

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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	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		

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	
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	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	

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

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

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 Shilignarnika (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 Sneianka Peak in the fairylake 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 Snejanka.

The town of Chepelare is situated 10 km away from Pamporovo and has its own ski centre. The two ski tracks 'Mechi chal 1' and 'Mechi chal 2' are just 1 km from the town. The first is 3200 metres long and 50 metres wide. The second - 'Mechi chal 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
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

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

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

Costs

Troodos Ski Station	23	138		23	138		23	138
	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

Additional information

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

Czech Republic

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

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

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

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																					
	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

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

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			
Pyhä	X	X				X		X					X	X		X	X			
Ruka	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

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

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	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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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	X	
Meran 2000	X	X				X		X	X				X			X	X			
Monterosa Ski		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	X	
Roskopf/Sterzing		X				X					X	X				X	X			
S.Caterina Valfurva	X							X	X							X	X			
Schnalstaler		X		X					X		X						X			
Seiser Alm	X	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	X	
Pfelders	X		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			
Skigebiet Reinswald/Sarntal	X		X			X			X	X		X	X			X	X			
Sulden	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	X	
Zoncolan - Ravascletto	X	X			X		X		X		X		X			X	X			

Lithuania

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/

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

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/

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

		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

	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																		
Eikedalen Skisenter		X	X			X									X	X			
Geilo		X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X	X	X		

Poland

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

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.

Wisła, 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
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
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
Ośrodek Narciarski Kotelnica			X				X		X			X	X	X		X	X					

Portugal

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

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.

Romania

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

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

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

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
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				X												
Vratna Free Time Zone	X	X				X	X	X		X		X					X	X				
Vysoké Tatry - Tatranská Lomnica	X	X				X		X		X	X	X					X	X				

Slovenia

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

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
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																					
	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

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

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

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

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	
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	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

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

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
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

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

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

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

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
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
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

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-weissee.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

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

Bulgaria

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

Cyprus

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

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

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 Petřikov	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 Petřikov	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

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-spacak/
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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/

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

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

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

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/

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

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

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

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

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

Slovenia

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 Cerčno	http://www.ski-cerkno.com
Sc Vogel	http://www.vogel.si
Stc Stari Vrh	http://www.starivrh.si

Spain

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

1996

1997

1998

1999

2000

2001

2002

2003

2004

2005

2006

2007

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

1996

1997

1998

1999

2000

2001

2002

2003

2004

2005

2006

2007

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.

Source: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/insidefis/fisgeneralrules/10fisrules.html?URL1=/de/fisintern/allgemeineregelnfis/10fisregeln>

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