

Ski Resorts in Europe 2010/2011



The European Consumer Centres Network

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Introduction

In many European countries skiing is one of the most popular leisure-activities, especially during the winter months. Alpine skiing has a long tradition in the Alpine regions of Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Slovenia, Germany and France. Therefore, in these countries there is a very large interest in skiing, which is only beaten by swimming or cycling.

During the decades skiing has become popular also in many other European countries although the geographic or climatic conditions are not really good for skiing.

Skiing has increased thanks to the growing number of high-tech cable cars and skilifts. Another reason for the growth of skisport are the new technologies of the skis themselves. Carving-skis make it easier to learn how to ski and therefore the number of people that want to go to the mountains for vacation is rising steadily.

Especially for younger children and teenagers winter is one of the most exciting seasons. Also activities outside in the snow are highly recommended by health experts. Nevertheless you have to consider the financial burden of such activities, especially for families (with more than one child).

Survey of about 20 countries

The aim of this present pan-European market survey on ski resorts is to support consumers when choosing the most suitable ski resort for their personal winter vacation.

Especially families can save a lot of money, if they are informed in advance about the prices and the availability of any special offers and family reductions.

Well structured information about custom-made options or alternatives can make snow activities much more accessible.

Skiing - an expensive hobby

Compared to other sport activities skiing is one of the most expensive leisure sports.

In order to carry out skiing you need a very complex infrastructure: cable cars or skilifts are necessary to carry skiers uphill as quickly as possible, more and more slopes are provided by snow guns and in any case slopes have to be very well primed. In addition ski resorts need adequate access to roads, which have to be maintained and kept in especially good conditions during winter time.

Furthermore, the increasing number of skiers leads to the need for accommodation also in locations, which are not easily accessible.

Service has its price

The installation and maintaining of infrastructure in ski regions leads to very high costs, which usually have to be paid by the consumers themselves. Skiers that want to indulge their passion in a well developed ski resort have to pay between 35 and 50 Euro per day (one day ticket for an adult). For one week skiing in a top region you have to consider approximately 250 Euro or more (6 day ski tickets for an adult). In comparison cross-country skiing, climbing or hiking is in general free of costs or at least available at very moderate costs.

In addition to the costs mentioned above you have to consider the costs for accommodation and daily meals. It has to be stressed that even if the prices in very attractive ski resorts are rather high, families with children at school have to spend their vacation during the „expensive“ high season, which usually leads to a high financial burden.

Example “family package”

A family (2 adults and 2 children) for example has to face costs of at least 2000 Euro for one ski week vacation in a 3-star-hotel (including breakfast and dinner) and for 6-day-ski-tickets for the whole family. Not included in this example are the costs for arrival and departure, for daily meals (on the slope), costs for ski rentals or costs for learning skiing in a ski school. This could lead to several hundred Euros and has to be considered in advance, when you are planning your financial budget for vacation.

For an average household a one week ski-vacation will cost more than an average monthly salary. Therefore, especially young families, who usually have a rather small budget, have to plan their winter vacation very carefully, because they do not want to run into debt.

The “custom-made” ski resort

Of course top ski resorts offer brilliant service for skiers, which leaves nothing to be desired. The main ski resorts within the Alps offer hundreds of slopes in top conditions, which are connected by the most modern skilifts as well as fun on freeride areas. Naturally this is very fascinating for real ski enthusiasts, but for parents with young children such offers are often dispensable. For young families small ski resorts with few kilometres of slopes are often sufficient, because they have to amend their activities to the needs of their children.

Also a huge offer of spare time activities could be redundant in some cases, especially, because families often look for privacy and relaxation instead of action around the clock.

Access to a whole ski region – useful for families?

Needless to say that many ski resorts are connected to a whole ski region in order to rise their attractiveness. People who purchase a ski ticket for several days get the possibility to use a huge ski region, which is in some cases a whole province, like the big ski area of *Dolomiti Superski* in the Italian Dolomites, which includes 1200km of slopes. A similar service is available at the top ski regions in *Carinthia-Easttyrol* (Kärnten-Osttirol), which includes 32 ski resorts and more than 1000 kilometres of

slopes. Access to bigger ski areas is even often available if you purchase a one and a half or two day ticket, sometimes you have to purchase a 7-day ticket for such a service.

It has to be considered, who can really use such a huge services of slopes, which is offered by some ski-dorados?

Usually single ski resorts within a big ski region have a distance of up to a one-day-journey between them. So you need a car and the willingness to sit longer inside the car than go skiing on the slopes. For families this is not a recommendable alternative.

So, a skier who can abandon the superlative, can save a lot of money, because the „custom-made ski resort for individual needs“ is often a really cheap alternative. Therefore a comparison of offers and prices can be very profitable.

The European Consumer Centres' Network

In fact the comparison of offers is very time consuming, especially if you want to compare ski resorts in different countries. Therefore this survey has been realized by the European Consumer Centres Network (ECC-Net). The aim is to give an overview of the different offers relating to skiing across Europe.

The ECC-Net is a European network consisting of 29 European Consumer Centres, in all EU Member States including Iceland and Norway. The network is co-funded by the European Commission (Health and Consumer Protection Directorate-General), the EU Member States, Iceland and Norway. The mission of the ECC-Net is to provide information on consumer rights under EU legislation and on opportunities offered by the Internal Market, in order to create consumer confidence and trust in cross-order transactions. This is achieved by providing advice and support to individual consumers in defending their rights when dealing with business entities based in different Member States. It also aims at assisting consumers to reach an amicable solution of cross-border disputes in case of need.

The ECC-Net collects information and analyses trends on selected topics at national and EU level, on the basis of its practical experience in dealing with consumers. Thus, the ECC-Net provides a highly relevant input for campaigns that are designed to inform and educate consumers on various subjects. The ECC-Net publishes information material and every ECC has its own website. You have access to all ECCs directly via www.ecc-net.info.

In addition, members of the ECC-Net engage in joint projects in order to investigate specific business sectors.

This report has to be seen in this context. The report “Ski Resorts in Europe 2010/2011” is the result of the first pan-european survey on ski resorts conducted by the ECC-Net and focuses on the costs and offers of ski resorts all over Europe.

Market survey concerning almost 200 ski resorts: Scope

The main purpose of this report is to provide an overview and to help consumers to find “their custom-made” ski resort for the winter season 2010/2011.

Furthermore the cost have been analyzed and compared within 5 categories.

In addition the importance of skiing in different European countries has been illustrated.

Moreover, the report includes recommendations for choosing your “custom-made” ski resort.

Methodology

This market survey was generated by 19 European Consumers Centres (ECCs).

ECC Austria, hosted by the Austrian Consumer Association VKI (Verein für Konsumenteninformation), lead this joint project within the ECC-Net. In addition to the countries within the European Union, ECC Austria also collected data from Swiss ski resorts, in order to include on all main “ski-countries” within the Alps.

The European Consumer Centre Austria created a comprehensive questionnaire, which was sent out to all participating ECCs. Staff of the respective ECCs translated the questionnaire into their mother tongue and sent the translated text back to ECC Austria.

As a next step ECC Austria created a database consisting of 20 questionnaires in 17 European languages. It has to be noted that for Finland English had been agreed as language for the questionnaire.

For Switzerland and Italy the German, Italian and French versions of the questionnaire were applicable.

The respective ECCs made a selection of their national ski resorts that should participate in this survey on their own. They sent out the web-link to the questionnaire accompanied by instructions how to fill in the questionnaire.

In total more than 400 questionnaires were sent out electronically including a web-link to the respective questionnaire. 199 replies have been registered and evaluated.

A copy of the questionnaire is available in the appendix

There are no data for Romania, because the questionnaire might not be suitable for the situation of ski resorts in Romania.

For Estonia 3 resorts were registered. 2 ski resorts for alpine skiing, which are represented in the survey and 1 cross country ski resort (Holstre Polli), which falls out of the scope.

For Spain we registered 10 answers in total, one resort is only a cross county ski resort (Puerto de la Ragua) and therefore falls out of the scope of this survey. So for Spain 9 ski resorts have been evaluated.

Furthermore it has to be noted that only “free air” ski resorts” are the purpose of this survey. Indoor or “dry” ski resorts have not been taken into account.

All registered costs are in Euro. For those countries that are not within the Euro-Zone we used the monthly exchange rates of the respective country for September 2010: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm>

Different level of participation

It has to be stressed that the willingness of ski resort operators was not equal in all countries. In Austria, where the ski resorts are used to fill in such questionnaires, 80 resorts answered, in France for instance only 6 ski resorts participated.

This is one reason why the results are not representative in all details of all countries.

Nevertheless you can deflect trends – either from the geographic point of view or from the size and level of prices.

Disclaimer

The selection of the ski resorts that participated in this survey was made by the different ECCs themselves. This survey only covers those ski resorts that answered to the online questionnaire. All information is made by the operators of the resort on their own. The ECC-Net can not guarantee the accuracy of the data in all cases although ECC Austria checked in many cases the data and made amendments. Please keep in mind that the online tables on www.europakonsument.at/ski-resorts2010 provide additional information, especially in the footnotes.

Number of evaluated ski resorts

Overall 197 ski resorts were evaluated. In order to have comparable data the respective ski resorts have been structured into 5 different categories:

- 1-10 km
- 11-25 km
- 26-50 km
- 51-100 km
- more than 100 km

Most of the replies belong to the categories 1-10 km and 11-25 km.

Number of participating ski resorts

| Nationality | 1 - 10 km | 11 - 25 km | 26 - 50 km | 51 - 100 km | More than 100 km | Total amount |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| Austria | 4 | 30 | 23 | 8 | 15 | 80 |
| Bulgaria | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Cyprus | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Czech Republic | 27 | 1 | | | | 28 |
| Estonia | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Finland | 2 | 4 | | 1 | | 7 |
| France | | | | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Germany | 3 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 7 |
| Greece | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Italy | 1 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 23 |
| Lithuania | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Norway | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Poland | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Portugal | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Slovakia | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | 6 |
| Slovenia | | 2 | 2 | | | 4 |
| Spain | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| Sweden | 2 | 1 | | | | 3 |
| Switzerland | | | 1 | 4 | 7 | 12 |
| United Kingdom | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Total amount | 51 | 48 | 44 | 20 | 34 | 197 |

Costs for 1 day adult ski pass

In each category we have evaluated the ten cheapest and ten most expensive ski resorts for a one day ski ticket (adult). For the comparison please keep in mind the relation between the price and the slope kilometres.

| 1 - 10 km | Nationality | Ski resort | Day Ski Pass Adult in € | Slope km |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Cheapest | | | | |
| 1 | Lithuania | Vilkaviškio rajono slidininkų klubas | 7 | 1 |
| 2 | Czech Republic | Sport areál Klíny | 10 | 2 |
| 3 | Czech Republic | Ski Pěnkavčí vrch | 10 | 1 |
| 4 | Czech Republic | Červenohorské sedlo | 10 | 6 |
| 5 | Czech Republic | Ski areál Mosty u Jablunkova | 11,3 | 2 |
| 6 | Czech Republic | ABC SKI Nové Hamry | 11,7 | 1 |
| 7 | Czech Republic | Ski areál Novako Boží Dar | 12 | 1 |
| 8 | Czech Republic | Skiareál Parez | 12,8 | 1 |
| 9 | Czech Republic | Ski Armáda Dolní Lomná | 13,3 | 1 |
| 10 | Czech Republic | Skiareál Ostružná | 14 | 2 |
| Most expensive | | | | |
| 1 | Finland | Sappee Ski Resort | 32 | 10 |
| 2 | Spain | Aramon Valdelinares | 31 | 10 |
| 3 | Finland | Messilä | 29 | 10 |
| 4 | Spain | Vall de Núria | 28,6 | 8 |
| 5 | Sweden | Hovfjället | 27 | 4 |
| 6 | Austria | Emberger Alm | 26 | 10 |
| 7 | Portugal | Estância de Ski Serra da Estrela | 25 | 6 |
| 8 | Sweden | Valfjället Skicenter AB Gryttved | 24 | 4 |

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|----|---------|-------------------------------|------|----|
| 9 | Italy | Ski- und Wandergebiet Pfeders | 24 | 10 |
| 10 | Austria | Hochhäderich Alpenarena | 23,5 | 10 |

| 11 - 25 km | Nationality | Ski resort | Day Ski Pass Adult in € | Slope km |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Cheapest | | | | |
| 1 | Bulgaria | Chepelare | 19 | 20 |
| 2 | Germany | Skigebiet am Kolben / Laber | 21 | 11 |
| 3 | Austria | Königsberg | 22 | 14 |
| 4 | Austria | Forsteralm | 22 | 18 |
| 5 | Slovakia | Vratna Free Time Zone | 22 | 14 |
| 6 | Austria | Rangger Köpfl/Oberperfuss | 22,5 | 17 |
| 7 | Austria | Unterberg | 24 | 20 |
| 8 | Austria | Stubalm/Gaberl | 24 | 12 |
| 9 | Czech Republic | Rokytnice nad Jizerou | 24 | 20 |
| 10 | Austria | Simonhöhe | 24,5 | 13 |
| Most expensive | | | | |
| 1 | Austria | Stuhleck | 35,5 | 24 |
| 2 | Norway | Eikedalen Skisenter | 35 | 15 |
| 3 | Austria | Wurzeralm | 34 | 22 |
| 4 | Spain | La Pinilla | 34 | 22 |
| 5 | Austria | Werfenweng | 33 | 25 |
| 6 | Austria | Christlum Hochalm | 33 | 25 |
| 7 | Austria | Krippenstein/Dachstein | 32,9 | 11 |
| 8 | Austria | Semmering, Zauberberg | 32,5 | 14 |
| 9 | Finland | Pyhä | 32,5 | 11 |
| 10 | Finland | Ruka | 32,5 | 21 |

| 26 - 50 km | Nationality | Ski resort | Day Ski Pass Adult in € | Slope km |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Cheapest | | | | |
| 1 | Bulgaria | Pamporovo | 25 | 29 |
| 2 | Germany | Liftverbund Feldberg | 27 | 50 |
| 3 | Italy | Sella Nevea - Bovec | 28 | 30 |
| 4 | Slovenia | Kanin, Občina Bovec | 28 | 30 |
| 5 | Austria | Laterns-Gapfohl | 29 | 27 |
| 6 | Italy | Tarvisio | 29 | 32 |
| 7 | Slovenia | RTC Krvavec | 29 | 30 |
| 8 | Germany | Skigebiet Oberjoch/Unterjoch | 29 | 32 |
| 9 | Italy | Zoncolan - Ravascletto | 29 | 28 |
| 10 | Austria | Gaissau-Hintersee | 29,9 | 40 |
| Most expensive | | | | |
| 1 | Norway | Geilo | 44 | 35 |
| 2 | Austria | Hauser Kaibling | 42 | 37 |
| 3 | Switzerland | Lauchernalp/Lötschental | 40 | 33 |
| 4 | Italy | Obereggen - Ski Center Latemar | 39 | 48 |
| 5 | Austria | Hochpustertal/Sillian | 38 | 45 |
| 6 | Italy | Schnalstaler Gletscherbahnen AG | 37 | 35 |
| 7 | Austria | Fanningberg | 36,5 | 30 |
| 8 | Austria | Lermoos - Biberwier | 36,5 | 47 |
| 9 | Austria | Kaunertaler Gletscher | 36,5 | 36 |
| 10 | Austria | Fieberbrunn | 36,5 | 43 |

| 51 - 100 km | Nationality | Ski resort | Day Ski Pass Adult in € | Slope km |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Cheapest | | | | |
| 1 | France | Les Portes du Mont-Blanc | 26 | 100 |
| 2 | France | Peyragudes | 32,5 | 60 |
| 3 | Italy | SkiArea Valchiavenna S.p.A. | 34 | 60 |
| 4 | Austria | Dachstein West, Skiregion | 36 | 77 |
| 5 | Austria | Wildkogel Ski-Arena | 36 | 55 |
| 6 | Austria | Hochzeiger/Pitztal | 36 | 52 |
| 7 | Switzerland | Sörenberg | 36 | 53 |
| 8 | Austria | Grossglockner/Heiligenblut | 36,5 | 55 |
| 9 | Spain | Gran Pallars | 37 | 55 |
| 10 | Austria | St. Jakob i.D. | 38 | 52 |
| Most expensive | | | | |
| 1 | Switzerland | Flumserberg | 44 | 65 |
| 2 | Italy | Seiser Alm | 43 | 60 |
| 3 | Austria | Schmitten | 42 | 77 |
| 4 | Switzerland | Motta Naluns | 40 | 80 |
| 5 | Austria | Mölltaler Gletscher | 39,5 | 53 |
| 6 | Spain | Cerler, Grupo Aramón | 39,5 | 76 |
| 7 | Switzerland | Torrent/Leukerbad | 39,2 | 52 |
| 8 | Italy | Sextner Dolomiten | 38,5 | 77 |
| 9 | Austria | St. Jakob i.D. | 38 | 52 |
| 10 | Austria | Obertauern | 38 | 100 |

| more than 100 km | Nationality | Ski resort | Day Ski Pass Adult in € | Slope km |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Cheapest | | | | |
| 1 | Austria | Reschenpass/Nauders | 33 | 117 |
| 2 | Italy | Monterosa Ski | 38 | 180 |
| 3 | Italy | Livigno | 38,5 | 115 |
| 4 | Austria | Stubai Gletscher | 39 | 110 |
| 5 | Germany | Oberstdorf-Kleinwalsertal | 39 | 120 |
| 6 | France | Val Thonnes | 39 | 140 |
| 7 | Austria | Großglockner Resort Kals/ Matri | 39,5 | 110 |
| 8 | France | Courchevel | 39,5 | 150 |
| 9 | France | Les 2 Alpes | 39,7 | 220 |
| 10 | Austria | Wilder Kaiser SkiWelt | 40 | 263 |
| Most expensive | | | | |
| 1 | Switzerland | St. Moritz | 57 | 350 |
| 2 | Switzerland | Saas-Fee | 51,55 | 145 |
| 3 | Switzerland | Gstaad | 50,56 | 250 |
| 4 | Switzerland | Flims Laax Falera | 48,6 | 220 |
| 5 | Switzerland | Lenzerheide | 46,43 | 155 |
| 6 | Switzerland | Les Diablerets | 46 | 125 |
| 7 | Switzerland | Adelboden-Lenk-Frutigen | 45,19 | 185 |
| 8 | Spain | Baqueira Beret | 45 | 117 |
| 9 | Austria | Silvretta Arena Ischgl/Samnaun | 44,5 | 223 |
| 10 | Austria | Arlberg (Ski Arlberg) | 44,5 | 284 |

Results

In Austria and the Czech Republic the rate of return was extraordinarily high. In the Czech Republic the small ski resorts are dominant, only 1 of 28 resorts offers more than 10 kilometres of slopes. Frankly spoken this reflects the real situation in countries in which several small sized ski resorts within the low mountain range are based.

In Austria the range of ski resorts is from very small resorts to really big ski areas offering more than 100 kilometres, on average most of the ski resorts in Austria are between 11 and 50 kilometres. In fact this mirrors the situation in Austria very well.

Besides Austria, Italy is the only country in which ski resorts from all 5 categories answered the questionnaire. Half of the Italian ski resorts belong to the category 26-50 km.

The rate of return from other European countries was not that many, nevertheless the number of answers can be seen as representative for most of the countries.

Small and big resorts in Germany and Spain replied, in Finland only very small resorts filled in the requested questionnaire. This reflects the real situation in these countries.

In Switzerland and France big and well known ski resorts are over represented. Of course such resorts are more interesting for foreign tourists. In general small resorts are usually frequented by domestic tourists.

It has to be noted that skiing is also possible in Cyprus. Skiing can be enjoyed on the "divine" slopes of Mount Olympus (Zeus slope, Hera slope, Aphrodite slope, Hermes slope), usually from the beginning of January until the end of March.

The number of replies from other countries was moderate, which is caused by the fact that most of the local resorts are rather small (1-2 km).

"Family package" – an orientation guide

ECC Austria checked the prices for a one-day-ticket and for a 6-day-ticket. In addition to the price for an adult, the prices for children, teenagers and seniors have been requested.

For the so called „family package“ we took the costs for a six-day-ticket. In case that a ski resort did not fill in the costs for a six-day-ticket we multiplied a one-day-ticket six times.

The costs for a family package is without any possible reductions (like guest cards, etc), it is just an orientation guide.

In fact this report focuses on the all around price for a one week vacation of a family consisting of 2 adults and 2 children. The costs for 6-day-ski tickets of two adults and one child (without specification of his age) and a teenager (born in 1994) have been summed up.

Huge cost differences

Referring to the tables (see www.europakonsument.at/ski-resorts2010 and in the appendix – please keep the footnote of the online tables in mind!) the costs for a 6-day-adult-ski ticket ranges between 40 Euro in the Czech Republic (*Sport areál Klíny*) and Lithuania (*Vilkaviškio rajono slidininkų klubas*) and 272 Euro in a ritzy Swiss ski resort (*St. Moritz*). This is more than seven times higher compared to the cheapest resort in this report.

The costs for „our family“ amounts between 136 Euro (*Sport areál Klíny / CZ*) in the cheapest resort and 897 Euro (*Saas Fee / CH*). This is a seven times higher price.

Good value for money in Czech Republic

Ski resorts where you get a good value for your money are mostly in the Czech Republic. There ski resorts charge between 40 and 75 Euro for a 6-day-ticket. The „family package“ is available for at least 136 Euro. The only Lithuanian ski resort in this survey charges for the „family package“ 140 Euro.

A special case is the ski resort in *Allenheads* (UK). There you only can have access to the slopes, if you pay some kind of annual membership (37 Euro for an adult, 73 Euro for the whole family). Nevertheless it would be unreliable if you compare these costs with an ordinary ski tickets, because the number of members is limited and some kind of cooperation as a member is required.

Most expensive: Switzerland

Among the most expensive ski resorts the famous Swiss venues are at the top. The top costs in Switzerland are 896 Euro (*Saas Fee*) for the „family package“. In the Spanish *Sierra Nevada* you have to pay up to 826 Euro, in Italy up to 799 Euro (*Kronplatz*). The following countries are France 741 Euro (*Serre Chevalier*).

Mostly small is cheap

Needless to say that - as a general rule - the cheapest ski resorts are also the smallest. But if you consider the size of a resort in respect of the slope kilometres there are huge differences.

In the smallest category (1-10 km) the Czech resorts and the only Lithuanian resort are the cheapest (appr. 140 Euro).

On the other hand you have to pay 626 Euro in a very small resort in Finland (*Sport Resort Ylläs/Ylläs-Ski*).

However, there are differences within the same category: the cheapest resorts only offer a 1 kilometre slope, the most expensive ones 10 kilometres. In fact the bigger resorts in the Czech Republic are well below the price level compared to other countries: *Sport Centrum Bournak* (7 kilometres slopes) charges 197 Euro for the package.

Besides, the Czech Republic and Lithuania, the price-differences in comparable ski resorts in the requested countries are not very eye-catching. A lot of small resorts in

the Alps of Central-Europe have similar prices of comparable resorts in Northern- and Eastern-Europe. The partly significant lower purchase power in Eastern Europe has only a small impact on the prices in the ski resorts in these countries.

Special case: Italy

Characteristics in the tariff arrangement can have an impact on the results as well. Many Italian ski resorts are among the most expensive in their category.

One reason is that teenagers at an age of 16 have to pay the full price of an adult. In our example („family-package“), which includes a 16 years old teen, we had to calculate 3 adults and one child.

Moreover it has to keep in mind that in several smaller ski regions, which are located within well developed ski areas, the 6-day-ticket is also valid in neighbouring resorts. So you have more options if you at least buy a 1,5 day ticket.

It makes sense to compare such ski resorts with bigger resorts as well. So skiers in the Austrian *Hochhäderich* can use 230 kilometres of slopes (if buying a ticket for more than 1 day) although this resort has only 10 local kilometres.

Therefore you have to compare the prices for a 6-day-ticket with those of the biggest category (more than 100 kilometres). In such cases long distances by car have to be taken into account in order to have access to all slopes. This applies for other ski resorts as well, in which 6-day-cards are valid for the whole region.

Costs for “family package”

This table shows the cheapest and most expensive ski resort (for “family packages”). In each category the 3 cheapest and 3 most expensive ski resorts have been evaluated.

For the comparison please keep in mind the relation between the price and the slope kilometres.

Skigebiete mit 1-10 km Piste

| Ski resort/Country | Costs for the familypackage in € | Slope km |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Cheapest | | |
| Kliny / Czech Republic | 136,- | 2 km |
| Slidinek / Lithuania | 140,- | 1 km |
| Novako Bozi Dar / Czech Republic | 174,- | 1 km |
| Most expensive | | |
| Messilä / Finland | 595,- | 10 km |
| Sappee / Finland | 574,- | 10 km |
| Aramon Valdelinares / Spain | 536,- | 10 km |

Ski resort with 11-25 slope km

| Ski resort/Country | Costs for the familypackage in € | Slope km |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Cheapest | | |
| Kolben/Laber / Germany | 293,- | 11 km |
| Königsberg / Austria | 300,- | 14 km |
| Chepelare / Bulgaria | 306,- | 20 km |
| Most expensive | | |
| Storliens / Sweden | 672,- | 18 km |
| La Pinilla / Spain | 660,- | 22 km |
| Werfenweng / Austria | 596,- | 25 km |

Ski resort with 26-50 slope km

| Ski resort/Country | Costs for the familypackage in € | Slope km |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Cheapest | | |
| Feldberg / Germany | 420,- | 50 km |
| Gaissau-Hintersee / Austria | 424,1 | 40 km |
| Krvavec/Slowenien | 449,- | 30 km |
| Most expensive | | |
| Schnalstaler Gletscher / Italy | 723,5 | 35 km |
| Lauchernalp/Lötschental / Switzerland | 697,- | 33 km |
| Geilo / Norway | 670,- | 35 km |

Ski resort with 51-100 slope km

| Ski resort/Country | Costs for the familypackage in € | Slope km |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Cheapest | | |
| Les Portes du Mont-Blanc / France | 487,- | 100 km |
| Valchiavenna / Italy | 512,- | 60 km |
| Hochzeiger / Austria | 578,- | 52 km |
| Most expensive | | |
| Seiser Alm / Italy | 799,- | 60 km |
| Sextner Dolomiten / Italy | 740,- | 77 km |
| GranPallars / Spain | 700,- | 55 km |

Ski resort over 100 slope km

| Ski resort/Country | Costs for the familypackage in € | Slope km |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Cheapest | | |
| Oberstdorf-Kleinwalsertal / Germany | 574,- | 120 km |
| Großglockner Resort / Austria | 581,- | 110 km |
| Reschenpass/Nauders / Austria | 585,5 | 117 km |
| Most expensive | | |
| Saas-Fee / Switzerland | 896,- | 145 km |
| Formigal / Spain | 840,- | 137 km |
| Sierra Nevada / Spain | 826,- | 102 km |

Various discounts and reductions

Several ski resorts offer various discounts, which are especially beneficial for families.

Discounts could be possible for families or for owners of a so called “guest-card” within the ski region. Furthermore often small children can use the lifts for free, if they are accompanied by an adult.

These reductions are manifold and therefore are NOT shown in the tables above.

We stress again that for the so called „family package“ the costs for a six-day-ticket have been taken. In case that a ski resort did not fill in the costs for a six-day-ticket a one-day-ticket has been multiplied six times. Furthermore the 4 six-day-tickets for the “Family package” have been summed up.

The costs for a family package is without any possible reductions (like guest cards, etc.), it is just an orientation guide.

Please note, that some operators do not promote any reductions or discounts very well. Therefore it is advisable to ask for such discount before you pay the requested price. Not all operators will inform you about discounts voluntarily.

Family-discounts

Especially in the expensive ski resorts like *Saas Fee* (Switzerland), which is the most expensive resort for families, you can save a lot of money when asking for reductions: Children up to 9 years can ski accompanied by their parents for free, which leads to a saving of 149 Euro (748 Euro instead of 897 Euro).

In *St. Moritz* (Switzerland) you pay 702 Euro instead of 819 Euro, if you ask for family reductions. The *Stubai Gletscher* (Austria) offers 150 Euro discount (488 Euro instead of 639 Euro). In *Galtür* (Austria) you can save 125 Euro. The *Postalm* (Austria) offers quite high reductions: 293 Euro instead of 439 Euro, which is almost one third.

Insurance

Besides, the “custom-made” ski resort, the costs, the accommodation, the equipment etc. there is also another important aspect which you should consider while planning your next holiday – the insurance in case of accidents.

This might not be the most favourable topic to think about while planning a relaxing and nice holiday, but prevention is better than cure.

All over Europe there is a different legal situation concerning the costs for a rescue and emergency medical service. In some countries the health insurance takes over the costs and in other countries you have to pay it yourself. And especially by helicopter emergency transports from the mountains, the costs might sum up easily to 4000 – 8000€.

To prevent possible nightmares, think about 3 points before you start your holiday:

- Take your insurance card with you
- The European emergency number is: 112
- Do you want an extra insurance for your winter holiday

A translation tool, concerning the most important sentences when using a medical treatment abroad is available at the following website: <http://www.ecc-kiel.de/e-card>

Tips from the ECC-Net

- Consider what you really need: Families with small children usually do not need a „Mega-ski-resort“. For learning skiing a small and cheap ski resort normally is sufficient.
- Find out in time: Take your time when planning your vacation. This price survey is an overview of the offers. To be on the safe side we recommend checking the websites of the ski resorts in charge.
- Ask for reductions: Find out about the requirements for any reductions in advance. Do you need any proofs for a discount (e.g. student identity card, guest card, etc.)

This report is a useful tool for consumers within the EU, because it provides relevant information about ski resorts in different European countries and in particular, information on the size of ski resorts, the availability of lifts and cable cars, the costs and offers, the payment facilities, etc and last but not least the contact details of more than 400 European ski resorts.

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Notes to the tables at the national information pages:

- Table to the costs → green = cheapest / red = most expensive
- Table to additional information → X = service that is available in the ski resort

Appendix A: List of ski resorts (websites)

Appendix B: Questionnaire

Appendix C: Contact details of all 29 ECCs

Appendix D: FIS rules

Austria

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| Capital: | Vienna |
| Official Language(s): | German |
| Currency: | Euro |
| Calling Code: | 0043 |
| Official tourism: | www.austria.info |

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|-----------------------|----|
| Contacted Ski resorts | 97 |
| Answers | 80 |

General information about skiing in Austria

A huge part of Austria is covered by mountains. The west is dominated by the Alps, but also in most of the other provinces there are mountains of medium height. Only in the east are wide-stretched lowland areas. The conditions for skiing are extraordinarily good. The long-lived tradition as well as the ongoing successes in competitions (Ski Worldcup) intensifies this natural condition. In addition, a ski course at the secondary school was obligatory, until some years ago. That is why pupils already got in contact with skiing at an early age. There is barely another country where Alpine skiing has such a high local value. Only in neighbouring Switzerland the situation is comparably.

The origins of the alpine ski technique are connected to Lilienfeld, the east extensions of the Alps, and not, like someone might think, to the mountains of Tyrol. Mathias Zdarsky, a Czech, published the "Alpine Lilienfeld ski run-technique" in the year 1897. He is said to be the most important ski-pioneer of the turn of the century and the founder of the alpine-technique.

After the second world-war alpine skiing became more and more popular. The tourism and the ski industry started a remarkable progress in the regions which was dominated by small farming at this time. According to estimates every 14th place of employment is directly or indirectly dependent on the winter sport.

In the eastern provinces the earnings of winter tourism are more important than the earnings in the summer. More than one third of the overnight stays falls upon Tyrol, where only about 8% of the Austrian population lives. A lot of tourists are guests from abroad, like Germans, Dutchman, Swiss, the British and Italians. Over the last years more and more guests from Russia and China visited Austria.

The winter sport tourism is above average in the provinces Tyrol, Vorarlberg, Salzburg and Carinthia, where you can find a lot of ski resorts, including the biggest ones, up to more than 100 slope kms. The smaller ski resorts in the eastern regions are frequently visited by guests from the metropolitan area of Vienna, Slovakia and Hungary, mostly just for a day trip. Besides, no other country made as many glaciers accessible as Austria. 8 of the 20 glacier ski resorts of the Alps are in Austria (France has only 2).

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

Due to the high return rate to our questionnaire in Austria, you can find information to 80 different ski resorts which represent a wide range of all different slop km categories. Most of the resorts are in a medium to high price level, but therefore they offer a wide choice of extras on the slope or leisure activities. For instance at nearly all resorts you can find a toboggan run, cross country ski trails or a skating ring.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Aflenzer Bürgeralm | 16 |
| Arlberg (Ski Arlberg) | 284 |
| Axamer Lizum | 40 |
| Christlum Hochalm | 25 |
| Dachstein West, Skiregion | 77 |
| Emberger Alm | 10 |
| Fanningberg | 30 |
| Feuerkogel | 16 |
| Fieberbrunn | 43 |
| Flachau-Wagrain-St.Johann | 111 |
| Forsteralm | 18 |
| Frauenalpe/Murau | 10 |
| Gaissau-Hintersee | 40 |
| Galtür/Silvapark | 40 |
| Goldeck | 30 |
| Grebenzen/St. Lambrecht | 23 |
| Großglockner Resort Kals/ Matrei | 110 |
| Grossglockner/Heiligenblut | 55 |
| Hauser Kaibling | 37 |
| Hinterstoder | 40 |
| Hochficht | 20 |
| Hochhäderich Alpenarena | 10 |
| Hochkar | 19 |
| Hochkössen | 30 |
| Hochoetz Skiregion | 34 |
| Hochpustertal/Sillian | 45 |
| Hochzeiger/Pitztal | 52 |
| Kasberg | 40 |
| Kaunertaler Gletscher | 36 |
| Kitzbühel | 170 |
| Königsberg | 14 |
| Kreischberg/Murau | 42 |
| Krippenstein/Dachstein | 11 |
| Kühtai | 44 |
| Laterns-Gapfohl | 27 |
| Lermoos - Biberwier | 47 |
| Loferer Alm | 46 |
| Loser/Altaussee | 29 |
| Mariazeller Bürgeralpe | 11 |
| Mitterbach/Gemeindealpe | 15 |
| Mölltaler Gletscher | 53 |
| Mönichkirchen-Mariensee | 13 |
| Montafon | 243 |
| Nassfeld/Hermagor | 110 |
| Obertauern | 100 |
| Obertilliach/Golzentipp | 20 |
| Ötscher | 19 |
| Patscherkofel | 20 |
| Postalm Arena | 19 |
| Präbichl | 20 |
| Rangger Köpfl/Oberperfuss | 17 |

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| Rauris | 32 |
| Reschenpass/Nauders | 117 |
| Riesneralm | 30 |
| Saalbach-Hinterglemm-Leogang | 200 |
| Schlick2000 | 22 |
| Schmitten | 77 |
| See im Paznauntal | 33 |
| Semmering, Zauberberg | 14 |
| Serfaus-Fiss-Ladis | 187 |
| Silvretta Arena Ischgl/Samnaun | 223 |
| Simonhöhe | 13 |
| Sölden | 148 |
| St. Corona am Wechsel | 18 |
| St. Jakob i.D. | 52 |
| Stubai Gletscher | 110 |
| Stubalm/Gaberl | 12 |
| Stuhleck | 24 |
| Tauplitz | 42 |
| Unterberg | 20 |
| Weinebene | 22 |
| Weißsee Gletscherwelt | 23 |
| Wenigzell/Joglland | 2 |
| Werfenweng | 25 |
| Wilder Kaiser SkiWelt | 263 |
| Wildkogel Ski-Arena | 55 |
| Wurzeralm | 22 |
| Zahmer Kaiser/Walchsee | 25 |
| Zillertal 3000/Eggalm | 227 |
| Zillertal Arena | 166 |

Costs

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Aflenzler Bürgeralm | 15,5 | 70 | 23 | 103 | 26 | 111 |
| Arlberg (Ski Arlberg) | 26,5 | 127 | 40,5 | 184 | 44,5 | 212 |
| Axamer Lizum | 20 | 100 | 26 | 132,5 | 31,5 | 162,5 |
| Christlum Hochalm | 18 | 80 | 33 | 140 | 33 | 140 |
| Dachstein West, Skiregion | 18 | 89,1 | 30,8 | 155,9 | 36 | 178,2 |
| Emberger Alm | 13 | 62 | 21 | 99 | 26 | 124 |
| Fanningberg | 18,5 | 90 | 30,5 | 144 | 36,5 | 180 |
| Feuerkogel | 15,2 | 76 | 25,2 | 125,5 | 30,5 | 151,9 |

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|----------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Fieberbrunn | 19 | 92 | 29,5 | 148 | 36,5 | 184 |
| Flachau-Wagrain-St.Johann | 14 | 105,5 | 23,5 | 162,5 | 41 | 203 |
| Forsteralm | 10,5 | 50 | 16 | 72 | 22 | 104 |
| Frauenalpe/Murau | 13 | 72 | 21 | 122 | 22 | 122 |
| Gaissau-Hintersee | 14,9 | 62,4 | 26,7 | 112,1 | 29,9 | 124,8 |
| Galtür/Silvapark | 20 | 93 | 28,5 | 135,5 | 33,5 | 163,5 |
| Goldeck | 16 | 69 | 26 | 112 | 32 | 139 |
| Grebenzen/St. Lambrecht | 14,3 | 70,4 | 22,8 | 112,2 | 28,5 | 140,2 |
| Großglockner Resort Kals/ Matrei | 20 | 97,5 | 20 | 97,5 | 39,5 | 193 |
| Grossglockner/Heiligenblut | 18,5 | 89,5 | 29 | 143 | 36,5 | 178,5 |
| Hauser Kaibling | 14 | 105,5 | 23,5 | 162,5 | 42 | 203 |
| Hinterstoder | 20 | 91 | 31 | 140,5 | 36 | 165,5 |
| Hochficht | 19 | 79 | 19 | 79 | 31,5 | 138 |
| Hochhäderich Alpenarena | 16,5 | 95 | 21 | 164 | 23,5 | 185 |
| Hochkar | 13,5 | 72,5 | 24 | 109 | 32 | 145 |
| Hochkössen | 17 | 69,5 | 28 | 115 | 34 | 139 |
| Hochoetz Skiregion | 15,5 | 81 | 23,5 | 122 | 31 | 162 |
| Hochpustertal/Sillian | 19 | 97,5 | 19 | 97,5 | 38 | 193 |
| Hochzeiger/Pitztal | 22 | 89 | 36 | 163 | 36 | 163 |
| Kasberg | 18 | 87,5 | 25 | 136 | 32,5 | 160 |
| Kaunertaler Gletscher | 22 | 96 | 36,5 | 160 | 36,5 | 160 |
| Kitzbühel | 15 | 101 | 23,5 | 161,5 | 42,5 | 202 |
| Königsberg | 12 | 50 | 16 | 70 | 22 | 90 |
| Kreischberg/Murau | 20 | 99,5 | 32,5 | 160,5 | 36 | 178 |
| Krippenstein/Dachstein | 17,6 | 86,3 | 27,9 | 137,1 | 32,9 | 161,3 |
| Kühtai | 15,5 | 81 | 23,5 | 122 | 31 | 162 |
| Laterns-Gapfohl | 15 | 83 | 25 | 101 | 29 | 155 |
| Lermoos - Biberwier | 21 | 113,5 | 33,5 | 174,5 | 36,5 | 189,5 |
| Loferer Alm | 16,5 | 79,5 | 26,5 | 128 | 33 | 159 |
| Loser/Altaussee | 17,5 | 91 | 31,5 | 164 | 35 | 181 |
| Mariazeller Bürgeralpe | 14,5 | 65,5 | 23,5 | 107,5 | 28,5 | 131 |
| Mitterbach/Gemeindealpe | 11,5 | 65,5 | 18 | 107,5 | 28,5 | 131 |
| Mölltaler Gletscher | 20 | 97,5 | 20 | 97,5 | 39,5 | 193 |
| Mönichkirchen-Mariensee | 15,5 | 67 | 27 | 116 | 29,5 | 129 |
| Montafon | 23,5 | 123,5 | 23,5 | 123,5 | 40,5 | 189,5 |
| Nassfeld/Hermagor | 20 | 99 | 32 | 156 | 40 | 194 |
| Obertauern | 19 | 94 | 30,5 | 150 | 38 | 187,5 |
| Obertilliach/Golzentipp | 13,5 | 64,5 | 19 | 91 | 26,5 | 129 |
| Ötscher | 16,5 | 83 | 27 | 127,5 | 31,5 | 150,5 |
| Patscherkofel | 15,5 | 70 | 25,5 | 115,5 | 30,5 | 139 |
| Postalm Arena | 15 | 71 | 23 | 110,5 | 27 | 129 |
| Präbichl | 16 | 78 | 29 | 140 | 32 | 155,5 |
| Rangger Köpfl/Oberperfuss | 11,5 | 60,5 | 17 | 90,5 | 22,5 | 121 |
| Rauris | 18 | 83 | 27,5 | 137,5 | 34 | 170 |
| Reschenpass/Nauders | 21,5 | 95,5 | 31,5 | 151 | 33 | 169,5 |
| Riesneralm | 16,5 | 91 | 31 | 164 | 33 | 181 |
| Saalbach-Hinterglemm-Leogang | 21,3 | 102,7 | 31,9 | 154,1 | 42,5 | 205,5 |
| Schlick2000 | 16,1 | 81,6 | 20,5 | 112 | 31,5 | 160 |
| Schmitten | 21 | 101 | 32 | 157 | 42 | 202 |
| See im Paznauntal | 19,5 | 92,5 | 19,5 | 92,5 | 32,5 | 163 |
| Semmering, Zauberberg | 17 | 80 | 30 | 139 | 32,5 | 162,5 |
| Serfaus-Fiss-Ladis | 25 | 124 | 43 | 213 | 43 | 213 |

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|--------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Silvretta Arena Ischgl/Samnaun | 25,5 | 133,5 | 25,5 | 133,5 | 44,5 | 236 |
| Simonhöhe | 14,5 | 76 | 19,5 | 102 | 24,5 | 128 |
| Sölden | 28 | 122 | 35,5 | 157 | 43,5 | 225 |
| St. Corona am Wechsel | 15,5 | 74,5 | 24,8 | 115,2 | 27,5 | 128 |
| St. Jakob i.D. | 19 | 97,5 | 19 | 97,5 | 38 | 193 |
| Stubai Gletscher | 19,5 | 101,5 | 25,4 | 132 | 39 | 203 |
| Stubalm Schilifte GmbH Gaberl | 15 | 70 | 22 | 100 | 24 | 112 |
| Stuhleck | 18 | 84,5 | 32 | 148 | 35,5 | 164,5 |
| Tauplitz | 17,5 | 91 | 31,5 | 164 | 35 | 181 |
| Unterberg | 13 | 66 | 22 | 96 | 24 | 108 |
| Weinebene | 15 | 74 | 21,5 | 113 | 25,5 | 136,5 |
| Weißsee Gletscherwelt | 14,5 | 67,5 | 20,5 | 94,5 | 29 | 135 |
| Wenigzell/Joglland | 12,5 | 65 | 16 | 88,5 | 17 | 93 |
| Werfenweng | 12,5 | 90 | 16,5 | 153 | 33 | 176,5 |
| Wilder Kaiser SkiWelt | 20 | 97,5 | 32 | 155,5 | 40 | 194,5 |
| Wildkogel Ski-Arena | 18 | 88,5 | 29 | 141,5 | 36 | 176,5 |
| Wurzeralm | 19 | 91 | 29 | 140,5 | 34 | 165,5 |
| Zahmer Kaiser/Walchsee | 13,5 | 59 | 21 | 87,5 | 27 | 113 |
| Zillertal 3000/Eggalm | 19 | 89,5 | 33,5 | 159 | 42 | 199 |
| Zillertal Arena | 18,5 | 89,5 | 32,8 | 159 | 41 | 199 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | | Local leisure activities | | | | | | | | Alternative means of payment | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | Funpark | Permanent racing track | Track with time measurement | Mogul slope | Carving slope | Tubing course | Floodlight slope | Toboggan run | Cross country ski trails | Skating rink | Indoor pool | Ice stick shooting | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | with debit card at the checkout | with credit card at the checkout | online payment system | |
| Aflenzler Bürgeralm | X | | | | | X | | | X | X | X | | X | X | | X | | | |
| Arlberg (Ski Arlberg) | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | | |
| Axamer Lizum | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | | |
| Christlum Hochalm | | | | X | X | | X | | X | X | X | | X | | | X | X | | |
| Dachstein West, Skiregion | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | | |
| Emberger Alm | | | | | | | | | X | X | | X | | | | X | X | | |
| Fanningberg | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | | |
| Feuerkogel | | X | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | X | | | |
| Fieberbrunn | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | | |
| Flachau-Wagrain-St.Johann | | | | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | | |
| Forsteralm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | |
| Frauenalpe/Murau | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | | |
| Gaissau-Hintersee | | X | | | | X | | | X | X | | | | | | X | X | | |
| Galtür/Silvapark | X | X | | X | X | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | | |

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|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| Goldeck | X | | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | | |
| Grebenzen/St. Lambrecht | X | | X | | | X | | | X | X | X | | X | | | | X | X | |
| Großglockner Kals/ Matri | X | | X | | | X | | | X | X | X | X | | X | | | X | X | |
| Grossglockner/Heiligenblut | X | | X | | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Hauser Kaibling | | X | X | | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X |
| Hinterstoder | X | X | X | X | | X | | | X | X | | | X | | | | X | X | |
| Hochficht | X | X | | | | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Hochhäderich Alpenarena | X | | | | | X | X | | X | X | | | | X | | | X | X | |
| Hochkar | X | X | | | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | X |
| Hochkössen | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Hochoetz Skiregion | | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | | | X | X | |
| Hochpustertal/Sillian | X | X | | | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | | | X | X | |
| Hochzeiger/Pitztal | | X | X | | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | |
| Kasberg | | X | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | X |
| Kaunertaler Gletscher | | X | | | | | X | | X | X | X | | | | | | X | | |
| Kitzbühel | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | X |
| Königsberg | X | | X | | | X | X | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | |
| Kreischberg/Murau | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | |
| Krippenstein/Dachstein | X | X | | | | | | | X | X | | | X | X | | | X | | |
| Kühtai | | X | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | X | | | X | | |
| Laterns-Gapföhl | | X | | | | | X | | X | | | | | | | | X | X | |
| Lermoos - Biberwier | X | | | | | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Loferer Alm | X | X | | | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | |
| Loser/Altaussee | X | X | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | |
| Mariazeller Bürgeralpe | | X | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X |
| Mitterbach/Gemeindealpe | X | | | | | | X | | X | X | | | | | | | X | X | |
| Mölltaler Gletscher | X | X | | | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | |
| Mönichkirchen-Mariensee | | | | | | | X | | X | | | | | | | | X | X | X |
| Montafon | X | X | X | X | | X | | | X | X | X | | X | X | | | X | X | X |
| Nassfeld/Hermagor | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | X |
| Obertauern | | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | X | | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Obertilliach/Golzentipp | X | | | | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | |
| Ötcher | | X | X | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Patscherkofel | | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | | | X | | | X | X | |
| Postalm Arena | X | X | | | | | | | X | X | | | X | | | | X | | |
| Präbichl | X | | | | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | |
| Rangger Köpfl/Oberperfuss | | X | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | X | X | |
| Rauris | X | X | | | | X | | | X | | | | | X | | | X | X | |
| Reschenpass/Nauders | | X | | | | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Riesneralm | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | | | X | X | X |
| Saalbach/Hinterglemm/Leogang | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| Schlick2000 | X | X | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Schmitten | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X |
| See im Paznauntal | X | X | | | | X | X | | X | | | | | | | | X | | |
| Semmering, Zauberberg | | X | | | | | X | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | X |
| Serfaus-Fiss-Ladis | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X |
| Silvretta Arena Ischgl/Samnaun | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Simonhöhe | | X | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | X | X | |
| Sölden | X | X | X | | | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X |
| St. Corona am Wechsel | | | X | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | X | X | X |
| St. Jakob i.D. | X | X | | | | X | | | X | | | | X | | | | X | X | |
| Stubai Gletscher | | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | |

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| Stubalm Schilifte GmbH Gabel | X | | X | | X | | | | | X | X | | | | X | | | X | | |
| Stuhleck | | X | X | X | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | | |
| Tauplitz | X | | | | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | |
| Unterberg | | X | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | X | | |
| Weinebene | | X | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | X | X | |
| Weißsee Gletscherwelt | X | X | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Wenigzell/Joglland | | X | | | | | | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Werfenweng | | X | | | | X | | | | X | X | X | | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Wilder Kaiser SkiWelt | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Wildkogel Ski-Arena | | | | X | X | X | | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | | | X | X | |
| Wurzeralm | | | X | | | | | | | | X | | X | | | | | X | X | |
| Zahmer Kaiser/Walchsee | | | | | | | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | | |
| Zillertal 3000/Eggalm | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | | | X | X | |
| Zillertal Arena | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | |

Bulgaria

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| Capital: | Sofia |
| Official Language(s): | Bulgarian |
| Currency: | Lev (at the official <u>conversion rate</u> from the European Commission from the 01.09.2010: 1,955800) |
| Calling Code: | 00359 |
| Official tourism: | http://www.bulgariatravel.org |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 5 |
| Answers | 2 |

General information about skiing in Bulgaria

Over 30 % of Bulgaria is made up of mountains. The beauty of its landscapes and the combination of mild winters, abundant snow, and a snow cover that lasts till late spring offer marvellous opportunities for the development of ski and mountain tourism in Bulgaria. During the past few years the Bulgarian ski resorts have developed and modernized fast and are now offering a high class service.

Situated at 1350m above sea level, on the northern slopes of Mount Rila, the Borovets resort is located at the foot of peak Moussala - the highest in the Balkans. It is an alpine resort, providing excellent opportunities for a whole range of winter sports - from alpine sports to cross-country skiing, ski-jumps and biathlon. Its biathlon track is claimed to be one of the best in the world.

The well-known ski resort of Bansko is situated in the foothills of one of the most beautiful mountains in Bulgaria - Pirin. It is known as one of the crown jewels of Bulgarian tourism because it offers a unique combination of excellent conditions for winter sports, (preserved) Bulgarian traditions and culture, and a rich cultural and historic legacy. Although the character of Pirin is predominantly alpine, there are runs and tracks for all levels of skiers, from the novice to the expert. The two major ski regions of Bansko - Chalinska Valog (1100 - 1600m) and Shilignitsa (1700-2500m) - are situated above Bansko town, on the northern slopes of the Pirin Mountain.

The modern ski resort of Pamporovo is situated at the foot of the Snezhnitsa Peak in the fairytale Rhodope Mountains. It is a ski-centre for all categories of skiers and has excellent ski runs even including a racing run for giant slalom, as well as a first class built-up ski lift system. There is an international level ski-school too, with highly qualified instructors. The ski runs of Pamporovo are of all difficulty levels and most of them start from the top of Peak Snezhnitsa.

The town of Chipcharevo is situated 10 km away from Pamporovo and has its own ski centre. The two ski tracks 'Mechichal 1' and 'Mechichal 2' are just 1 km from the town. The first is 3200 metres long and 50 metres wide. The second - 'Mechichal 2' is 5200 metres long, 25 metres wide and is the longest ski track in Bulgaria.

Aleko resort on Mount Vitosha is one of Bulgaria's highest ski resorts. For skiers fond of mountain snow and steep slopes, the Wall - one of Vitosha's main ski centres, offers numerous runs of various difficulty. Three chair lifts cover a total length of 4500 m. Aleko ski centre has six ski runs all approved by the International Ski Federation for international competitions. There are many hotels and catering establishments. Vitosha is just half an hour from the capital, so you can stay at one of Sofia's hotels and spend your days on the mountain.

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

In Bulgaria 5 ski resorts were contacted and 2 of them did answer our questionnaire. The participating Bulgarian ski-resorts are of medium size and neither of them is expensive. The difference in cost between the two is due to the fact that Chepelare is smaller and offers fewer slope extras or leisure activities whereas at Pamporovo you can choose from a variety of different local leisure activities.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|------------|----------|
| Chepelare | 20 |
| Pamporovo | 29 |

Costs

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
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| Chepelare | 11 | 48 | 16 | 74 | 19 | 92 |
| Pamporovo | 15 | 75 | 25 | 135 | 25 | 135 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | | Local leisure activities | | | | | | | | Alternative means of payment | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | Funpark | Permanent racing track | Track with time measurement | Mogul slope | Carving slope | Tubing course | Floodlight slope | Toboggan run | Cross country ski trails | Skating rink | Indoor pool | Ice stick shooting | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | with debit card at the checkout | with credit card at the checkout | online payment system | other payment systems | |
| Chepelare | x | | x | | | | | | | x | | x | | | | | x | | | |
| Pamporovo | x | x | x | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | |

Cyprus

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| Capital: | Nicosia |
| Official Language(s): | Greek |
| Currency: | Euro |
| Calling Code: | 00357 |
| Official tourism: | www.visitcyprus.com |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 1 |
| Answers | 1 |

General information about skiing in Cyprus

The Troodos mountain range with its forests stretches across most of the western side of Cyprus offering a cool sanctuary in summer and the opportunity for sports in winter at the only skiing centre in Cyprus. There, one can take advantage of the pleasures of winter sports under the Mediterranean blue sky.

Skiing can be enjoyed on the slopes of Mount Olympus (1951 metres above sea level.), usually, from the beginning of January until the end of March. Mount Olympus is only 2 km, from the Troodos mountain resort, 12 km from the Platres mountain resort, and about an hour's drive from the seaside town of Limassol and the capital, Nicosia.

An international F.I.S. skiing competition is organized every year by the Cyprus Ski Federation (www.cyprusski.com) and takes place at the Zeus slalom homologated slope.

The Cyprus Ski Club operates four ski lifts at the Troodos ski centre:

- a. A chairlift on the Zeus FIS homologated slope(380 Meters)
- b. A 350m T-bar type ski lift on the Hera slope
- c. A 150m T-bar ski-lift on the Sun Valley area leading to the Aphrodite slope
- d. A 150m T-bar ski lift on Sun Valley leading to the Hermes slope

The ski lifts operate from 09.00 until 16.00. All runs are suitable for beginners, intermediate and advanced skiers.

For Cross Country skiing there are two tracks of 4 and 8 km.

Evaluation of the participating ski resort

Cyprus might not be the thought of a typical ski nation at first, nevertheless there is the possibility to go both skiing and cross country skiing at the Troodos Ski Station, but, because of its location, the ski resort is quite small. It is worth mentioning that the cost for a 6 day ticket is the same as for a season ticket.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|---------------------|----------|
| Troodos Ski Station | 2 |

Czech Republic

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| Capital: | Prague |
| Official Language(s): | Czech |
| Currency: | Czech koruna (at the official <u>conversion rate</u> from the European Commission from the 01.09.2010: 24,808000) |
| Calling Code: | 00420 |
| Official tourism: | www.czechtourism.com |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 96 |
| Answers | 28 |

General information about skiing in Czech Republic

Skiing is very popular in the Czech Republic. People go downhill skiing and cross country skiing very often and this is why there are many slopes and tracks to be found in the Czech mountains. Conditions are very good as the Czech Republic is surrounded by mountain ranges and highlands and these get large amounts of snow each winter. The main season is generally from mid-December to mid-March.

People do all kinds of ski sports, but especially downhill skiing, snowboarding and cross country skiing. Many families go skiing several times each winter. In primary schools children at the age of 13 go for ski training courses organized by their schools, and many secondary schools also organize such ski training courses for their 16-years-old students.

There are more than a hundred of ski resorts in the Czech Republic. Furthermore, several local ski slopes are to be found near smaller towns. Thousands of kilometres of Czech cross country skiing tracks are very scenic. The most popular area with tourists is the Krkonoše Mountains (the Giant Mountains) in the north. It has also got the highest number, about 40, of ski resorts.

Skiing is a huge business as not only many Czechs, but also Polish, Austrians, Germans, Dutch, Slovaks and other Europeans use the resorts. Ski resorts operators all over the Czech mountain areas are working on keeping their services and equipments updated, and take good care of ski slopes. Also, when enough snow does not fall, most of the resorts use snow guns to prepare good conditions for skiers. In each ski resort there are many restaurants, refreshment facilities, ski and snowboard rental services, ski schools for children, and in big ski resorts there are ski buses, too. A wide range of accommodation, from hotels and guesthouses to rooms in private houses, is on offer in all the skiing areas.

In case of accidents, there is a network of rescue services called "Horská služba" and phone details of the local team can be found in each ski resort, and at chalets in higher locations.

General information about all the mountains areas, including links to ski resorts and accommodation facilities are at www.ceskehory.cz

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

The Czech Republic is a big skiing nation and 96 ski resorts were contacted. 28 of them did reply to our questionnaire and most of them belong to the 1-10 km category. As can be seen, the costs are quite low and every resort offers some extras or additional activities apart from skiing. For instance nearly every resort provides cross country ski trails.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|---|----------|
| ABC SKI Nové Hamry | 1 |
| Bílá v Beskydech | 6 |
| Červenohorské sedlo | 6 |
| Deštné v Orlických horách | 4 |
| Harrachov | 8 |
| Lyžařský areál Figura na Pradědu v Jeseníkách | 5 |
| Lyžařský areál Klepáčov | 2 |
| Lyžařský areál Zadov | 5 |
| Pustevny | 3 |
| Rokytnice nad Jizerou | 20 |
| SKI areál Belveder | 2 |
| Ski areál Hlubočky, Jeseníky - Olomoucko | 2 |
| Ski areál Kašperské Hory | 2 |
| Ski areál Mosty u Jablunkova | 2 |
| Ski areál Nová Boží Dar | 1 |
| Ski areál Petříkov | 4 |
| Ski Armáda Dolní Lomná | 1 |
| Ski Armaturka | 5 |
| Ski Centrum Bublava | 5 |
| Ski Pěnkavčí vrch | 1 |
| Skiareál Ostružná | 2 |
| Skiareál PAŘEZ | 1 |
| Skiareál u Modré hvězdy | 1 |
| Skipark Mladé Buky, rodinný areál | 5 |
| Skiregion Buková hora | 7 |
| Soláň-Karolinka | 8 |
| Sport areál Klíny | 2 |
| Sport Centrum Bouřňák | 7 |

Costs

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| ABC SKI Nové Hamry | 8 | 40 | 10 | 45 | 10 | 50 |
| Bílá v Beskydech | 14 | 48,4 | 18 | 64,5 | 18 | 64,5 |
| Červenohorské sedlo | 10 | 48 | 10 | 48 | 16 | 76 |
| Deštné v Orlických horách | 13 | 59,7 | 17 | 78,6 | 17 | 78,6 |
| Harrachov | 19 | 99 | 23 | 123 | 23 | 123 |
| Lyžařský areál Figura na Pradědu v Jeseníkách | 12 | 48 | 15 | 67 | 16 | 77 |
| Lyžařský areál Klepáčov | 9,3 | 49,2 | 14 | 75,6 | 14 | 75,6 |
| Lyžařský areál Zadov | 13 | 62 | 19 | 87 | 19 | 87 |
| Pustevny | 10 | 37 | 16 | 57 | 16 | 57 |
| Rokytnice nad Jizerou | 20 | 99 | 24 | 123 | 24 | 123 |
| Ski areál Belveder | 13 | 72,6 | 13 | 72,6 | 16 | 72,6 |
| Ski areál Hlubočky, Jeseníky - Olomoucko | 11 | 67,8 | 15 | 91,8 | 15 | 91,8 |
| Ski areál Kašperské Hory | 10 | 52 | 15 | 75 | 15 | 75 |
| Ski areál Mosty u Jablunkova | 10 | 40 | 10 | 40 | 15 | 58 |
| Ski areál Nováky Boží Dar | 8 | 30 | 10 | 48 | 10 | 48 |
| Ski areál Petříkov | 12 | 48 | 17 | 72 | 17 | 72 |
| Ski Armáda Dolní Lomná | 11 | 44,3 | 11 | 44,3 | 15 | 64,1 |
| Ski Armaturka | 10 | 55 | 14 | 70 | 14 | 70 |
| Ski Centrum Bublava | 12 | 58 | 16 | 73 | 16 | 73 |
| Ski Pěnkavčí vrch | 8,1 | 48,4 | 8,1 | 48,4 | 11 | 67,7 |
| Skiareál Ostružná | 11 | 47,2 | 11 | 47,2 | 13 | 60,1 |
| Skiareál PAŘEZ | 8 | 99 | 10 | 80 | 10 | 80 |
| Skiareál u Modré hvězdy | 8,5 | 38,7 | 12 | 58 | 12 | 58 |
| Skipark Mladé Buky, rodinný areál | 13 | 58,66 | 17 | 78,22 | 17 | 78,22 |
| Skiregion Buková hora | 14 | 84 | 14 | 84 | 21 | 126 |
| Soláň-Karolinka | 13 | 60,5 | 16 | 74,6 | 16 | 74,6 |
| Sport areál Klíny | 8 | 28 | 8 | 28 | 12 | 40 |
| Sport Centrum Bouřňák | 9 | 32 | 17 | 55 | 17 | 55 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | Local leisure activities | | | | | | | Alternative means of payment | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | Funpark | Permanent racing track | Track with time measurement | Mogul slope | Carving slope | Tubing course | Floodlight slope | Toboggan run | Cross country ski trails | Skating rink | Indoor pool | Ice stick shooting | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | with debit card at the checkout | with credit card at the checkout | online payment system | other payment systems |
| ABC SKI Nové Hamry | | | | | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Bílá v Beskydech | | X | | | | | X | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Červenohorské sedlo | | X | | | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | | | | | | |
| Deštné v Orlických horách | X | | | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | | | | |
| Harrachov | | X | | | | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | X | X | | |
| Lyžařský areál Figura | | X | | | | | | | X | | X | | | | | | | | |
| Lyžařský areál Klepáčov | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lyžařský areál Zadov | | X | | | | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pustevny | X | | | | | | | | X | | X | | | | | | | | |
| Rokytnice nad Jizerou | | X | | | | | | X | X | | | | X | X | | | | | |
| SKI areál Belveder | | X | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ski areál Hlubočky | | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | | | | | | X | | | |
| Ski areál Kašperské Hory | | X | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | X | | | |
| Ski areál Mosty u Jablunkova | | X | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ski areál Nováka Boží Dar | | | | | X | | X | X | X | | | | | X | | X | | | |
| Ski areál Petříkov | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ski Armáda Dolní Lomná | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ski Armatúrka | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ski Centrum Bublava | | X | | | | X | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ski Pěnkavčí vrch | X | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Skiareál Ostružná | X | X | | | | X | X | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Skiareál PAŘEZ | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Skiareál u Modré hvězdy | | | | | | | | | X | | | | X | | | X | X | | |
| Skipark Mladé Buky | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | X | | | |
| Skiregion Buková hora | | X | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | | X | | | |
| Soláň-Karolinka | X | X | | | | | | X | X | | | | X | | | | | | |
| Sport areál Klíny | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Sport Centrum Bouřňák | X | X | | | | | | X | X | | X | | | | | | | | |

Estonia

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| Capital: | Tallinn |
| Official Language(s): | Estonian |
| Currency: | Estonian kroon, Euro (at the official <u>conversion rate</u> from the European Commission from the 01.09.2010: 15,646600 – on 1.1.2011 Estonia will have the Euro) |
| Calling Code: | 00372 |
| Official tourism: | www.visitestonia.com / www.tourism.ee |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 9 |
| Answers | 3 |

General information about skiing in Estonia

Skiing is one of the most popular sports in Estonia due to the climate which is very good for winter sports. In fact, Estonian winters are usually very cold and full of snow. Although the landscape is quite flat, there are several possibilities to enjoy different kinds of winter activities such as snow tubing, sledging, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowmobile riding etc.

An Estonian's favourite winter pastime is cross country-skiing; this became popular after World War I when the first ski competition was held in 1921, in Tartu. This has become a yearly tradition and the Tartu Ski Marathon, established in 1960, now attracts professional and amateur cross-country skiers from around the world. The Cross-country Skiing World Cup Series take place in Otepää - the winter capital of Estonia.

Downhill skiing and snowboarding are becoming more and more popular with youngsters, but as Estonia is a relatively flat country, cross country skiing remains the most popular. The variety of Estonia's landscape provides for ski enthusiasts of every level but is an ideal destination for beginners and intermediate skiers. The ski resorts are modern, and all the necessary equipment is available for hire as are private instructors. South Estonia, around Otepää, the ski-capital of Estonia, is where most ski fans head in winter.

There are plenty of child friendly slopes and facilities, and skiing in Estonia is very safe, as there are no avalanches and the main ski resorts in Otepää and Võrumaa offer well lit ski tracks during the late evening hours.

Younger children get excited about sledging and snowtubing down snowy slopes and skating or playing ice-carousel on frozen lakes and rivers. Before sleighs were invented or introduced to the Estonian market, Estonians used linen bags or linen hanks for sledging. These days children use pretty much anything – even plastic bags. If it slides – it works.

When it doesn't snow, it is still possible to use the snow tube hills where artificial snow is used. The best places for that would be Tallinn, Viljandi and Otepää with their different slopes for different ages and special tubes for small children. Snowtubing can also be enjoyed at Otepää Snowtubing.

Cross country kick sledge trips promise a unique experience for adventurous people and most farms with horses offer sleigh riding. Kick sledging trips can be especially enjoyable in the national parks and nature trails throughout the country. Kick sledging on ice and ice sledging are less popular.

Shrove Tuesday, which is in February, is still the day when almost every Estonian will go sledging as it is believed to bring good luck- in the old days, it was said to bring a good linen harvest. On Shrove Tuesday traditional Estonians eat pea soup and lenten buns.

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

9 ski resorts in Estonia were contacted and we received 3 answers as most of Estonian ski resorts do not provide mountain-ski services. Sport resort. "Holstre Polli" also filled in the questionnaire, but this resort offers just cross country ski trails, so we could not consider it for our evaluation. The 2 evaluated ski resorts are quite small and cheap, but still offer various slope extras and leisure activities, such as snowmobile rental.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Kuutsemäe Puhkekeskus | 2 |
| Valgehobusemäe Suusa- ja Puhkekeskus | 1 |

Costs

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| Kuutsemäe Puhkekeskus | 12 | 59,8 | | 19 | 89,5 | | 19 | 89,5 |
| Valgehobusemäe Suusa- ja Puhkekeskus | 8 | 48 | | 13 | 76,8 | | 13 | 76,8 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | | Local leisure activities | | | | | | | | Alternative means of payment | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | | Funpark | | Permanent racing track | | Track with time measurement | | Mogul slope | | Carving slope | | Tubing course | | Floodlight slope | | Toboggan run | | Cross country ski trails | | Skating rink | | Indoor pool | | Ice stick shooting | | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | | with debit card at the checkout | | with credit card at the checkout | | online payment system | | other payment systems | |
| Kuutsemäe Puhkekeskus | | X | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | X | | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Valgehobusemäe Suusa | X | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | X | X | X | | | | | | | X | | X | X | | | | | | | | |

Finland

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| Capital: | Helsinki |
| Official Language(s): | Finnish, Swedish |
| Currency: | Euro |
| Calling Code: | 00358 |
| Official tourism: | www.visitfinland.com |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 17 |
| Answers | 7 |

General information about skiing in Finland

Finland is characterized by long and cold winters so there is a lot of snow in most of the country in that season. In northern Finland, the skiing season lasts from October to May. Snow is even produced artificially to guarantee proper conditions for downhill skiing in ski resorts.

In the south and in the coastal areas, where most of the Finnish population is located, the landscape is quite flat. Therefore, cross country skiing is especially popular; in fact out of a population of 5 million people there were about 929.000 cross country skiers in the winter of 2009-2010. Downhill skiing including freestyle, telemark etc. was practiced by approximately 195.500 and snowboarding by 52.000 Finns in the winter of 2005-2006.

Finland is visited annually by 3,8 million tourists. During the wintertime there are about 2,6 million visitors (2007-2008). One in five of them do some kind of outdoor activity on the snow (skiing, snowmobiling, safaris etc.) during their stay.

According to the Finnish Ski Area Association the number of foreign downhill skiers was about 129.000 in the winter of 2006-07. Mostly they came from Russia (37%) and Great-Britain (29%), but also Frenchmen, Dutchmen, Baltic and Japanese travelled there in large numbers to experience the Finnish winter. However Finnish skiers are still the major customer group for ski resorts.

Snow holidays in Finland are not only skiing. The strength of Finland as a snow holiday destination is its versatile combination of dog sled safaris, reindeer safaris, snowmobile excursions, snowshoe walking, icebreaker mini cruises, winter driving and winter fishing in addition to cross-country skiing, downhill skiing and snowboarding. The supply of winter activities is better in snowy Lapland and North-Eastern Finland.

Finland has about 80 ski resorts in the north, 22 in Lapland , 26 in the south and 31 in the middle of the country. Most of them are small and local. The main ski resorts of Finland are Levi, Ylläs and Ruka. They attract mainly families, recreational skiers and people interested in the diverse adventure activities they offer.

The longest ski trail is in Lapland (3.000 meters) and the average length of a ski run is between 600 and 800 metres. Compared to ski resorts in other countries, slopes in Finnish ski resorts are relatively gentle and safe. This suits the needs of families and beginners.

The Finnish ski resorts have significant functional differences. Some emphasize diverse skiing opportunities while other focus on downhill skiing. Some favour families and others aim to attract young people with a lively after-ski night life and restaurants. However uncontaminated nature and spacious slopes are common to them all.
www.skiinfo.com

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

Of the 17 contacted ski resorts 7 answered and they cover a range of different slope-km categories. The costs for day tickets are nearly the same in all the categories. Apart from the possibility of skiing in nearly all the resorts, cross country skiing, sledge riding or snowmobile rental are also available.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Hiihtokeskus Iso-Syöte | 11 |
| Kolin Rinteet | 12 |
| Messilä | 10 |
| Pyhä | 11 |
| Ruka | 21 |
| Sappee Ski Resort | 10 |
| Sport Resort Ylläs/Ylläs-Ski | 53 |

Costs

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| Hiihtokeskus Iso-Syöte | 19 | 79 | | 32 | 126 | | 32 | 126 |
| Kolin Rinteet | 23 | 85 | | 31 | 117 | | 31 | 117 |
| Messilä | 20 | 115 | | 29 | 160 | | 29 | 160 |
| Pyhä | 20 | 88 | | 28 | 112 | | 33 | 146,5 |
| Ruka | 20 | 88 | | 28 | 124 | | 33 | 146,5 |
| Sappee Ski Resort | 23 | 112 | | 32 | 154 | | 32 | 154 |
| Sport Resort Ylläs/Ylläs-Ski | 26 | 110 | | 38 | 172 | | 38 | 172 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | | Local leisure activities | | | | | | | | Alternative means of payment | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | Funpark | Permanent racing track | Track with time measurement | Mogul slope | Carving slope | Tubing course | Floodlight slope | Toboggan run | Cross country ski trails | Skating rink | Indoor pool | Ice stick shooting | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | with debit card at the checkout | with credit card at the checkout | online payment system | other payment systems | |
| Hiihtokeskus Iso-Syöte | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | | X | X | | X | X | | |
| Kolin Rinteet | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | X | | X | X | | |
| Messilä | | X | | | | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | | | |
| Pyhä | X | X | | | | X | | X | X | | | | X | X | | X | X | | | |
| Ruka | X | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | X | X | | X | X | | | |
| Sappee Ski Resort | | X | | | | X | | | X | X | | | | X | | X | X | | | |
| Sport Resort Ylläs | | X | X | | | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | |

France

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| Capital: | Paris |
| Official Language(s): | French |
| Currency: | Euro |
| Calling Code: | 0033 |
| Official tourism: | www.francetourism.com/ |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 16 |
| Answers | 6 |

General information about skiing in France

Winter sport resorts are very popular in France, and the majority are situated in the Northern Alps, in the departments of Savoy, High Savoy and Isère. There are however also stations in the Southern Alps, Pyrenees, the Massif Central, Jura, Vosges and Corsica. Every ski area is different and has its own identity and travellers can easily find a ski station suitable for them, for holidays with friends, family, whether beginners, confirmed athletes or extreme sportsman. Sledging, surfing, gliding, alpine, freestyle, Nordic skiing, and every other kind of winter sport can be practiced in France.

The biggest stations in terms of skiing areas (without partnerships with other stations) are

- Serre Chevalier (250 km)
- Alpe d'Huez (238 km)
- La Plagne (225 km)

In terms of station associations covering different valleys, the following are well-known

- The Trois Vallées area which groups six stations with more than 600 km of interconnected slopes together
- Les portes du Soleil (650 km, between France and Switzerland)
- La Voie Lactée (600 km, between France and Italy)

The three stations renowned for their altitude are

- Chamonix (3842m)
- Les Deux Alpes (3600m)
- Tignes - Val d'Isère (3456m)

Several stations have glaciers which even permit skiing in the summer season, for example

- La Plagne
- Les Deux Alpes
- Tignes

Information portal ski and mountain <http://www.skifrance.fr/> .A Map of the skiing areas can be found for example at <http://ski-resort-france.co.uk/carte> .

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

In France, one of the big ski nations, 16 ski resorts were contacted and we received 6 answers to our questionnaire. These resorts offer a huge range of slopes and this also affects costs. All of the resorts offer various slope extras and several other activities apart from skiing.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Courchevel | 150 |
| Les 2 Alpes | 220 |
| Les Portes du Mont-Blanc | 100 |
| Peyragudes | 60 |
| Serre Chevalier | 250 |
| Val Thorens | 140 |

Costs

| | born in 2001 | | born in 1994 | | Adult | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| | Day Ski Pass Child | 6 Day Ski Pass Child | Day Ski Pass Youth | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
| Courchevel | 28 | 136 | 40 | 194 | 40 | 194 |
| Les 2 Alpes | 32 | 156 | 40 | 195 | 40 | 195 |
| Les Portes du Mont-Blanc | 20 | 100 | 26 | 129 | 26 | 129 |
| Peyragudes | 27 | 135 | 33 | 162,5 | 33 | 162,5 |
| Serre Chevalier | 33,2 | 159,6 | 41,5 | 199,5 | 41,5 | 199,5 |
| Val Thorens | 30 | 133,5 | 39 | 178 | 39 | 178 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | | Local leisure activities | | | | | | | | Alternative means of payment | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | Funpark | Permanent racing track | Track with time measurement | Mogul slope | Carving slope | Tubing course | Floodlight slope | Toboggan run | Cross country ski trails | Skating rink | Indoor pool | Ice stick shooting | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | with debit card at the checkout | with credit card at the checkout | online payment system | other payment systems | |
| Courchevel | | X | x | x | | | | | x | x | x | x | | | x | | x | x | | |
| Les 2 Alpes | x | X | | | x | | | x | | x | | | | x | x | | x | x | | |
| Les Portes du Mont-Blanc | x | X | | x | x | x | | x | x | | | | | | | | x | x | | |
| Peyragudes | x | X | | | | | | | x | x | | | | x | | | x | x | | |
| Serre Chevalier | X | X | x | | x | | | x | x | x | x | | x | x | | x | x | x | x | |
| Val Thorens | X | X | | | x | | | | x | | | x | | | x | | x | x | | |

Germany

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| Capital: | Berlin |
| Official Language(s): | German |
| Currency: | Euro |
| Calling Code: | 0049 |
| Official tourism: | www.germany-tourism.de |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 13 |
| Answers | 7 |

General information about skiing in Germany

Skiing is very popular in Germany and the Alps and the highlands provide enough snow cover for skiing and Alpine skiing. In the flat country there are well-known ski halls and even in the Rhine Düsseldorf area there is an international ski competition; every year, since 2002, the FIS World Cup Cross Country (<http://www.worldcup-duesseldorf.de/>) takes place on the banks of the Rhine in Düsseldorf. The 5 In-door Ski Halls in Germany are in Neuss, Bottrop, Senftenberg, Wittenburg and Bispingen.

The best of German skiing, for the enthusiasts, however, is to be found in the Bavarian Alps and the foothills of the Alps. Berchtesgaden, Oberstdorf and Garmisch Partenkirchen are world famous. The largest ski area in the Northern Alps is the Sauerland region with its famous ski resorts such as Winterberg and Willingen. The Black Forest provides optimal conditions for cross-country and alpine skiing. The Thuringian Forest, the Harz as well as the Eifel are also famous regions for skiing. The heart of the Bavarian Alps, the Zugspitze, at 2,962 m is the highest mountain in Germany.

The Zugspitze plateau is Germany's highest and only glacier ski area. The Olympic Winter Games 1936 were held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Another traditional winter sports resort is Oberstdorf.

These places are well known for both World Cup races and the Four Hills Tournament. In the low mountain ranges, there are also many smaller ski areas. The highlands tend to increase in height and extent from north to south.

<http://www.skiresort.de/skigebiete/europa/deutschland/>

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

7 of the 13 contacted ski resorts participated in the survey and provide an overview of both small and big ski resorts. Also, cost-wise, there is something suitable for every budget, and moreover, apart from the slopes, the resorts offer many additional activities, such as indoor pools and sledge riding.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|---|----------|
| Geißkopf, Bayerischer Wald | 8 |
| Hörnle | 8 |
| Liftverbund Feldberg (Feldberg Schwarzwald) | 50 |
| Oberstdorf-Kleinwalsertal | 120 |
| Skigebiet am Kolben / Laber | 11 |
| Skigebiet Oberjoch/Unterjoch/Bad Hindelang | 32 |
| Steckenberg | 6 |

Costs

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Geißkopf, Bayerischer Wald | 15 | 63 | 19 | 88 | 19 | 88 |
| Hörnle | 13 | 78 | 18 | 108 | 18 | 108 |
| Liftverbund Feldberg (Feldberg Schwarzwald) | 15 | 70 | 21 | 98 | 27 | 126 |
| Oberstdorf-Kleinwalsertal | 14 | 63 | 30 | 142 | 39 | 184,5 |
| Skigebiet am Kolben / Laber | 12 | 44 | 21 | 83 | 21 | 83 |
| Skigebiet Oberjoch/Unterjoch/Bad Hindelang | 18 | 81 | 24 | 105,5 | 29 | 136 |
| Steckenberg | 12 | 72 | 16 | 96 | 16 | 96 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | | Local leisure activities | | | | | | Alternative means of payment | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | Funpark | Permanent racing track | Track with time measurement | Mogul slope | Carving slope | Tubing course | Floodlight slope | Toboggan run | Cross country ski trails | Skating rink | Indoor pool | Ice stick shooting | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | with debit card at the checkout | with credit card at the checkout | online payment system | other payment systems |
| Geißkopf | | X | | | X | X | | X | | X | | X | X | | | X | | | |
| Hörnle | | | | | | | | X | X | | | X | X | | | | | | |
| Liftverbund Feldberg | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | | |
| Oberstdorf-Kleinwalsertal | | X | | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | | | |
| Skigebiet am Kolben/Laber | X | X | | | | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | | |
| Skigebiet Oberjoch/Unterjoch | X | X | X | | | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | | |
| Steckenberg | | | | | | | X | | X | | | X | X | | | | | | |

Greece

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| Capital: | Athens |
| Official Language(s): | Greek |
| Currency: | Euro |
| Calling Code: | 0030 |
| Official tourism: | www.gnto.gr |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 19 |
| Answers | 1 |

Generally information about skiing in Greece

Over the past decades skiing has witnessed a rise in popularity among Greeks. At present, 19 ski resorts operate on the mainland. They meet modern standards and are well developed, and are in fact very popular with both Greek and foreign visitors.

Many of these ski resorts offer training programmes for beginners as well as for intermediate skiers, so, before setting out, it is advisable to contact the resort and find out what is on offer. Moreover, if visitors arrive without equipment, stores selling winter sports equipment are available in nearby urban areas. Alternatively, a number of these ski resorts offer the possibility of renting part or all of the equipment required.

There are 19 ski resorts in Greece; ten of which are situated in the west of the country and 9 in the east. These resorts are to be found in the following areas: Parnassos, Kalavrita, Selo, Pigadia, Pilio, Vasilitsa, Karpenissi, Kaimaktsalan, Lalilias, Pisoderi, Falakro, Mainalo, Gerontovrachos, Pertouli, Elatochori, Metsovo, Olympos, Chrisoelafi, Vitsi, Paggaiio, Troodos, and Ziria

For more information, please contact:
 Hellenic Ski Federation:
 7, Karagiorgi Servias, Str. 105 63 Athens
 Tel. 210 3230182, 210 3234412, Fax: 210 3230142
www.eox.gr

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

In the survey there is information about only one Greek ski resort- Parnassos, which is of a moderate size and relatively cheap and, because of the various extras, offers an enjoyable stay.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|------------|----------|
| Parnassos | 35 |

Italy

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| Capital: | Rome |
| Official Language(s): | Italian |
| Currency: | Euro |
| Calling Code: | 0039 |
| Official tourism: | www.italiantourism.com/ |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 70 |
| Answers | 23 |

General information about skiing in Italy

Tourists go to Italy not only for the sea, the beaches, the cities and the culture but also for its various ski resorts; in fact Italy has more than 250 ski areas. Most of the Italian ski resorts are situated in the north of Italy i.e. in the Alps, but it is possible to go skiing in central and southern Italy too; even on Mount Etna, a volcano, which is located on the island of Sicily. Some Italian regions such as Tuscany, Emilia-Romagna and Abruzzo offer their inhabitants and tourists snow and skiing in winter, in addition to beautiful beaches and sea in summer,.

Besides its world-famous ski resorts like Cortina d'Ampezzo (where the Olympic Winter Games were held), Sestriere, Bormio (where the ski world championships were held), Madonna di Campiglio, Courmayeur, Alta Badia, Val Gardena (these spots are known for ski world cup races which took and still take place there at regular intervals), Italy offers many other ski areas which are unknown to most foreign winter tourists. Nonetheless the quality of the services these less famous ski resorts provide, and the variety of leisure and amusement opportunities tourists can find there, is usually not inferior to that provided by the famous ones and each ski area has its own advantages. Besides big ski resorts which have more than 100 slope kilometres, Italy has many small ski resorts.

Without a doubt, visitors to every ski resort are able to enjoy Italian cooking and eat world-famous pizza and pasta, in addition to the specialities of the region they are in.

Due to the fact that the single ski resorts target different consumer groups (some try to attract families, others are popular with those who like the famous "dopo-sci", and others focus on people in search of tranquillity, rest and regeneration) it is possible for everyone to find their ideal ski resort.

Many ski resorts offer the tourists not only the possibility of skiing and snowboarding but also the opportunity to practice winter sport activities such as sledging, ice skating, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing and others.

Some Italian ski resorts are part of a bigger ski-region and offer to interested consumers not only a multiple day ski pass for the local ski resort but also a multiple day ski pass for the whole ski-region. So, with one ski pass, the visitor can ski for many kilometres without having to buy a new ticket and without having to use the same lifts and the same slopes if he or she so chooses. In the North-East of Italy are the Dolomites – a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site - and there is the famous ski-region called Dolomiti Superski composed of 12 ski areas. This ski-region is one of the biggest in the world with about 1.200 slope kilometres and 450 ski-lifts.

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

Italy is one of the big ski nations and we received a lot of answers to our questionnaire which gives us the possibility to provide a representative survey. Mostly relatively large ski resorts took part in the survey and prices are medium to high level. Apart from skiing, nearly all resorts provide cross country skiing and/or an indoor pool.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Bormio | 50 |
| Forni di Sopra | 16 |
| Kronplatz/Plan de Corones | 107 |
| Livigno | 115 |
| Meran 2000 | 40 |
| Monterosa Ski | 180 |
| Obereggen - Ski Center Latemar | 48 |
| Paganella Ski | 50 |
| Piancavallo | 25 |
| Plose Ski | 42 |
| Roskopf/Sterzing | 32 |
| S.Caterina Valfurva | 35 |
| Schnalstaler Gletscherbahnen AG | 35 |
| Seiser Alm | 60 |
| Sella Nevea - Bovec | 30 |
| Sextner Dolomiten | 77 |
| Ski- und Wandergebiet Pfelders | 10 |
| SkiArea Valchiavenna S.p.A. | 60 |
| Skigebiet Reinswald/Sarntal | 14 |
| Sulden | 40 |
| Tarvisio | 32 |
| Val Gardena - Gröden | 175 |
| Zoncolan - Ravascletto | 28 |

Costs

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Bormio | 31 | 124 | 36,5 | 173 | 36,5 | 173 |
| Forni di Sopra | 16 | 90 | 22 | 120 | 26 | 132 |
| Kronplatz/Plan de Corones | 29 | 151 | 42 | 216 | 42 | 216 |
| Livigno | 31,5 | 131 | 38,5 | 189,5 | 38,5 | 189,5 |
| Meran 2000 | 27 | 134 | 30 | 180 | 34 | 180 |
| Monterosa Ski | 27 | 139 | 38 | 192 | 38 | 192 |
| Obereggen - Ski Center Latemar | 27 | 137 | 39 | 196 | 39 | 196 |
| Paganella Ski | 22 | 113 | 32 | 162 | 32 | 162 |
| Piancavallo | 19 | 102 | 25 | 132 | 29 | 144 |
| Plose Ski | 25 | 134 | 35 | 191 | 35 | 191 |
| Roskopf/Sterzing | 22 | 103 | 31 | 142 | 31 | 142 |
| S.Caterina Valfurva | 31 | 124 | 36,5 | 173 | 36,5 | 173 |
| Schnalstaler Gletscherbahnen AG | 24,5 | 137 | 37 | 195,5 | 37 | 195,5 |
| Seiser Alm | 30 | 151 | 43 | 216 | 43 | 216 |
| Sella Nevea - Bovec | 18 | 102 | 23 | 132 | 28 | 144 |
| Sextner Dolomiten | 27 | 140 | 38,5 | 200 | 38,5 | 200 |
| Ski- und Wandergebiet Pfelders | 19 | 79 | 19 | 79 | 24 | 103 |
| SkiArea Valchiavenna S.p.A. | 14 | 67 | 25,5 | 121 | 34 | 162 |
| Skigebiet Reinswald/Sarntal | 18 | 89 | 26 | 135 | 26 | 135 |
| Sulden | 20 | 99 | 31 | 149 | 34 | 169 |
| Tarvisio | 19 | 102 | 25 | 132 | 29 | 144 |
| Val Gardena - Gröden | 30 | 151 | 43 | 216 | 43 | 216 |
| Zoncolan - Ravascletto | 19 | 102 | 25 | 132 | 29 | 144 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | | Local leisure activities | | | | | | | | Alternative means of payment | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | Funpark | Permanent racing track | Track with time measurement | Mogul slope | Carving slope | Tubing course | | Floodlight slope | Toboggan run | Cross country ski trails | Skating rink | Indoor pool | Ice stick shooting | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | with debit card at the checkout | with credit card at the checkout | online payment system |
| Bormio | | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | | | | |
| Forni di Sopra | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | | | X | X | | | |
| Kronplatz/Plan de Corones | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | | X | X | X | | |
| Livigno | | X | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | | X | X | X | | |
| Meran 2000 | X | X | | | | X | | X | X | X | | | X | | | X | X | | | |
| Monterosa Ski | | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | | | | | | X | X | | | |
| Obereggen - Ski Center Latemar | | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | | |
| Paganella Ski | | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | | | X | X | | X | X | X | | |
| Piancavallo | X | X | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | | | X | X | | | |
| Plose Ski | X | X | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | | |
| Roskopf/Sterzing | | X | | | | X | | | | X | X | | | | | X | X | | | |
| S.Caterina Valfurva | X | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | | | | X | X | | | |
| Schnalstaler | | X | | X | | | | | X | X | | | | | | X | X | | | |
| Seiser Alm | X | X | X | X | | X | | | X | X | | | X | X | | X | X | X | | |
| Sella Nevea - Bovec | X | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | X | X | | | |
| Sextner Dolomiten | | X | | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | | |
| Pfelders | X | | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | | | |
| SkiArea Valchiavenna S.p.A. | X | X | X | | | | X | X | X | X | | | | X | | X | X | | | |
| Skigebiet Reinswald/Sarntal | X | | X | | | X | | | X | X | | | X | X | | X | X | | | |
| Sulden | X | X | | | X | | | | X | X | | | | | | X | X | X | | |
| Tarvisio | | X | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | | | |
| Val Gardena - Gröden | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | | X | X | X | | |
| Zoncolan - Ravascletto | X | X | | | X | | X | | X | X | | | X | | | X | X | | | |

Lithuania

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| Capital: | Vilnius |
| Official Language(s): | Lithuanian |
| Currency: | Lithuanian litas (at the official <u>conversion rate</u> from the European Commission from the 01.09.2010: 3,452800) |
| Calling Code: | 00370 |
| Official tourism: | http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/ http://www.travel.lt/ http://lietuva.lt/en/ http://www.tourism.lt/en/ |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 7 |
| Answers | 1 |

General information about skiing in Lithuania

In Lithuania there are 7 places where it is possible to ski. The oldest ski resort is located in Ignalina, which has 4 tracks and 4 funiculars. Usually the season begins in September when the snow starts to fall and ends in February. Lithuanians started to show interest in skiing only few years ago. Although Lithuania is mostly a cross country area, some downhill skiing is available.

On weekends the ski resorts work from 9 till 22. (some of the ski resorts work till the last customer has finished!)

On weekdays the ski resorts work from 16 till 22.

All of the ski resorts have bars and cafés which offer food and beverages. Also traditional Lithuanian pubs with Lithuanian national food are to be found near every ski resort.

No hotels are available in ski resorts, but there are country houses for rent in the surrounding areas, all information concerning country houses, rent, and prices, facilities and photos are available in English on this website: <http://www.atostogoskaime.lt/en/>

Evaluation of the participating ski resort

7 ski resorts were contacted in Lithuania and 1 did answer our questionnaire. This resort is very small and cheap, however it offers a floodlight slope and a toboggan run.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Vilkaviškio rajono slidininkų klubas | 1 |

Norway

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| Capital: | Oslo |
| Official Language(s): | Norwegian |
| Currency: | Norwegian krone (at the official <u>conversion rate</u> from the European Commission from the 01.09.2010: 7,965000) |
| Calling Code: | 0047 |
| Official tourism: | www.visitnorway.com/ |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 15 |
| Answers | 2 |

General information about skiing in Norway

The Norwegian ski season typically lasts for six months and usually offers good snow conditions. There are alpine ski resorts and trails for cross-country skiing throughout the country.

Resorts usually open in November and the snow often remains light, powdery and deep until April.

First-timers are usually impressed by the fast and efficient lift systems, the rather short lift queues and the modern ski equipment for hire. And remember, cross-country skiing is free of charge.

Skiing is Norway's national sport, and Norwegians' favourite way of appreciating their stunning and unspoilt landscape. In a land passionate about its history and culture, skiing is one of the most cherished of all traditions.

In Norway there are some larger ski areas, situated mainly in the Hallingdal and the Gudbrandsdal. However it is typical for Norwegian ski areas to be relatively small. On the other hand, you can find a small ski area in almost every valley suitable for it.

There are also ski resorts located very close to the centre of the capitol Oslo. The biggest ski area in the Oslo region is the world famous Holmenkollen, where the World Ski Championships of 2011 will be held in February and it will be possible to travel by air, rail and tube directly to the arena.

<http://www.skiinfo.com/>
<http://www.oslo2011.no/en/>

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

2 ski resorts from Norway participated to our survey. Eikedalen Skisenter is smaller than Geilo, has some slope extras but they has none of the 'local leisure activities' mentioned in our survey. Geilo has more slope kms, is also more expensive but offers a lot of different slope extras and leisure activities.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|---------------------|----------|
| Eikedalen Skisenter | 15 |
| Geilo | 35 |

Costs

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| | | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | | Day Ski Pass Adult | | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
| Eikedalen Skisenter | | 90 | | 92 | | 90 | | 92 | | 95 | | 113 |
| Geilo | | 33 | | 138 | | 33 | | 138 | | 44 | | 197 |

Additional information

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| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Funpark | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Permanent racing track | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Track with time measurement | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mogul slope | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Carving slope | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Tubing course | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Floodlight slope | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Local leisure activities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Toboggan run | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cross country ski trails | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Skating rink | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Indoor pool | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ice stick shooting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Alternative means of payment | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Eikedalen Skisenter | | X | X | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Geilo | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | | | | | | |

Poland

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| Capital: | Warsaw |
| Official Language(s): | Polish |
| Currency: | Zloty (at the official <u>conversion rate</u> from the European Commission from the 01.09.2010: 3,980600) |
| Calling Code: | 0048 |
| Official tourism: | www.poland.travel/en-us |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 26 |
| Answers | 1 |

General information about skiing in Poland

Though Poland is a less popular winter destination than France or Italy, it provides skiing opportunities that can be both highly affordable and satisfactory at the same time. There is a wide range of slopes, walking routes and low cost accommodation.

The heart of the Polish Mountains lies at the foot of the Tatra Mountains. The most notable destination here is Zakopane and with a century-old skiing tradition and access to over 50 ski lifts and slopes, the city's renown can hardly be considered unwarranted. Nearby, Kasprowy Wierch, Kocioł Goryczkowy and well-known Gubałówka offer slopes suitable to the capabilities of all skiers.

Another worthwhile Polish ski resort is the town of Szklarska Poreba, which is located in the Karkonosze Mountains. Szklarska is in close vicinity to Polana Jakuszycka, which is a unique cross-country skiing centre, offering 156 days of permanent snow, numerous ski routes and the annual Bieg Piastów competition. The Karkonosze Mountain range is also home to the town of Karpacz, its biggest attractions include 100 days of permanent snow, well-prepared ski routes, and activities such as climbing, bungee jumping, tennis, paintball and fishing.

Szczyrk and Krynica Zdrój are the best choices in case you are looking for a cosy ski resort where you can enjoy your stay undisturbed. Krynica – Zdroj is the biggest health centre in Poland and is also a popular relaxation spot, providing exceptional walking routes and a calm, pastoral ambience. For this reason, and because of the numerous spas located nearby, Krynica is most popular with seniors and families with children. Still, Krynica-Zdroj is also a famed ski resort, offering its visitors the well-equipped slopes of Jaworzyna Krynicka (1.114 meters), as well as a number of ice rinks and tobogganing trails. The snow cover remains here for at least 5 months a year.

Wisla, known for being the home town of ski jumper Adam Małysz, is one of the most popular tourist resorts in the Silesian Beskids, a destination favoured by ski jumpers and there are also over 20 ski lifts in the neighbourhood. Recently, a ski jump "Skocznia Malinka" (K120, HS 134m) has been built to host international competitions.

If you are interested in rather easier, family-friendly slopes they are numerous in the Polish mountains and include resorts such as Bukowina Tarzańska, Karpacz - Kopa and Zieleniec.

Białka Tatrzańska, Czarna Góra, Korbielów and Ustroń are perfect choices for families looking for places that provide slopes of varying difficulty levels. Ski-lifts and snow machines are the basic elements of these resorts.

<http://www.narty.pl>

<http://www.e-wyciagi.pl/en/>

Evaluation of the participating ski resort

Poland has quite a lot of different ski resorts, but of the 26 contacted only one answered. This one offers 8 slope kms for moderate costs and several activities aside the slopes.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
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| Ośrodek Narciarski Kotelnica Białczańska Sp. z o.o. | 8 |

Prices

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
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| Ośrodek Narciarski Kotelnica Białczańska | 17 | 65 | 20 | 81 | 20 | 81 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | Funpark | Permanent racing track | Track with time measurement | Mogul slope | Carving slope | Tubing course | Floodlight slope | Local leisure activities | Toboggan run | Cross country ski trails | Skating rink | Indoor pool | Ice stick shooting | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | Alternative means of payment | with debit card at the checkout | with credit card at the checkout | online payment system | other payment systems | |
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| Ośrodek Narciarski Kotelnica | | | X | | | | X | | X | | | X | X | X | | X | X | | | | | | |

Portugal

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| Capital: | Lisbon |
| Official Language(s): | Portuguese |
| Currency: | Euro |
| Calling Code: | 00351 |
| Official tourism: | www.visitportugal.com/ |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 1 |
| Answers | 1 |

General information about skiing in Portugal

Portuguese people have only relatively recently been able to experience snow activities, that are being developed following a rising interest of youngsters in winter sports, in their own country. They now profit from the facilities available in the region which are focused to offer a new touristic alternative in the winter season.

Mountain Resorts:

-) Cliffs of Health Mountain Resort

This resort is located at an altitude of 1,500m. It boasts a hotel, restaurants, a youth hostel and tourist villas, for holidaymakers and skiers. Since it is also located in a residential area, other commercial facilities are also available.

-) Golden Cliffs/Rossim Valley Mountain Resort

This resort overlooks the town of Manteigas. The accommodation available here includes the Pousada de S. Lourenço (St. Lawrence Inn) and a camping site. The nearby lake in the Rossim Valley is breathtakingly beautiful.

-) Sabugueiro

This is the main mountain village in the "Serra da Estrela", in terms of shopping and restaurants. You can also find various rural holiday lets here.

-) Skiparque, Sports and Free Times, Lda

This company manages the "Serra da Estrela Ski Park" in Manteigas, a synthetic ski slope. The company's main activities include a skiing school, paragliding (also with a school), a horse-riding centre and an adventure park. www.skiparque.pt

<http://www.rt-serradaestrela.pt/ENG/index.html>

Evaluation of the participating ski resort

Portugal might not be well known for skiing, but it does have a ski resort with 6 slope kms where you have the possibility to practice winter sports. A day ticket costs 25 € and you can also do cross country skiing.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Estância de Ski Serra da Estrela | 6 |

Costs

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
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| Estância de Ski Serra da Estrela | 25 | 100 | | 25 | 100 | | 25 | 100 |

Additional information

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| Ski Serra da Estrela | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | |
| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | X | Funpark | X | Permanent racing track | | Track with time measurement | |
| | | | Mogul slope | | Carving slope | | Tubing course | |
| | | | Floodlight slope | | Local leisure activities | | | |
| | | | Toboggan run | | Cross country ski trails | X | Skating rink | |
| | | | Indoor pool | | Ice stick shooting | | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | X |
| | | | | | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | X | Alternative means of payment | |
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Romania

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| Capital: | Bucharest |
| Official Language(s): | Romanian |
| Currency: | Romanian leu (at the official <u>conversion rate</u> from the European Commission from the 01.09.2010: 4,234400) |
| Calling Code: | 0040 |
| Official tourism: | www.romaniatourism.com |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 11 |
| Answers | 0 |

General information about skiing in Romania

In Romania there are no ski resorts comparable to those in other countries, but there are quite good ski slopes. Almost all ski slopes are property of the state or the municipality and the lifts are either property of the state/municipality or are leased to a third party. The most important and well known ski slopes are located in the centre of the country in the county of Prahova and the county of Brasov. In Prahova the skiing area is the Prahova Valley and in Brasov the skiing area is Poiana Brasov which is also the name of the main city in the area. Predeal is another city with ski slopes and is in Brasov. In Prahova Valley the important cities where the ski slopes are located are: Sinaia, Azuga, Busteni. The ski slopes are located on the DN1 road that cuts the Romanian mountains. This road also connects Prahova and Brasov and the southern part of the country to the central part.

Evaluation of the situation in Romania

We contacted 11 ski resorts in Romania and received no answer. The reason might be that in Romania there are no "proper" ski resorts, there are only ski slopes which are owned by the state or by the municipality (depending on where the slope is located). The ski lifts are owned by the city halls, municipality and state and in some cases are leased to a private company.

Therefore our questionnaire might not be suitable for the Romanian situation.

The average price of a one-day ski lift pass is approximately 25 Euro per day, the average price of hiring ski equipment is around 15 Euro a day and for a ski trainer the charge is around 10-15 Euro per hour.

Slovakia

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| Capital: | Bratislava |
| Official Language(s): | Slovak |
| Currency: | Euro |
| Calling Code: | 00421 |
| Official tourism: | http://www.slovakia.travel/ |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 6 |
| Answers | 6 |

General information about skiing in Slovakia

In Slovakia there are more than 100 ski centres for all skiers from the less demanding to the most adventurous. There are various opportunities for winter activities, winter trekking, recreation in aquaparks with thermal water swimming pools under the open sky, health services and fun in the evenings. Also snowboarding fans and lovers of adventurous sports will be satisfied as visitors can experience ski tours on snowy rocks, go trekking with mountain guides, try out the sledge tracks, go snowtubing or paragliding in snow-covered valleys.

The tourists can choose between the Low Carpathians (Malé Karpaty), Low Tatras (Nízke Tatry), High Tatras (Vysoké Tatry) in the North and Low Beskydy (Nízke Beskydy) in the east. The High Tatras offer endless skiing slopes even for the most demanding skiers. There are excellent slopes directly under the Slavkovsky Peak (Slavkovský štít) in Hrebienok which is also a starting point for easy winter hiking to the Studenovodske Waterfalls (Studenovodské vodopády)- an exquisite view of icy cascades and water columns. Most ski centres, of course, do not forget the beginner skiers or children. There are excellent and modern equipped skiing equipment rentals, ski instructors, fun ski centres on the snow for children and also kindergartens.

The best ski resorts are Jasná Low Tatras and Park Snow High Tatras, a very popular resort, which comprises the Ski Park Ružomberok, Snow Paradise Veľká Rača near Oščadnica, wonderful and popular Park Snow Donovaly with the most up-to-date chair lifts, Winter park Martinky, Vrátna, Jasenská Valley and countless number of others. The Jasná ski resort is a top resort for unconventional freeride snowboarding and freeskiing and has 5 freeride zones. Vrátna Free Time Zone is also well worthwhile a visit and both ski resorts are perfect for anyone who loves adventure.

Snow in Slovakia, however, is not only about downhill skiing. Those who want to admire the beauty of snowy nature can make use of thousands of cross-country skiing trails of various degrees of difficulty and lengths. The most famous ones are in Štrbské Pleso, Tatranská Lomnica and Skalka in Kremnica.

Slovakia also attracts fans of ski touring which is become more and more popular - it is a combination of trekking, off-piste skiing in high-altitude terrain, and mountaineering. Skiing in Slovakia can be combined with pleasant relaxation - there are numerous spa resorts and health centres. Spa resorts such as Bešeňová, Nový Smokovec, Turčianske Teplice, Trenčianske Teplice and Bardejov attract tourists thanks to their flawless service.

<http://www.visitslovakia.com/skiing-4>

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

In Slovakia we received an answer from all the 6 resorts we contacted. They have between 5 and 36 slope kms each and the costs are medium. A cross country ski trail is provided in all resorts and in some you will also find a Toboggan run or an indoor pool.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Jasná Nízke Tatry | 36 |
| Lyžiarske stredisko Jasenská dolina | 6 |
| Roháče Spálená | 5 |
| Turecká - Krížna | 10 |
| Vrátna Free Time Zone | 14 |
| Vysoké Tatry - Tatranská Lomnica | 16 |

Costs

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
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| Jasná Nízke Tatry | 22 | 116 | | 26 | 132 | | 31 | 165 |
| Lyžiarske stredisko Jasenská dolina | | 61 | | | 95 | | | 95 |
| Roháče Spálená | 14 | 64 | | 14 | 64 | | 20 | 98 |
| Turecká - Krížna | 13 | 56 | | 13 | 56 | | 17 | 80 |
| Vrátna Free Time Zone | 15 | 79 | | 18 | 90 | | 22 | 115 |
| Vysoké Tatry - Tatranská Lomnica | 21 | 101 | | 23 | 115 | | 29 | 144 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | | | Local leisure activities | | | | | | | | | Alternative means of payment | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | | Funpark | Permanent racing track | Track with time measurement | Mogul slope | Carving slope | Tubing course | | Floodlight slope | Toboggan run | Cross country ski trails | Skating rink | Indoor pool | Ice stick shooting | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | | with debit card at the checkout | with credit card at the checkout | online payment system | other payment systems |
| Jasná Nízke Tatry | X | X | | | | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | |
| Lyžiarske stredisko Jasenská | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | | | | | | | X | | | | |
| Roháče Spálená | X | X | | | X | X | | X | | | | X | | | | | | X | | | | |
| Turecká - Krížna | X | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vratna Free Time Zone | X | X | | | | X | X | X | | | | X | | | | | | X | X | | | |
| Vysoké Tatry - Tatranská Lomnica | X | X | | | | X | | X | | X | X | X | | | | | | X | X | | | |

Slovenia

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| Capital: | Ljubljana |
| Official Language(s): | Slovene |
| Currency: | Euro |
| Calling Code: | 00386 |
| Official tourism: | www.slovenia.info/ |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 7 |
| Answers | 4 |

General information about skiing in Slovenia

Skiing is very popular sports in Slovenia in fact there were more than 1.400.000 skiers in the ski season 2008/09.

There are several dozen fully maintained ski centres stretching out across the corner of the Alps that extends into Slovenia. Artificial snow machines ensure fun even during milder winters. Almost all of Slovenia's ski centres feature direct access to and from the lowlands. This easy access and the proximity of urban centres are enhanced by modern cable lift facilities. The features that characterize almost all of Slovenia's ski centres are their small size and diverse terrain.

All the ski resorts in Slovenia are suitable for families as they offer plenty of beginner and intermediate runs, and very competitively priced ski lessons, in a friendly relaxed atmosphere. The major ski resort in Slovenia is Kranjska Gora, but there are also other ski areas all over the country (Ski Centre Krvavec, Ski centre Rogla, Ski Center Stari Vrh, Ski centre Vogel, Ski centre Cerklje ob Krki, Mariborsko Pohorje etc). The connected ski resort Kanin – Sella Nevea is the first cross-border ski center in the wider European region. With its new cableway and slope the two ski resorts have become one. The connected ski resort is operating with a single ski pass, enabling access from both the Slovenian (Bovec) and Italian (Sella Nevea) sides of the mountain. There is no higher ski resort in the area, nor is there one with such a long skiing season – until the beginning of May.

Snowboarders are welcome at all of Slovenia's ski centres. Many of them expect more than just zigzag along the established runs, so some centres have specially arranged snow parks for them. Boarders can savour the delights and heightened adrenaline of freestyle at Vogel, Rogla, Cerklje ob Krki and Kranjska Gora. Meanwhile beginners as well as those who are more experienced in this attractive sport can work up their skills with properly trained snowboarding instructors; the established ski schools offer snowboarding instruction. All the bigger Slovenian ski centres and most of the smaller ones have licensed ski instructors who offer individual or group lessons at prices that compare favourably with neighbouring countries. The ski schools also offer rental of all necessary ski equipment. When snow makes the lowlands become white, cross-country skiers can find suitable trails close to many of the tourist locations. Many trails are laid out through picturesque glades and they are usually free of charge. The best-known trails are in Pokljuka, the world-famous biathlon centre with its new, well-equipped sports centre and hotel. Cross-country skiers also like to head off to the unspoilt valley of Logarska Dolina in the Solčavsko area, which was a European Destination of Excellence 2009.

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

4 ski resorts of Slovenia participated in our survey and they are in the category of 11-25 kms. The costs are pretty much the same in all 4, but due to the slope extras and leisure activities the resorts target different users.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|---------------|----------|
| Kanin | 30 |
| Krvavec | 30 |
| Kranjska Gora | 20 |
| Stari vrh | 12 |

Costs

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
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| Kanin Ski Centre | 18 | 102 | | 23 | 132 | | 28 | 144 |
| Krvavec | 16 | 67 | | 25 | 114 | | 29 | 134 |
| Kranjska Gora | 19 | 94 | | 25 | 126 | | 29 | 147 |
| Stari vrh Ski Centre | 15 | 67 | | 21 | 92 | | 26 | 119 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | | Local leisure activities | | | | | | | | Alternative means of payment | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | | Funpark | | Permanent racing track | | Track with time measurement | | Mogul slope | | Carving slope | | Tubing course | | Floodlight slope | | Toboggan run | | Cross country ski trails | | Skating rink | | Indoor pool | | Ice stick shooting | | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | | with debit card at the checkout | | with credit card at the checkout | | online payment system | | other payment systems | |
| Kanin | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Krvavec | | | | X | X | | | | | | X | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | X | | | X | | | | | | | |
| Kranjska Gora | X | X | X | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | |
| Stari vrh | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | |

Spain

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| Capital: | Madrid |
| Official Language(s): | Spanish |
| Currency: | Euro |
| Calling Code: | 0034 |
| Official tourism: | www.spain.info/ |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 12 |
| Answers | 10 |

General information about skiing in Spain

In spite of being famous for its high temperatures, there are mountains appropriate for skiing in Spain. In the past, the sport was underdeveloped for economic reasons. However the improvement of the Spanish economy helped skiing become a popular sport, and so skiing sites have been modernized in recent years. The southernmost ski resort in Europe, the Sierra Nevada, is in Spain. There are 34 skiable mountains in Spain, in places such as Asturias, Cantabria, Galicia, Castilla y León, La Rioja, Cataluña, Aragón, Comunidad de Madrid and Andalucía.

-) Cantabria

In the mountains of Cantabria there are suitable conditions for skiing, although the low elevation sometimes causes problems due to lack of snow. The ski resorts in this region are small and with not very inclined slopes, targeting basically local skiers.

-) Pyrenees

In the Pyrenees Mountains there are excellent conditions for skiing. The best areas are the axial and oriental, where most of the ski resorts are located. Aragon and Catalonia have the best infrastructure for winter sports.

-) Central Mountains

In the central mountains, between the region of Madrid and the province of Segovia, there are suitable conditions for skiing. Ski resorts like Navacerrada, Valdeski or La Pinilla are the point of reference for skiers in this area.

-) Iberian System

The Sistema Ibérico or Iberian System is a vast and complex system of mountain ranges and massifs located in the central regions of the Iberian Peninsula. These mountains do neither have the elevation nor the appropriate orientation to receive enough snow to be suitable for skiing. However, in the north as well as the south of this system there are two places where it is instead possible to ski regularly. In the north the mountain of Demanda and the peak of Urbión are good for skiing whereas in the south the "Montes Universales" have very good conditions for downhill and cross country skiing.

-) Sierra Nevada

Ski is one of the most important sports centres in the province of Granada. One of the peaks it boasts is 3.392 m high (Pico Veleta), the highest of all skiable mountains in Spain.

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

12 ski resorts of Spain were contacted and we received 10 answers. "Puerto de la Ragua" also completed our questionnaire, but only offers cross country ski trails, so we could not consider it in our evaluation. The 9 evaluated ski resorts are very different from one another so between them satisfy a wide range of tastes. Only the price is common to all in that they are all in the high price range.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Aramon Javalambre | 13 |
| Aramon Valdelinares | 10 |
| Baqueira Beret | 117 |
| Cerler, Grupo Aramón | 76 |
| Formigal | 137 |
| GranPallars (Espot Esquí y Port-Ainé) | 55 |
| La Pinilla | 22 |
| Sierra Nevada | 102 |
| Vall de Núria | 8 |

Costs

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | | Day Ski Pass Adult | | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult | |
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| Aramon Javalambre | 25 | 113 | 31 | 141 | 31 | 141 | 31 | 141 | 31 | 141 | 31 | 141 |
| Aramon Valdelinares | 25 | 113 | 31 | 141 | 31 | 141 | 31 | 141 | 31 | 141 | 31 | 141 |
| Baqueira Beret | 30 | 140,5 | 45 | 218 | 45 | 218 | 45 | 218 | 45 | 218 | 45 | 218 |
| Cerler, Grupo Aramón | 32 | 166 | 36 | 207 | 36 | 207 | 40 | 207 | 40 | 207 | 40 | 207 |
| Formigal | 33 | 177 | 41 | 221 | 41 | 221 | 41 | 221 | 41 | 221 | 41 | 221 |
| GranPallars (Espot Esquí y Port-Ainé) | 26 | 133 | 37 | 189 | 37 | 189 | 37 | 189 | 37 | 189 | 37 | 189 |
| La Pinilla | 29 | 120 | 34 | 180 | 34 | 180 | 34 | 180 | 34 | 180 | 34 | 180 |
| Sierra Nevada | 26 | 137,5 | 43 | 229,5 | 43 | 229,5 | 43 | 229,5 | 43 | 229,5 | 43 | 229,5 |
| Vall de Núria | 18,5 | 86 | 28,7 | 114,5 | 28,7 | 114,5 | 28,7 | 114,5 | 28,7 | 114,5 | 28,7 | 114,5 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | | Local leisure activities | | | | | | | | Alternative means of payment | | | |
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| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | Funpark | Permanent racing track | Track with time measurement | Mogul slope | Carving slope | Tubing course | Floodlight slope | Toboggan run | Cross country ski trails | Skating rink | Indoor pool | Ice stick shooting | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | with debit card at the checkout | with credit card at the checkout | online payment system | other payment systems | |
| Aramon Javalambre | | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | |
| Aramon Valdelinares | | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baqueira Beret | X | X | X | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Cerler, Grupo Aramón | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | | | | | | X | X | X | | | |
| Formigal | X | X | | X | X | | | X | | | X | | X | X | | X | X | | | |
| GranPallars | X | X | X | | | X | | | | | | | X | | | X | X | | | |
| La Pinilla | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | |
| Sierra Nevada | | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | | | X | X | | | |
| Vall de Núria | | X | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | |

Sweden

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| Capital: | Stockholm |
| Official Language(s): | Swedish |
| Currency: | Swedish krona (at the official <u>conversion rate</u> from the European Commission from the 01.09.2010: 9,387200) |
| Calling Code: | 0046 |
| Official tourism: | www.visitsweden.com |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 14 |
| Answers | 3 |

General information about skiing in Sweden

Sweden is a well known destination for skiing tourists. Ski resorts in Sweden provide skiing that is suitable for all levels of ability and also provide a vast selection of non skiing activities such as dog sleigh tours, ice climbing, snow mobile safaris, fun snow parks, ice fishing and Iceland pony treks.

The southern part of the Swedish skiing region is on the same latitude as Denmark so the weather is often mild. Swedish ski resorts have a snow guarantee from December until April/May; when needed there are snow guns which spray snow at the slopes during the night. In the northern parts it is often cold and makes for great snow conditions and the long bright evenings offer midnight skiing during spring.

All Swedish ski resorts are well-suited for families and beginners, and provide very good ski schools. At the resorts you can find all you need for your vacation. There are restaurants, pubs and nightclubs, grocery stores, shops, children areas and ski rental shops. Some also have swimming pools or spa facilities.

<http://www.skistar.com/en/>

<http://www.skiinfo.com/Country/Sweden-ESE-9671-en.ihtml>

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

Of the 14 contacted ski resorts in Sweden 3 filled in our questionnaire. Two of them have 4 and one has 18 slope km and the costs for a day ticket are from 19 to 29 Euros. A toboggan run and a cross country ski trail are available at all the resorts.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
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| Hovfjället | 4 |
| Storliens Skidlifftar | 18 |
| Valfjället Skicenter AB Gryttved | 4 |

Costs

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Hovfjället | 22 | 84 | 22 | 84 | 27 | 105 |
| Storliens Skidlifftar | 25 | 150 | 29 | 150 | 29 | 174 |
| Valfjället Skicenter AB Gryttved | 19 | 76 | 24 | 95 | 24 | 95 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | | Local leisure activities | | | | Alternative means of payment | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | Funpark | Permanent racing track | Track with time measurement | Mogul slope | Carving slope | Tubing course | Floodlight slope | Toboggan run | Cross country ski trails | Skating rink | Indoor pool | Ice stick shooting | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | with debit card at the checkout | with credit card at the checkout | online payment system | other payment systems |
| Hovfjället | | X | | | | | | X | X | | | | | X | X | | X | | |
| Storliens Skidlifftar | | X | | | X | | | X | X | | | | | X | X | | X | | |
| Valfjället Skicenter AB Gryttved | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | X | | |

Switzerland

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| Capital: | Bern |
| Official Language(s): | German, French, Italian, Romansh |
| Currency: | Swiss franc (at the official <u>conversion rate</u> from the European Commission from the 01.09.2010: 1,305500) |
| Calling Code: | 0041 |
| Official tourism: | www.myswitzerland.com |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 23 |
| Answers | 12 |

General information about skiing in Switzerland

Due to the favourable location, Switzerland is - besides Austria - one of the top skiing nations. A significant role belongs to alpine skiing and snowboarding, nevertheless also "Schlitteln" (sledge riding) should not be neglected. For a vast majority of the Swiss it is very popular to go skiing for a day trip or a whole week during the winter.

At two-thirds, the earnings from winter sports represent also the biggest proportion of Swiss tourism. For skiers and snowboarders all over Europe the Alps are one of the most attractive ski areas, and a big part of it is situated in Switzerland - 60% of the country is covered by the Alps. There are countless world known wintersport cities, like St. Moritz, Zermatt or Davos, which compete to attract more financially strong guests.

Already in the early days, Switzerland recognized the importance of winter tourism. The first ski association was founded in 1893 in Glarus. In time, ski sports have developed to one of the most important economic factors in Switzerland. The construction and maintenance of the slopes and the lifts are much more cost-intensive than the infrastructure for summer sport activities. Therefore the ski resorts have to be promoted appropriately, so the giant investments are profitable.

Also beyond the Alpine region the enthusiasm in skiing is extraordinarily big. For most inhabitants in big cities, like Zurich or Basel, a regular ski holiday is self-evident. But nowadays a close ski area in the low mountain range isn't enough anymore. Most often, also for day trips, it has to be Zermatt, Davos or Grindelwald.

On the other hand, more and more foreign guests visit Switzerland. Mostly they are Germans, the Dutch and the British. Also in foreign tourism there is a trend towards long journeys. In spite of massive financial incentive, the public means of transport are not used as much as they could be. The offer of trains and buses in Switzerland is much more attractive than in other European countries and also visitors from abroad could benefit from it. But also short waiting periods and low priced offers for the ski holiday were not able to change the fact that the car is still the most important means of transport.

The trend to long journeys is connected to the lack of snow and the rise of the temperature in medium altitude areas, which could be noticed over the last years. Only the high mountains turn out to be in some degree "snow guaranteed". That is the reason why these areas have increased in capacity, while the low mountain ranges invest less.

Nevertheless since the nineties the number of domestic ski-athletes is regressive. The winter sport has lost its force of attraction to teenagers, most of them still practice it, but it hasn't the same value which it had before. In addition a lot of young people with migration background were not raised with the ski tradition of the Swiss natives.

Evaluation of the participating ski resorts

Switzerland is a well known country for skiing and the 12 filled in questionnaires we received represent mostly big ski regions. The day ski pass is quite expensive but in return the resorts provide a huge variety of slope extras and leisure activities. For instance, in all of the resorts you have cross country ski trails and indoor pools.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Adelboden-Lenk-Frutigen | 185 |
| Flims Laax Falera | 220 |
| Flumserberg | 65 |
| Gstaad | 250 |
| Lauchernalp/Lötschental | 33 |
| Lenzerheide | 155 |
| Les Diablerets | 125 |
| Motta Naluns | 80 |
| Saas-Fee | 145 |
| Sörenberg | 53 |
| St. Moritz | 350 |
| Torrent/Leukerbad | 52 |

Costs

| | Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001) | | Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994) | | Day Ski Pass Adult | 6 Day Ski Pass Adult |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| Adelboden-Lenk-Frutigen | 24,5 | 109,54 | | 38,3 | 169,28 | | 45,2 | 202,22 |
| Flims Laax Falera | 16,2 | 77,9 | | 32,4 | 155,7 | | 48,6 | 233,6 |
| Flumserberg | 22 | 92 | | 28 | 121 | | 44 | 183 |
| Gstaad | 22,5 | 115 | | 45,2 | 219,07 | | 50,6 | 245,88 |
| Lauchernalp/Lötschental | 21 | 111 | | 35 | 182 | | 40 | 202 |
| Lenzerheide | 15 | 82,86 | | 31,4 | 150 | | 46,4 | 223,57 |
| Les Diablerets | 30 | 144 | | 30 | 144 | | 46 | 221 |
| Motta Naluns | 21 | 89 | | 33 | 145 | | 40 | 177 |
| Saas-Fee | 29,3 | 149,25 | | 43,9 | 223,1 | | 51,6 | 262,3 |
| Sörenberg | 17 | 90 | | 30 | 150 | | 36 | 175 |
| St. Moritz | 19 | 93 | | 38 | 182 | | 57 | 272 |
| Torrent/Leukerbad | 23,8 | 120 | | 31,5 | 160 | | 39,2 | 200 |

Additional information

| | Slope - Extras | | | | | | | | | Local leisure activities | | | | | | | Alternative means of payment | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Freestyle and deep snow slopes | Funpark | Permanent racing track | Track with time measurement | Mogul slope | Carving slope | Tubing course | Floodlight slope | | Toboggan run | Cross country ski trails | Skating rink | Indoor pool | Ice stick shooting | Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers) | | Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours | with debit card at the checkout | with credit card at the checkout | online payment system |
| Adelboden-Lenk-Frutigen | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | | | |
| Flims Laax Falera | X | X | | | X | | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | | | |
| Flumserberg | X | X | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | | X | | | |
| Gstaad | X | X | X | X | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | | X | X | | |
| Lauchernalp/Lötschental | X | X | | | | X | | X | | X | | X | | | | | X | | | |
| Lenzerheide | X | X | X | X | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | | |
| Les Diablerets | X | X | | | X | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | | |
| Motta Naluns | X | X | X | X | | X | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | | |
| Saas-Fee | X | X | X | | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | | |
| Sörenberg | X | | X | | | | | | | X | | X | | | | | X | | | |
| St. Moritz | X | X | | | | X | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | | |
| Torrent/Leukerbad | X | X | | | | X | | | | X | X | X | X | | | | X | | X | |

United Kingdom

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| Capital: | London |
| Official Language(s): | English |
| Currency: | Pound sterling (at the official <u>conversion rate</u> from the European Commission from the 01.09.2010: 0,816500) |
| Calling Code: | 0044 |
| Official tourism: | www.visitbritain.com |

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| Contacted Ski resorts | 9 |
| Answers | 1 |

General information about skiing in the United Kingdom

The majority of ski resorts in the UK are artificial. The main benefit of artificial ski slopes is that they enable novices to learn and get to grips with skiing and are ideal for taking lessons. Artificial ski slopes can either be indoor or outdoor. Outdoor ski slopes use synthetic snow whereas indoor slopes use technology to re-create the environment of a real ski slope. There are a few real ski resorts in the UK and these are mainly found in the North of England or in Scotland.

There are various local clubs that people can join to take part in various ski-related activities and meet other like-minded individuals. Some clubs even have their own artificial slope that members can use at discounted rates and some clubs provide opportunities for members to take part in local ski competitions. Many clubs arrange group ski holidays for their members. A lot of clubs encourage other forms of snow-related activity such as snowboarding.

www.skiclub.co.uk

www.ski.co.uk

www.goodskiing.co.uk

www.visitbritain.org

www.discovernorthernireland.com

www.enjoyengland.com

www.visitscotland.com

www.visitwales.co.uk

Evaluation of the participating ski resort

Skiing at the resort of Allenheads is based on membership which entitles you to skiing or boarding for the full season with no extra charge. A single membership costs 24,5 € (16 € for a teenager under 18) and a family membership costs 49 €.

In our questionnaire, no slope extras, local leisure activities or alternative means of payment were reported.

| Ski resort | Slope km |
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| Ski-Allenheads | 1 |

Appendix A – List of all contacted ski resorts

Skiresorts

The ski resorts in **bold** are these which answered to our questionnaire.

| Name | Homepage or E-Mail |
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| Austria | |
| Aflenz Bürgeralm | http://www.aflenz-buergeralm.at/ |
| Ankogel | http://www.ankogel-ski.at |
| Annaberg | http://www.annabergerlifte.at/ |
| Arlberg | http://www.ski-arlberg.com/ |
| Axamer Lizum | http://www.axamer-lizum.at/ |
| Bad Kleinkirchheim / St. Oswald | http://www.badkleinkirchheim.at |
| Brandnertal | http://www.brandnertal.at |
| Brunnalm | http://www.brunnalm.at/ |
| Christlum Hochalm | http://www.christlum.at |
| Dachstein West | http://www.dachstein.net |
| Dreiländereck | http://www.3laendereck.at |
| Emberger Alm | http://www.embergeralm.at/ |
| Fanningberg | http://www.fanningberg.info |
| Feuerkogel | http://www.feuerkogel.net |
| Fieberbrunn Bergbahnen | http://www.bergbahnen-fieberbrunn.at |
| Flachau-Wagrain-St. Johann | http://www.flachau.at |
| Flattnitz - Glödnitz | http://www.flattnitz.net/ |
| Forsteralm -Skilifte GmbH | http://www.forsteralm.com |
| Frauenalpe/Murau - Steiermark | http://www.frauenalpe.eu |
| Gaissau - Hintersee | http://www.gaissauhintersee.at/ |
| Galtür - Silvapark | http://www.bergbahnen-galtuer.at |
| Gerlitzten-Kanzelbahn-Touristik | http://www.gerlitzten.com |
| Glungezerbahn GmbH & Co KG | http://www.glungezerbahn.at/ |
| Goldeck Bergbahnen GmbH | http://www.sportberg-goldeck.at |
| Grebenzen/St. Lamprecht | http://www.grebenzen.at |
| Großglockner /Heiligenblut | http://www.gross-glockner.at |
| Großglockner Resort Kals-Matrei | http://www.gg-resort.at |
| Hauser Kaibling Seilbahn- und Lift Ges.m.b.H. | http://www.hauser-kaibling.at |
| Hinterstoder / Hutterer Höss | http://www.hinterstoder.at |
| Hochficht | http://www.hochficht.at |
| Hochhäderich Alpenarena & Almhotel | http://www.alpenarena.com/ |
| Hochkar Sport-GmbH & Co KG | http://www.hochkar.at |
| Hochkössen | http://www.bergbahnen-koessen.at |
| Hochoetz Skiregion | http://www.hochoetz.at |
| Hochpustertal/Sillian | http://www.hochpustertal-ski.at |
| Hochzeiger Bergbahnen | http://www.hochzeiger.com |
| Hohentauern | http://www.hohentauern.at |
| Kasberg Bahnen GmbH & Co. KG | http://www.kasberg.at |
| Kaunertaler Gletscherbahnen GmbH | http://www.kaunertaler-gletscher.at |
| Kitzbühel Tourismus | http://www.kitzbuehel.com |
| Klippitztörl Skigebiet | http://www.klippitz.at |
| Königsberg-Lifte | http://www.koenigsberglifte.at |

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| Kreischberg / Murau | http://www.kreischberg.at |
| Krippenstein / Dachstein Tourismus | http://www.krippenstein.com |
| Kühtai | http://www.schneegarantie.at |
| Latern-Gapfohl | http://www.laterns.net/ |
| Lermoos - Biberwier | http://www.lermoos.at |
| Lofer | http://www.lofer.net |
| Looser - Altaussee | http://www.loser.at |
| Mariazeller Bürgeralpe | http://www.mariazell-buergeralpe.at |
| Mitterbach/Gemeindealpe | http://www.gemeindealpe.at |
| Mönichkirchen-Mariensee | http://www.schischaukel.net |
| Montafon | http://www.montafon.at |
| Nassfeld | http://www.nassfeld.at |
| Obertauern | http://www.obertauern.com |
| Obertilliach/Golzentipp | http://www.obertilliacher-bergbahnen.com |
| Ötscher | http://www.oetscher.at |
| Ötztal | http://www.oetztal.com |
| Patscherkofel | http://www.patscherkofelbahnen.at |
| Petzen | http://www.petzen.net |
| Postalm Seilbahn- und Skilift GesmbH & Co | http://www.postalm.at |
| Präbichl | http://www.praebichl.at |
| Rangger Köpfl | http://www.rangger-koepfl.at |
| Rauris | http://www.rauris.net |
| Reschenpass/Nauders | http://www.reschenpass.net |
| Riesneralm-Donnersbachwald | http://www.riesneralm.at |
| Saalbach Hinterglemm Leogang | http://www.saalbach.at |
| Schlick 2000 | http://www.schlick2000.at |
| Schmittenhöhe | http://www.schmitten.at |
| Schneeberg Sesselbahn GmbH | http://www.schneebergbahn.at |
| See im Paznauntal | http://www.see.at |
| Semmering (Zauberberg) | http://www.zauberberg.at |
| Serfaus-Fiss-Ladis | http://www.serfaus-fiss-ladis.at |
| Silvretta Arena | http://www.silvretta.at |
| Simonhöhe | http://www.simonhoehe.at |
| Sölden | http://www.soelden.com |
| Sonnberglifte | http://www.sonnberglifte.at |
| Sonnenkopf | http://www.sonnenkopf.com |
| St. Corona | http://www.corona.at |
| St. Jakob im Defereggental | http://www.stjakob-ski.at |
| Stubaier Gletscher | http://www.stubaier-gletscher.com |
| Stubalm/Gaberl | http://www.gaberl.at/ |
| Stuhleck Berglift | http://www.stuhleck.com |
| Tauplitzer Fremdenverkehrsgesellschaft mbH | http://www.dietauplitz.com |
| Tiroler Zugspitzarena | http://www.zugspitzarena.com |
| Unterberg | http://www.schigebiet-unterberg.at |
| Weinebene Schilifte GmbH | http://www.weinebene.at |
| Weißsee Gletscherwelt GmbH | http://www.gletscherwelt-weisse.at |
| Wenigzell/Joglland | http://www.schiregion-joglland.at |
| Werfenweng | http://www.bergbahnen-werfenweng.com |
| Wilder Kaiser - Brixental | http://www.skiwelt.at |
| Wildkogel | http://www.wildkogelbahnen.at/ |
| Wurzeralm-Spital/Pyhrn | http://www.hiwu.at/wurzeralm |

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| Zahmer Kaiser | http://www.zahmerkaiser.com |
| Zillertal 3000 | http://www.ski-zillertal3000.at |
| Zillertal Arena | http://www.zillertalarena.at/ |

Bulgaria

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| Bansko | http://bansko.org/ |
| Borovets | http://www.borovets-bg.com |
| Chepelare | http://www.chepelare.com/ |
| Pamporovo | http://winter.pamporovoresort.com/ |
| Vitosha | http://www.skivotosha.com |

Cyprus

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| Troodos Ski Station | http://www.cyprusski.com |
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Czech Republic

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| ABC SKI Nové Hamry | http://www.skirent-nanka.com |
| Aldrov | http://www.skialdrov.cz |
| Amálka | http://www.skiregion.cz/harrachov/ski-areal-amalka.html |
| Areál Skiport - Velká Úpa | http://www.skiport.cz |
| Arrakis | http://www.arrakis-zacler.com |
| Bedřichov | http://www.skijizerky.cz/ski-arealy/bedrichov/ |
| Benecko | http://www.skiareal-benecko.cz |
| Bílá v Beskydech | http://www.skibila.cz |
| Bubákov | http://www.bubakov.cz/ |
| Buková hora - Čenkovice | http://www.cenkovice.com |
| Černá hora - Jánské Lázně | http://www.cerna-hora.cz |
| Čertova Hora | http://www.skiregion.cz |
| Červenohorské sedlo | http://www.skiklub-su.cz |
| České Petrovice | http://www.ceskepetrovice.com |
| Desná - Černá Říčka | http://www.cerna-ricka.cz |
| Desná - Parlament | http://www.skijizerky.cz/ski-arealy/desna-parlament/ |
| Deštné v Orlických horách | http://www.sportprofi.cz |
| Family Ski Park | http://www.bretcz.cz |
| Filipovice | http://www.skipark-filipovice.cz |
| Herlíkovice | http://www.herlikovice.cz |
| Herlíkovice - Vrchlabí | http://www.snowhill.cz |
| Homole | http://www.ponikla.cz |
| Horní Domky | http://www.skiareal-rokytnice.cz |
| Horní Mísečky - Medvědí | http://www.skiareal.cz |
| Horská chata Kouty | http://www.kouty.cz |
| Janova Hora | http://www.burak.cz/janovahora/index.php |
| Javorový vrch | http://www.javorovy-vrch.cz |
| Ještěd | http://www.snowhill.cz |
| Josefův Důl | http://www.josefuvdul.cz |
| Kamenec | http://www.snowhill.cz |
| Kněžický vrch | http://www.skiareal-vrchlabi.cz |
| Luisino údolí | http://www.levnevleky.cz |
| Lyžařský areál Figura na Pradědu v Jeseníkách | http://www.figura.cz |
| Malá Úpa - U kostela | http://www.skimu.cz/ |
| Nella | http://www.nella.cz |

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| Pařez | http://www.skiregion.cz/rokytnice-nad-jizerou/ski-areal-parez.html |
| Paseky | http://www.skiregion.cz/paseky-nad-jizerou/ski-areal-paseky.html |
| Peklák | http://www.peklak.cz |
| Pěnkavčí vrch | http://www.penkavcivrch.cz |
| Petřkovice | http://www.petrikovice.cz |
| Pizár | http://www.skiregion.cz/paseky-nad-jizerou/ski-areal-pizar.html |
| Příchovice | http://www.ucapa.eu |
| PROskil - Branná | http://www.proskil.cz |
| Rejdice | http://www.rejdice.cz |
| Relax Petřívok | http://www.skipenzionpetrikov.cz |
| Říčky v Orlických horách | http://www.skiricky.cz |
| Rokytnice nad Jizerou | http://www.skiparez.cz |
| Rusava | http://www.rusavaski.cz |
| Šachty | http://www.skisachty.cz |
| Severák | http://www.skijizerky.cz/ski-arealy/severak/ |
| Ski areál Bonera | http://www.bonera.cz |
| Ski areál Boží Dar | http://www.bozidar.cz |
| Ski areál Hlubočky, Jeseníky | http://www.skiarealhlubocky.cz |
| Ski areál Klepáčov | http://www.klepacov.cz |
| Ski areál Miroslav | http://www.rsmiroslav.cz |
| Ski areál Mosty u Jablunkova | http://www.skimosty.cz |
| Ski areál Petřívok | http://www.kaste.cz |
| Ski areál Přemyslov | http://www.skipremyslov.cz |
| Ski areál Razula | http://www.razula.cz |
| Ski areál u Sachovy studánky | http://www.skisachovka.cz |
| SKI Armáda Dolní Lomná | http://www.skiarmada.cz |
| Ski Armatuurka | http://www.ski-msa.cz |
| Ski Centrum Bublava | http://www.ski-bublava.cz |
| Ski Kasperky | http://www.snowhill.cz/kasperky/ |
| Ski klub Telnice | http://www.ski-telnice.cz |
| Ski Pec | http://www.skipec.com |
| Ski Přívrat | http://www.ski-privrat.cz |
| Skialpin Pustevny | http://www.skialpin.cz |
| Skiareál ČSTV Zadov - Nové Hutě | http://www.lazadov.cz/novehute |
| Skiareál Klínovec | http://www.klinovec.cz |
| Skiareál Klíny | http://www.kliny.cz |
| Skiareál Lipno | http://www.lipnoservis.cz |
| Skiareál Malá Morávka - Karlov | http://www.skikarlov.cz |
| Skiareál Ostružná | http://www.ostruzna.cz |
| Skiareál Špičák | http://www.spicak.cz |
| Skiareál Troják | http://www.trojak.cz |
| Skiareal u Modre hvězdy | http://www.skiregion.cz/rokytnice-nad-jizerou/ski-areal-modra-hvezda.html |
| Skiareál Železná Ruda - Belveder | http://www.belveder.wz.cz/ |
| Skiareál Železná Ruda - Nad nádrážím | http://www.skinadrazi.cz |
| SkíMU - Pomezky | http://www.skimu.cz/lyzarske-stredisko |
| Skipark Markid | http://www.skipark.cz |
| Skipark Markid Dolní Dvůr | http://www.skipark.cz |
| Skipark Mladé Buky | http://www.skipark-mladebuky.cz |
| Skiregion Soláň-Karolinka | http://www.solansedlo.cz |
| Skiservis Udatný | http://www.skiregion.cz/rokytnice-nad-jizerou/skiservis-udatny.html |

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| Solisko | http://www.skiarealsolisko.wz.cz |
| Sport Centrum Bouřňák, Mikulov | http://www.scbournak.cz |
| Strážné | http://www.strazne.eu |
| Studenov | http://www.skiareal-rokytnice.cz |
| Svatý Petr | http://www.skiareal.cz |
| Tanvaldský Špičák | http://www.skijizerky.cz/ski-arealy/tanvaldsky-spicak/ |
| TJ Klínovec | http://www.asklinovec.cz |
| TJ Rožnov pod Radhoštěm | http://www.tj-roznov.infomorava.cz/ |
| Větrov | http://www.skiareal-vetrov.cz/ |
| Vurmovka | http://www.volny.cz/vurmovka |
| Zákoutí | http://www.skiregion.cz/harrachov/ski-areal-zakouti.html |
| Zásada | kkksport@volny.cz |

Estonia

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| Holstre-Polli Spordi- ja puhkekeskus (only cross-country skiing) | http://www.holstrepolli.ee |
| Jõulumäe Tervisespordikeskus | http://www.joulumae.ee |
| Kõrvemaa Matka- ja Suusakeskus | http://www.korvemaa.ee |
| Kuutsemäe Puhkekeskus | http://www.kuutsemae.ee |
| Munakas | http://www.munakas.ee |
| Nelijärve Puhkekeskus | http://www.nelijarve.ee |
| Pannjärve Tervisespordikeskus | http://www.illukavv.ee/tkeskus.ee/ |
| Tehvandi Spordikeskus | http://www.tehvandi.ee |
| Valgehobusemäe Suusa | http://www.valgehobuse.ee |

Finland

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| Hiihtokeskus Iso-Syöte | http://www.syote.fi/Isosyote/In_English/Home.iw3 |
| Himos | http://www.himos.fi/english/himos-ski-resort.html |
| Kolin Rinteet | http://www.koli.fi |
| Levi | http://www.levi.fi/en/home.html |
| Luosto | http://www.laplandluosto.fi/winter |
| Messilä | http://www.messila.fi/en/Home |
| Paljakka | http://www.paljakka.fi/en/winter-activities |
| Pyhä | http://ski.pyha.fi |
| Ruka | http://www.ruka.fi/winter_eng |
| Saariselkä | http://www.saariselkaski.fi/en |
| Salla | http://loma.salla.fi/en |
| Sappee Ski Resort | http://www.sappee.fi |
| Suomu | http://www.suomu.com/?lang=eng |
| Tahko | http://www.tahko.com/index.php?lId=2 |
| Ukkohalla | http://www.ukkohalla.fi/index.php?c_la=en |
| Vuokatti | http://www.vuokatti.fi/index_uk.php |
| Ylläs | http://www.yllas.fi/?deptid=8951 |

France

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| Alpe d'Huez | http://www.alpedhuez.com |
| Ax les Thermes | http://www.ax-ski.com |
| Bareges la Mongie | http://www.bagneresdebigorre-lamongie.com |
| Combloux Megeve StGervais | http://www.combloux.com |
| Courchevel | http://www.courchevel.com |
| Les 2 Alpes | http://www.les2alpes.com |
| Les 3 Vallées | http://www.les3vallees.com |

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| Les Portes du Mont-Blanc | http://www.lesportesdumontblanc.fr |
| Mont Dore | http://www.mont-dore.com |
| Monts Jura | http://www.monts-jura.com |
| Peyragudes | http://www.peyragudes.com |
| Piau Engaly | http://www.piau-engaly.com |
| Serre Chevalier | http://www.serre-chevalier.com |
| Tignes | http://www.tignes.net |
| Val d'Isère | http://www.valdisere.com/ |
| Val Thorens | http://www.valthorens.com |

Germany

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| Bayerische Alpen/ Zugspitze | http://www.zugspitze.de |
| Erzgebirge/ Oberwiesental am Fichtelberg | http://www.fichtelberg-ski.de |
| Geißkopf | http://www.bischofsmais.de |
| Harz /Blocksberg | http://www.blocksberg-seilbahn.de |
| Hörnle | http://www.hoernlebahn.de |
| Oberammergau | http://www.ammergauer-alpen.de |
| Oberstdorf-Kleinwalsertal | http://www.das-hoehste.de |
| Rhön/Feuerberg | http://www.feuerberglifte.de |
| Sauerland/ Skikarussell Winterberg | http://www.ski-altlastenberg.de |
| Schwarzwald/ Feldberg | http://www.liftverbund-feldberg.de |
| Skigebiet am Kolben / Laber | http://www.kolbensesselbahn.de |
| Skigebiet Oberjoch/Unterjoch/Bad Hindelang | http://www.bergbahnen-hindelang-oberjoch.de |
| Steckenberg | http://www.steckenberg.de |

Greece

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| Chrisoelafi | http://www.chrisoelafi.gr/ |
| Elatochori | http://www.elatochori-ski.gr/ |
| Falakro | http://www.falakro.gr/ |
| Gerontovrachos | http://www.snowreport.gr/gerontovrachos/ |
| Kaimaktsalan | http://www.kaimaktsalan.gr/ |
| Kalavrita | http://www.kalavrita-ski.gr/en/ |
| Karpenissi | http://www.gtp.gr/TDirectoryDetails.asp?id=38049 |
| Lailias | http://www.gtp.gr/TDirectoryDetails.asp?ID=38043 |
| Mainalo | http://www.mainalo-ski.gr/ |
| Metsovo | http://www.metsovo-ski.gr/ |
| Olympos | http://www.gtp.gr/TDirectoryDetails.asp?ID=38031 |
| Paggiao | http://www.gtp.gr/LocPage.asp?id=68511 |
| Parnassos | http://www.parnassos-ski.gr/en/ |
| Pertouli | http://www.gtp.gr/TDirectoryDetails.asp?ID=35518 |
| Pigadia | http://www.3-5pigadia.gr/ |
| Pilio | http://www.skipilio.gr/ |
| Pisoderi | http://www.vigla-ski.gr/ |
| Seli | http://www.seli-ski.gr/ |
| Vasilitsa | http://www.vasilitsa.com/vs/index.html |
| Vitsi | http://www.gtp.gr/TDirectoryDetails.asp?ID=46188 |

Italy

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| Adamello Ski | http://www.adamelloski.com/ |
| Alpe Cermis | http://www.alpecermis.it/ |

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| Alta Badia | http://www.altabadia.org/ |
| Alta Valtellina | http://www.skipassaltavaltellina.it/ |
| Aprica | http://www.apricaonline.com/ |
| Arabba | http://www.arabba.it/ |
| Asiago | http://www.asiago7comuni.to/ |
| Associazione Skipass Folgaria Lavarone Folgaria | http://www.folgariaski.com/ |
| Bardonecchia | http://www.bardonecchiaski.com/ |
| Bormio | http://www.bormioski.eu/ |
| Campo Felice | http://www.campofelice.it/ |
| Canazei | http://www.canazei.org/ |
| Cervino Spa | http://www.cervinia.it/ |
| Cesana | http://www.vialattea.it/ |
| Civetta | http://www.skicivetta.com/ |
| Cortina d'Ampezzo | http://www.cortina.dolomiti.org/ |
| Courmayeur Mont Blanc | http://www.courmayeur-montblanc.com/ |
| Etnasci | http://www.etnasci.it/ |
| Folgarida Marilleva | http://www.ski.it/ |
| Forni di Sopra | http://www.promotur.org/ |
| Gitschberg | http://www.gitschberg.com/ |
| Haideralm | http://www.haideralm.it/ |
| Jochtal | http://www.jochtal.com/ |
| Klausberg | http://www.klausberg.it/ |
| Kronplatz | http://www.kronplatz.com/ |
| Ladurns | http://www.ladurns.it/ |
| Lavaze Jochgrimm | http://www.aldein-radein.com/ |
| Limone Piemonte Riserva Bianca | http://www.riservabianca.it/ |
| Livigno | http://www.skipasslivigno.com/ |
| Macugnaga | http://www.monterosastar.com/ |
| Madonna di Campiglio Pinzolo Val Rendena | http://www.campiglio.to/ |
| Marmolada | http://www.marmolada.com/ |
| Meran 2000 | http://www.meran2000.com/ |
| Monterosa Ski | http://www.monterosa-ski.com/ |
| Mottolino | http://www.mottolino.com/ |
| Obereggen | http://www.obereggen.com/ |
| Paganella | http://www.paganella.net/ |
| Passo dello Stelvio | http://www.passostelvio.com/ |
| Pfelders | http://www.pfelders.info/ |
| Piancavallo | http://www.piancavallo.info/ |
| Piccolo San Bernardo | http://www.lathuile.net/ |
| Pila | http://www.pila.it/ |
| Plose | http://www.plose.org/ |
| Ratschings-Jaufen | http://www.ratschings-jaufen.it/ |
| Reinswald/Sarntal | http://www.sarntal.com/ |
| Rittner Horn | http://www.rittnerhorn.com/ |
| Roccaraso | http://www.roccaraso.net/ |
| Roskopf | http://www.roskopf.com/ |
| San Martino di Castrozza Passo Rolle | http://www.sanmartino.com/ |
| Santa Caterina Valfurva | http://www.santacaterina.it/ |
| Schnalstal | http://www.valsenales.com/ |
| Schöneben | http://www.schoeneben.it/ |
| Schwemmalm Ulten | http://www.schwemmalm.com/ |

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| Seiser Alm | http://www.seiseralm.it/ |
| Sella Nevea | http://www.promotur.org/ |
| Sestriere | http://www.sestriere.it/ |
| Sextner Dolomiten | http://www.s-dolomiten.com/ |
| Skiarea Carezza Karersee | http://www.carezza.it/ |
| Speikboden | http://www.speikboden.it/ |
| Sulden | http://www.seilbahnsulden.it/ |
| Tarvisio | http://www.promotur.org/ |
| Trevalli-Moena/S. Pellegrino/Falcade | http://www.trevalli.com |
| Val di Fassa | http://www.fassa.com/ |
| Val di Fiemme | http://www.visitfiemme.it/ |
| Val Gardena Gröden | http://www.valgardena.it/ |
| Valchiavenna | http://www.skiareavalchiavenna.it/ |
| Valdidentro/S.Colombano | http://www.cima-piazzi.com/ |
| Valsesia Vercelli | http://www.atlvalsesiavercelli.it/ |
| Vigiljoch | http://www.vigilio.com/ |
| Watles | http://www.watles.net/ |
| Zoncolan - Ravascletto | http://www.promotur.org/ |

Lithuania

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| Alytaus trasa | a.andrusaitis@ams.lt |
| Kalita | http://www.kalitoskalnas.lt |
| Birstonas | btt@birstonas.lt |
| Lithuanian centre of winter sports in Ignalina | http://www.lzsc.lt |
| Liepkalnis | romassg@gmail.com |
| Rokantiskes | http://www.slides.tk |
| Vilkaviskio slidinejimo trasos | http://www.vrsk.satela.lt |

Norway

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| Ål Skisenter | http://www.aalski.no/ |
| Eikedalen Skisenter AS | http://www.eikedalen.no/ |
| Geilo Skiheiser | http://www.geilo.no |
| Hafjell Alpinsenter | http://www.hafjell.no |
| Hallingskarvet Skisenter | http://www.hallingskarvet-skisenter.no/ |
| Hemsedal Skisenter | http://www.hemsedal.com |
| Hovden Skisenter | http://www.hovdenskisenter.no |
| Kongsberg Skisenter | http://www.kongsberg-skisenter.no/ |
| Kvitfjell | http://www.kvitfjell.no |
| Narvikfjellet | http://www.narvikfjellet.no/ |
| Norefjell | http://www.norefjell.com/ |
| Roldal Skisenter | http://www.roldal.com/ |
| Trysil | http://www.skistar.com/trysil |
| Tryvann Skisenter | http://www.tryvann.no/ |
| Voss Resort Bavallen | http://www.vossresort.no/ |

Poland

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| Baza Turystyczno-Wypoczynkowa Gryglówka | http://www.gryglowka.pl/ |
| Biuro Dorado Sp. z o.o. - Koleje Linowe Polana Szymoszkowa | http://www.szymoszkowa.pl/index.php?tstyle=style2 |
| Brenna Węgierski | http://wyciagi.brenna.pl/ |

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| Bukowina Tatrzańska – Wierch Olczański | http://www.turnia.bukowinatatrzańska.pl/ |
| Centrum Narciarskie Nosal | http://www.nosal.pl |
| Czorsztyn-Ski Sp. z o.o. | http://www.czorsztyn-ski.com.pl/ |
| Czarna Solisko (Szczyrk) | http://czarna-solisko.gat.pl/ |
| Dolomity Sportowa Dolina, Bytom - Sucha Góra | http://www.dsd.pl/index.php |
| Dwie Doliny Muszyna-Wierchomla Sp. z o. o. | http://www.wierchomla.com.pl/ |
| Eco-Sport Sp. z o. o | http://www.zima.zarabiesport.pl/ |
| Kolej Linowa Czantoria Sp.z o.o. | http://www.czantoria.net/ |
| Miejska Kolej Linowa Karpacz Sp. z o.o. | http://www.kopa.com.pl |
| OSiR Góra Kamieńsk | http://www.gorakamiensk.info/zima/ |
| Ośrodek Narciarski Kotelnica Białczańska Sp. z o.o. | http://www.bialkatatrzańska.pl |
| Ośrodek Narciarski Piłsko Korbielów | http://www.gat.pl/ |
| Ośrodek Narciarski Stożek Witold Pruski - Wisła | http://stozek.narty.pl/index.php?id=3039 |
| Ośrodek Rekreacyjno- Szkoleniowy Zagron – Istebna Zaolzie | http://www.istebna.org/ |
| Polskie Koleje Linowe s.a. | http://www.pkl.pl/ |
| Siepraw - Ski | http://www.siepraw-ski.pl/ |
| Stacja Narciarska Jaworzyna Krynicka | http://www.jaworzynakrynicka.pl/stacja/index.php5? |
| Stacja Narciarska Kokuszka - Piwniczna | http://www.kokuszka.iap.pl/ |
| Stacja Narciarska Laskowa-Kamionna | http://www.laskowa-ski.pl/ |
| Stacja Narciarska Murzasichle | http://www.murzasichle.net.pl |
| Stacje Narciarskie "Laworta", "Gromadzyń" | http://www.ustrzyki-narty.pl/ |
| Sudety Lift Sp. z o. o. w Szklarskiej Porębie | http://www.sudetylift.com.pl/ |
| Wyciąg narciarski Piątka Winterpol w Zieleńcu | http://www.winterpol.com/ |

Portugal

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| Estância Vodafone – Serra da Estrela 2000m | http://www.skiserradaestrela.com |
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Romania

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| Primăria Bușteni | http://www.kalinderu.page.tl |
| Primaria Cavnic | primariacavnic@yahoo.com |
| Primăria Municipiului Vatra Dornei | http://www.vatra-dornei.ro/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=13 |
| Primaria Orasului Azuga | http://www.primariaazuga.ro |
| Primăria orașului Predeal | http://www.primaria-predeal.ro |
| Primaria Sf Gheorghe | http://www.sfantugheorgheinfo.ro |
| Primaria Sinaia | http://www.primariasinaia.ro |
| S.C. Ana Teleferic S.A. | http://www.anateleferic.ro |
| S.C. Libertatea S.A. | http://www.turism.sibiu.ro/ro/cit.php |
| SC Teleferic Prahova SA | http://www.teleferic.ro |
| SC Turist Suior SRL | http://www.suioar.ro |

Slovakia

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| Jasná Nízke Tatry | http://www.jasna.sk/en/ |
| Roháčce Spálená | http://www.tatrawest.sk |
| Ski resort Jasenská Dolina | http://www.jasenskadolina.sk |
| Turecká-Krizna | http://www.skiturecka.sk |

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| Vrátna Free Time Zone | http://www.vratna.sk |
| Vysoké Tatry-Tatranská Lomnica, Starý Smokovec, Liptovská Teplička | http://www.vt.sk/en/ |

Slovenia

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| Kanin, Občina Bovec | http://www.boveckanin.si |
| Rtc Kranjska Gora | http://www.kr-gora.si |
| Rtc Krvavec | http://www rtc-krvavec.si |
| Rtc Rogla | http://www.rogla.eu |
| Sc Cerkno | http://www.ski-cerkno.com |
| Sc Vogel | http://www.vogel.si |
| Stc Stari Vrh | http://www.starivrh.si |

Spain

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| Aramon Javalambre | http://www.javalambre.com |
| Aramon Valdelinares | http://www.valdelinares.com |
| Baqueira Beret | http://www.baqueira.es |
| Candanchu | http://www.candanchu.com/ |
| Cerler | http://www.cerler.com |
| Formigal | http://www.formigal.com/ |
| GranPallars | http://www.granpallars.com |
| La Pinilla | http://www.lapinilla.es |
| Puerto de la Ragua (just a cross country ski area) | http://www.puertodelaragua.com |
| Puerto de Navacerrada | http://www.puertonavacerrada.com/ |
| Sierra Nevada, Monachil | http://www.sierranevada.es |
| Vall de Núria | http://www.valldenuria.cat |

Sweden

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| Abisko/Nuolja | http://www.abisko.nu |
| Åre | http://www.skistar.com/sv/Are |
| Branäs | http://www.branas.se |
| Funäsdalen | http://www.funasdalen.com |
| Hemavan/Tärnaby | http://www.hemavantarnaby.se |
| Hovfjället överbyn | http://www.hovfjallet.se |
| Idre | http://www.idrefjall.se |
| Kläppen Ski Resort | http://www.klappen.se |
| Riksgränsen | http://www.stomma.se/sv/Riksgransen |
| Säfsen | http://safsen.se |
| Ski Sunne | http://www.skisunne.se |
| Storlien Skidliftar | http://www.storlienfjallen.se |
| Valfjället Skicenter AB Gryttved | http://www.valfjallet.se |
| Vemdalen | http://www.destinationvemdalen.nu |

Switzerland

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| Adelboden-Lenk-Frutigen | http://www.adelboden-lenk.ch |
| Arosa | http://www.arosabergbahnen.com/arosa_im_winter.html |
| Bettmeralp | http://www.bettmeralp.ch/ |
| Crans.Montana | http://www.crans-montana.ch |
| Davos | http://www.davos.ch/winter.html |
| Engadin St. Moritz | http://www.engadin.stmoritz.ch |
| Flims Laax Falera | http://www.laax.com |

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| Flumserberg | http://www.flumserberg.ch/winter/de/home |
| Gstaad | http://www.gstaad.ch/de/page.cfm/Bergbahnen |
| Heidiland | http://www.heidiland.com |
| Lauchernalp/Lötschental | http://www.loetschental.ch/index.cfm?setTOPnavSEC=25 |
| Lenzerheide | http://www.lenzerheide.com/sites/home/index.html |
| Les Diablerets | http://www.diablerets.ch/ |
| Leukerbad | http://www.leukerbad.ch/de/page.cfm/Bergbahnen_Transport?nav=3 |
| Männlichen | http://www.maennlichen.ch/winter/ski_snowboard/ |
| Motta Naluns | http://www.bergbahnen-scuol.ch |
| Portes du Soleil | http://www.portesdusoleil.com/ |
| Saas Fee | http://www.saas-fee.ch/ |
| Sörenberg | http://www.soerenberg.ch/bahnen/ |
| Televerbier | http://www.televerbier.ch |
| Toggenburg | http://www.skitog.com/ |
| Torrent | http://www.torrent.ch |
| Zermatt | http://www.zermatt.ch/en/ |

United Kingdom

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| Cairngorn (Aviemore) | http://www.cairngormmountain.co.uk |
| Glencoe Mountain | http://www.ski-glencoe.co.uk |
| Glenshee | http://www.ski-glenshee.co.uk |
| Lecht Ski and Activity Centre | http://www.lecht.co.uk |
| Nevis Range | http://www.nevis-range.co.uk |
| Raise- Lake District Ski Club | http://www.ldscsnowski.co.uk |
| Ski Allenheds | http://www.ski-allenheds.co.uk |
| Weardale Ski Club | http://www.skiweardale.com |
| Yad Moss | http://www.yadmoss.co.uk |

Appendix B – Questionnaire

Questionnaire ski-resorts in Europe 2010/2011

Dear Sirs, the following questions are related to your local ski-resort and interconnected ski resort (= area that is connected by ski-lifts and therefore has the same ticket and tarif system).
Attention: Please fill in the requested amounts in Euro.

1) Nationality

In which country is your ski-resort (mostly) located?

Austria

Bulgaria

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Estonia

Finland

France

Germany

Greece

Italy

Lithuania

Norway

Portugal

Poland

Romania

Sweden

Switzerland

Slovakia

Slovenia

Spain

United Kingdom

Questions relating to your SKI-RESORT (name,location,address, tourist information boards):

2) Local SKI-RESORT

3) Internet (Website)

Does your local ski-resort has a website or internet presence?

4) Province

In which part of your country (province) is your ski-resort located?

What are the official contact details of your ski-region?

5) Telephone (for official requests)

6) E-mail-adress (for official requests)

7) Sea level of the lowest valley station in metres

8) Sea level of the highest mountain station in metres

Please describe the number and type of ski-lifts in your ski-resort:

9) Number of cable cars

10) Number of chair-lifts

11) Number of T-bar lifts

12) Number of slope kilometres (local)

13) Slope-kilometres categories

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| 1 - 10 km |
| 11 - 25-km |
| 26 - 50 km |
| 51 - 100 km |
| more than 100 km |

14) km "blue" (easy) slopes

15) km "red" (medium) slopes

16) km "black" (difficult) slopes

The following questions concern the ski-region in which your ski-resort is located:

17) Is your local ski-resort part of a bigger ski-region?

yes

no

If you answer question 17 with "NO", please go directly to question 22!

18) What is the name of the ski-region?

19) Are multiple day ski passes from your ski resort also valid in the ski-region without a surcharge?

a) no, only valid for lifts in the local ski-resort

b) yes, valid in the whole ski-region (not only in the local ski-resort)

20) How many days

Multiple day passes for the whole ski-region are valid for

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| 1,5 days |
| 2 days |
| 3 days |
| 4 days |
| 5 days |
| 6 days |
| 7 days |

21) Total number of slope-kilometres in the whole ski-region

Let's go back to your local ski-resort

22) Slope - Extras

Freestyle and deep snow slopes

Funpark for snowboarders

Permanent racing track

Track with time measurement

Mogul slope

Carving slope

Tubing course

Floodlight slope

Please inform about activities that are available in the local ski resort (multiple answers possible)

23) Shuttle bus service in local ski resort free of charge?

Does your local ski-resort provide a shuttle-bus service from the accomodation to the the next lift stations free of charge?

yes, but only in combination with a valid lift ticket

yes

no

no, there is no necessity for a shuttle bus (e.g. small ski resort, etc.)

24) Local leisure activities

Toboggan run

Cross country ski trails

Skating rink

Indoor pool

Ice stick shooting

Sledge riding (with Huskies, horses, reindeers)

Snowmobile rentals / snowmobile tours

25) Alternative means of payment

Questions regarding payment

debit card

credit card

online payment system

other

26) Use of lift systems for reduced prices (max. 5 Euro) for children born in or after

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27) Use of lift systems free of charge for children born in or after

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28) Ticket prices for day ski passes in € for Saturday or Sunday

The question refers to the price for a day ski pass in the high season for Saturday or Sunday for the relevant age

29) Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001)**30) Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994)****31) Day Ski Pass Adult****32) Day Ski Pass Senior (born in 1945)****33) Ticket prices for multiple day ski passes (6 days) in € during the high season**

The question refers to the price for a 6 day ski pass during the high season for the relevant age

34) 6 Day Ski Pass Child (born in 2001)**35) 6 Day Ski Pass Youth (born in 1994)****36) 6 Day Ski Pass Adult****37) 6 Day Ski Pass Senior (born in 1945)**

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Appendix D – FIS Rules

I. Rules for the Conduct of Skiers and Snowboarders

(Wording 2002)

1. Respect for others

A skier or snowboarder must behave in such a way that he does not endanger or prejudice others.

2. Control of speed and skiing or snowboarding

A skier or snowboarder must move in control. He must adapt his speed and manner of skiing or snowboarding to his personal ability and to the prevailing conditions of terrain, snow and weather as well as to the density of traffic.

3. Choice of route

A skier or snowboarder coming from behind must choose his route in such a way that he does not endanger skiers or snowboarders ahead.

4. Overtaking

A skier or snowboarder may overtake another skier or snowboarder above or below and to the right or to the left provided that he leaves enough space for the overtaken skier or snowboarder to make any voluntary or involuntary movement.

5. Entering, starting and moving upwards

A skier or snowboarder entering a marked run, starting again after stopping or moving upwards on the slopes must look up and down the slopes that he can do so without endangering himself or others.

6. Stopping on the piste

Unless absolutely necessary, a skier or snowboarder must avoid stopping on the piste in narrow places or where visibility is restricted. After a fall in such a place, a skier or snowboarder must move clear of the piste as soon as possible.

7. Climbing and descending on foot

A skier or snowboarder either climbing or descending on foot must keep to the side of the piste.

8. Respect for signs and markings

A skier or snowboarder must respect all signs and markings.

9. Assistance

At accidents, every skier or snowboarder is duty bound to assist.

10. Identification

Every skier or snowboarder and witness, whether a responsible party or not, must exchange names and addresses following an accident.

General Comments on the FIS Rules (Wording 2002)

Skiing and Snowboarding like all sports entail risks.

The FIS Rules must be considered an ideal pattern of conduct for a responsible and careful skier or snowboarder and their purpose is to avoid accidents on the piste. The FIS Rules apply to all skiers and snowboarders. The skier or snowboarder is obliged to be familiar with and to respect them. If he fails to do so, his behaviour could expose him to civil and criminal liability in the event of an accident.

Rule 1

Skiers and snowboarders are responsible not only for their own behaviour but also for their defective equipment. This also applies to those using newly developed equipment.

Rule 2

Collisions usually happen because skiers or snowboarders are moving too fast, out of control or have failed to see others. A skier or snowboarder must be able to stop, turn and move within the ambit of his own vision.

In crowded areas or in places where visibility is reduced, skiers and snowboarders must move slowly especially at the edge of a steep slope, at the bottom of a piste and within areas surrounding skilifts.

Rule 3

Skiing and snowboarding are free activity sports, where everyone may move where and as they please, provided that they abide by these rules and adapt their skiing and snowboarding to their personal ability and to the prevailing conditions on the mountain.

The skier or snowboarder in front has priority. The skier or snowboarder moving behind another in the same direction must keep sufficient distance between himself and the other skier or snowboarder so as to leave the preceding skier or snowboarder enough space to make all his movements freely.

Rule 4

A skier or snowboarder who overtakes another is wholly responsible for completing that manoeuvre in such a way to cause no difficulty to the skier or snowboarder being overtaken. This responsibility rests with him until the overtaking manoeuvre has been completed. This rule applies even when overtaking a stationary skier or snowboarder.

Rule 5

Experience proves that joining a piste or starting again after stopping are the sources of accidents. It is absolutely essential that a skier or snowboarder finding himself in this situation enters the piste safely and without causing an obstruction or danger to himself or others.

When he has started skiing or snowboarding properly again – even slowly – he has the benefit of rule 3 as against faster skiers and snowboarders coming from above or behind. The development of carving skis and snowboards allows their users to carve and turn upwards on the slopes. Hence they move opposite to the general downhill traffic. They must, therefore, make sure in time that they can do so without endangering themselves and others.

Rule 6

Except on wide pistes stops must be made at the side of the piste. One must not stop in narrow places or where it is difficult to be seen from above.

Rule 7

Moving against the general direction poses unexpected obstacles for the skiers and snowboarders. Footprints damage the piste and can cause danger to skiers and snowboarders.

Rule 8

The degree of difficulty of a piste is indicated in black, red, blue or green. A skier or snowboarder is free to choose whichever piste he wants. The pistes are also marked with other signs showing direction or giving warnings of danger or closure. A sign closing a piste, like one denoting danger, must be strictly observed. Skiers and snowboarders should be aware that warning signs are posted in their own interests.

Rule 9

It is a cardinal principle for all sportsmen that they should render assistance following an accident independent of any legal obligation to do so. Immediate First Aid should be given, the appropriate authorities alerted and the place of the accident marked to warn other skiers and snowboarders.

FIS hopes that a hit and run offence in skiing and snowboarding will incur a criminal conviction similar to hit and run offence on the road and that equivalent penalties will be imposed by all countries where such legislation is not already in force.

Rule 10

Witnesses are of great importance in establishing a full and proper report of an accident and therefore everybody must consider that it is the duty as a responsible person to provide information as a witness.

Reports of the rescue service and of the police as well as photographs are of considerable assistance in determining civil and criminal liability.

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