

Valgrisenche



Some information...

Altitude: 1664 metres

Inhabitants: 187

Mountain resource and produce: the water and the "drap"

<http://www.comune.valgrisenche.ao.it/>



Cooperative Les Tisserands

Valgrisenche "drap" (a local rough cloth) is the most characteristic fabric of the alpine milieu and today as once it is carried out with a natural wool on the old maple wood trades, a traditional trade that has had only few changes. While in the past the colours of cloth were not so varied, nowadays, thanks to the ideas of some Valgrisenche craftsmen the clothes are proposed in a vast range of colours and motives with geometrical prevalence. This typical trade has had a new development, thanks to the use of an ecological wool, that is washed and coloured with natural products. "Drap" is very required for furnishing, it is particularly appropriate for rustic-style furniture and it emanates the typical heat of the Aostan mountains.



The Barrage of Beauregard

Upon the village is situated the Lake Beauregard at an altitude of 1770 metres. It is an artificial barrage on reinforced concrete, built in 1957 that dams completely the valley. It holds 70 millions cubic metres of water. The lake is 4 kilometres long and its waters power the hydroelectric central of Avise and those of the lower villages. It has been marked a route alongside the lake and you can admire the beautiful peaks of the valley that are reflected in the blue water. Every years in August takes place the traditional "Martze a pià", a foot-race named "Tour du Lac" that starts near the lake. The alpine guides have opened up artificial routes for climbing on the barrage wall.

