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## Interesting anecdotes in short

- Saas-Fee is surrounded by 13 four-thousander peaks. The ones in brackets are those not that are not visible from the location: Allalin, Alphubel, Täschhorn, Dom, Lenzspitz, (Nadelhorn), (Stecknadelhorn), (Hohberghorn), (Dürrenhorn), (Strahlhorn), (Rimpfischhorn), Weissmies, Lagginhorn.
- From Hohsaas, 18 four-thousanders can be seen (18 four-thousanders theme trail on Hohsaas).
- There are 300 electric vehicles in Saas-Fee (private individuals cannot apply for an electric vehicle. Only hotels, businesses, craftsmen and landlords with over 20 beds)
- The road to Saas-Fee was first built in 1951. They decided to stay car-free. Saas-Fee has remained that way ever since.
- The first tourists were from England. That's why there is an Anglican church in Saas-Fee (today the Evangelical church). The Britannia hut was also built by Englishmen in 1912 (hence the name Britannia).
- Initially, there was only summer tourism (mountaineers, researchers, botanists); winter tourism began in 1951.
- Johann Josef Imseng (statue in front of the church) was a tourism pioneer and priest. He built the first hotel in the Saas Valley (in Saas-Grund) in the middle of the 19th century. Johann Josef Imseng was the first Swiss skier (there had been skiers in Scandinavia for a long time). He laid the foundation for the development of skiing. In 1849, he mastered a downhill run to Saas-Grund on self-built skis. Someone was dying in Saas-Grund and he strapped on some wooden planks in Saas-Fee so that he could get to Saas-Grund on time – in order to give the dying man his last rites.
- The only Alpine World Cup to take place in Saas-Fee was held in 1988. Adelboden had too little snow, so the giant slalom was moved from Adelboden to Saas-Fee. Plattjen black piste. Alberto Tomba (Tomba la bomba) won. An investment of 3 million francs would be needed to make the piste able to host the World Cup, an unrealistic sum.
- In 1984, Wham shot their famous video for 'Last Christmas' in Saas-Fee. They actually wanted to film in Gstaad, but there wasn't enough snow. Last Christmas tour: Felskinn valley station, Hotel FerienART (Photo of George Michel at the entrance), Steinmatten cultural centre (indoor shots were filmed there) + chalet in the hamlet of 'Schliechte': the famous Last Christmas chalet.
- Saas-Fee is only 120 kilometres from Milan as the crow flies. In clear weather, you can see Milan from the revolving restaurant. And vice versa: From the Torre Branca lookout tower in Milan you can see the Mischabel massif of Saas-Fee.
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- The Monte Moro Pass and the Antrona Pass were once important crossings to the south, also known as smuggling routes.
  - The most famous work of the Nobel Prize in Literature winner André Gide (1869-1951), 'The Counterfeiters' (1925) is set in Saas-Fee (and Paris).
  - Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902), spent two weeks in Saas-Fee in 1896. There is a bust in front of the Saaser Museum + plaque at the Hotel Metropol, the successor of the building he stayed in.
  - Carl Zuckmayer (1896-1977), one of the most-performed playwrights in the German-speaking world in the second half of the 20th century, lived in Saas-Fee from 1957-1977 (in Haus Vogelweid). There is a Carl Zuckmayer trail with quote stones.

"You are standing at the end of the world and yet at the same time at its origin, at its beginning and in its centre." (Carl Zuckmayer)

"A day not spent here in Saas-Fee, is like half a day for me." (Carl Zuckmayer)

"Saas-Fee, even in the age of cable cars [...], still has its own magic – it nestles in its old corners and barns, in the meadows and the forests and above all, it lives in the vastness of the sky, which is not constricted by the high peaks, but wonderfully framed and supported." (Carl Zuckmayer)