

Crystal hunting tour for families Individual days Binntal 2026

Search for crystals under the guidance of an experienced crystal hunter



Freshly mined rock crystal

1 or more days.

- Arrival and welcome in Binn at 8:30 a.m. or by personal arrangement.
- Handing over of crystal hunting equipment
- Drive to the discovery region approx. 30
- Search for signs of fissures under the guidance of the crystal hunter.
- Processing of the fissure signs and professional recovery of minerals.
- Identification of finds and proper preparation of finds for transport
- 5:00 p.m. Departure back to Binn.

Overnight stay in the Binntal valley

To ensure you have a full day to participate, we recommend arriving early. We also recommend departing the following day. Working in the high mountains is tiring and the road is far more dangerous than the mountains.

What is a day trip with a professional mineral hunter?

You accompany a professional prospector in the mountains in search of minerals. He will introduce you to the work of a prospector and search for signs of fissures (signs of a "crystal cave") together with you. Opening a fissure usually requires a lot of hard work, and extracting the crystals requires a lot of patience and experience. Depending on the area where they are found, the minerals are diverse. These can include rare minerals measuring just a few millimeters or crystals measuring several centimeters. Your prospector is familiar with the area and knows the minerals that occur there. Every crystal is unique and has no identical crystal in nature.



The valley of minerals

Binntal prospecting license:

In the Binntal valley, prospecting requires a permit. As a participant in a guided prospecting tour with a registered LPB guide, you are exempt from the permit requirement. The prospecting regulations of the municipality of Binn and the SVSMF code must be observed.

You form a discovery community with the prospector. The minerals found are divided equally. Even after the prospecting tour, the prospector is available to provide tips and advice based on their expertise. **Textbooks for aspiring prospectors are available from us.**

Streaker tours in the Binntal valley

If the weather in the Binntal valley does not allow for tours in the mountains, we will take you to various sites in the valley where extremely rare minerals can be found, such as those in the well-known Lengenbach mineral pit, which is the type locality for over 30 minerals, or to a neighboring discovery area.

How to get there

From Brig, follow the main road towards Fiesch/Furka. After the village of Laax, take the Ernen/Binntal turnoff.

We will inform you three days in advance if the weather is affected.

For safety reasons, the tour will only take place in good weather.



Freshly found crystal points

Our services

- Guidance and support from an experienced crystal hunter.
- Reservations for accommodation (on request), obtaining any necessary permits.
- Complete hunting equipment, on loan
- Ascent to the mining areas
- Search for mineral fissures under the guidance of the prospector.
- Recovery of minerals and initial identification of the pieces found.
- Support for cleaning and preserving the minerals.

Personal requirements

- Good physical condition and sure-footedness in the mountains.
- Stamina
- Ability to work in a team
- Day tours of 8-10 hours will be the norm.

Your equipment

- Durable clothing for high mountains.
- Sturdy hiking boots with good (Vibram) soles
- Rain, cold, and wind protection
- Sun protection (sunglasses, sunscreen, headgear)
- Gaiters are advantageous in springtime
- Snacks, thermos flask or water bottle, at least 1.5 liters per day/person
- 2 newspapers, 2 rolls of household paper,
- a sealable plastic container for small minerals approx. 18 x 18 x 7 cm
- 1 pair of leather work gloves
- ***There should still be room in your backpack for minerals and tools!***

For overnight stays, you will also need

- Personal items/clothing for your stay and overnight stay in a mountain hut. Possibly a silk sleeping bag.
- Spare clothing
- Personal medication, camera, etc.

Our prices

Guiding per day and person: Adults CHF 140.- Youth 8-16 CHF 60.-

Hunters equipment incl.

Special transport, train, bus, mountain railways, accommodation, and meals are not included. By booking, the participant accepts the "General Terms and Conditions" of Simplon-Trekking.

Maximum number of participants: 4-7 people

Transport costs for the spotlight bus are not included. These amount to CHF 40 to CHF 120 per day, depending on the destination.

Registration & information

We look forward to preparing this extraordinary tour with you. We are of course happy to provide you with further information and details. We look forward to your call or email:

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By making a reservation, you confirm that you are insured against liability, accident, and cancellation costs.

Simplon Trekking is managed by Rolf Gruber
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