world's best freestyle snowboarders and for the first time skiers as well will compete in the park and in the superpipe at Crap Sogn Gion. The LAAX OPEN is one of the most renowned freestyle contests in the world and an important part of the FIS World Cup Tour. ➡



New End of Season Event: Team Trouble

Going out with a BANG! The wildest skateboarding event in the Alps will no longer take place at the beginning of the season, but at the end. Talented skaters from all over Europe will compete in teams from 13 to 15 April 2023 at the Freestyle Academy. ➡



**Greenstyle.
For the Sake of Our Nature.**

Background: Climate Change in the Alps.

Anyone understandably concerned with climate change in Europe inevitably takes a look at the Alpine region. There, temperatures have risen twice as much as the global average over the last 100 years. According to a forecast by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the snow season will shorten by one to two days every two years. This development can already be observed: whereas only a few years ago, guests could rely on an early start to the season at the end of October, today the snow often doesn't fall until November.

This is also noticeable in LAAX: the snow line has risen and the snow comes later. For regions known for their winter sports tourism, the changing climate conditions are a challenge. As a winter sports destination, LAAX is aware of its responsibility towards the environment and nature, because future generations should still be able to enjoy wide, perfectly groomed slopes and white snowy landscapes in the winter months.

Our Motto.

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

Since 2008, the entire electricity demand of the Weisse Arena Group has been covered 100% by Swiss hydropower. However, not only the Weisse Arena Group, but the entire destination of Flims Laax Falera is pursuing an ambitious goal: to become the first energy self-sufficient Alpine destination and to cover 100% of its energy needs with climate-friendly, regional sources.

In order to achieve this vision, a special sustainability concept called "Greenstyle" was implemented in 2010. Since then, numerous larger and smaller measures for environmental protection have been implemented annually according to the guiding principle "reduce, reuse, recycle". By means of a 6-point plan, the destination is also to be transformed from an energy consumer to an energy producer. Learn more →



What We Do.



We prepare slopes energy-efficiently

All of LAAX has been digitally mapped to the centimetre. The destination therefore knows exactly where snow lies. Piste machine drivers and the snowmaking team can work more economically and ensure that technical snow is only made in the necessary places.



We convert our buildings

The greatest potential for energy-saving measures lies in existing buildings. Plus-energy buildings produce more energy than they draw from the outside. The energy required for heating and hot water is generated in or on the building itself, e.g. through solar and photovoltaic systems.



We make conscious decisions

Greenstyle doesn't stop with machinery and buildings, we also choose textiles from responsible and sustainable manufacturing when it comes to our choice of employee clothing. For example, all our employees wear blusign®-certified clothing from Burton.

How We Involve Our Guests.

Clean-Up Day.

Our piste patrollers can tell us a thing or two about how much rubbish is revealed under the melting snow in spring. For guests who would like to make their contribution to a clean environment in LAAX, a public Clean-Up Day takes place every year in June.

On this day, everyone from the destination, including guests, work together to protect and preserve local nature. In groups and equipped with rubbish bags, they go into the area together and free the winter sports area from carelessly discarded rubbish and equipment that has been left lying around.

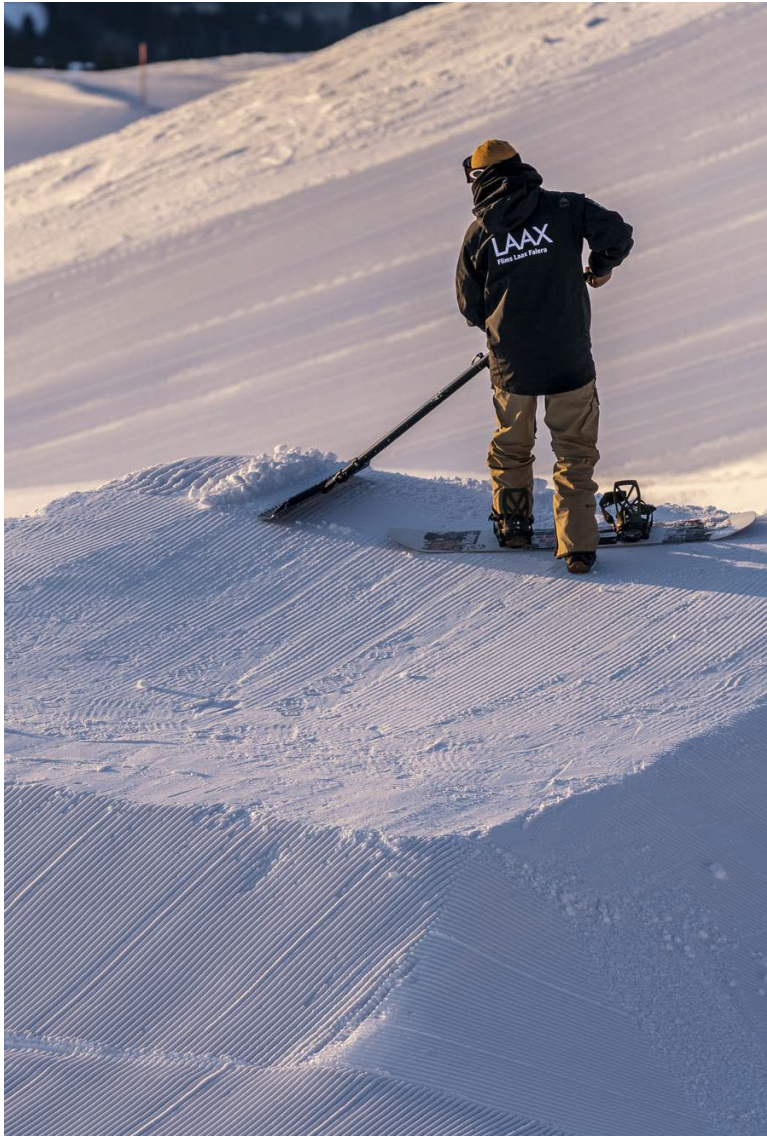
Learn more ➡

The Last Day Pass.

In the next 30 to 35 years we have to expect that the pre-glacier in LAAX will have completely disappeared due to the effects of man-made global warming.

We believe that it is worth fighting for this very special place and at while setting an example to stop man-made, unchecked climate change.

How can our guests contribute to this? By buying a Last Day Pass, they support climate protection projects that work to slow down the melting of the local Vorab Glacier and postpone the day it disappears for good. Learn more ➡



We look forward to assisting you with your research.



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