



WINTER IN SLOVAKIA



Little Big Country





A winter holiday in Slovakia is one with lots to offer. You can find busy resorts with modern facilities and vast pistes, lots of winter attractions and pulsating night life but also smaller and quieter places with a family atmosphere and a more personal approach. The great advantage of Slovakia is the short distance to anywhere within the country. Because of this, you can enjoy skiing in magnificent mountain surroundings and bathing in thermal waters under the open skies in a nearby aqua park, all in a single day.



Ski resorts





1. Velká Rača – Oščadnica
2. Skipark Kubínska hoľa
3. Martinské hole
4. Valčianska
5. Skicentrum Vrátna
6. Skipark Ružomberok

7. Donovaly
8. Oravice
9. Roháče – Spálena valley
10. Chopok – Jasná – the Low Tatras
11. Štrbské lake
12. Tatranská Lomnica

13. Bachledova valley
14. Plejsy



Most of the ski resorts are situated in the northwest of the country in the mountains of the High and Low Tatras or the Greater and Lesser Fatras.

The resorts in the High and Low Tatras are characterised by their high altitudes (more than 1500m above sea level) where the pistes pass beyond the forest treeline. Here you can fully enjoy the high mountain skiing surrounded by the steep snowcapped peaks. Other well-known resorts are situated on mountain meadows and among pine forests which guarantees excellent skiing conditions even in the case of a less-abundant snowfall.



The Greater Fatra

Paragliding in Donovaly





Plejsy

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Jasná – the Low Tatras

The abundant number of ski resorts was made possible by the generous hilly countryside of Slovakia. The construction is always in accordance with the strict ecological guidelines which guarantees a quality skiing vacation full of spectacular experiences in beautiful surroundings.

The skiing season begins in the middle of December and continues through to April and often you can enjoy sunny spring skiing even in the first few days of May.

You will find perfectly kept slopes for beginners, as well as steep slopes for the most demanding and experienced skiers or snow-boarders.



The Hight Tatras – Veľká studená valley

The Greater Fatra



The High Tatras – Prielom saddle



Donovaly



Good conditions for safe skiing are ensured by thorough care for the pistes. Practically all resorts can accommodate beginners and less experienced skiers or families with children.

For experienced sportspeople there are more challenging pistes also used for competitions and other sports events. You can watch the breathtaking mountain panorama of the surrounding country whilst skiing and enjoy the views of the mountain peaks.

There are skiing schools for beginners and also for children.

Experienced instructors will help you conquer the first timid tries on snow and the next day you can really start enjoying the thrill of gliding down a snowy slope. Numerous service centres are ready to take good care of your equipment and you can take advantage of the many ski rental facilities which provide all necessary skiing equipment.



Donovaly



Skipark Ružomberok





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The High Tatras



Kremnické Hills

The ever-increasing quality of the Slovak ski resorts is made possible by the constant building of new lifts with higher capacity. You can choose between the button (Poma) lifts, chair lifts or large-capacity gondola lines, all of which are on offer. The standard of the ski-lifts in the largest Slovak ski centres can easily measure up to to the more famous Alpine resorts.

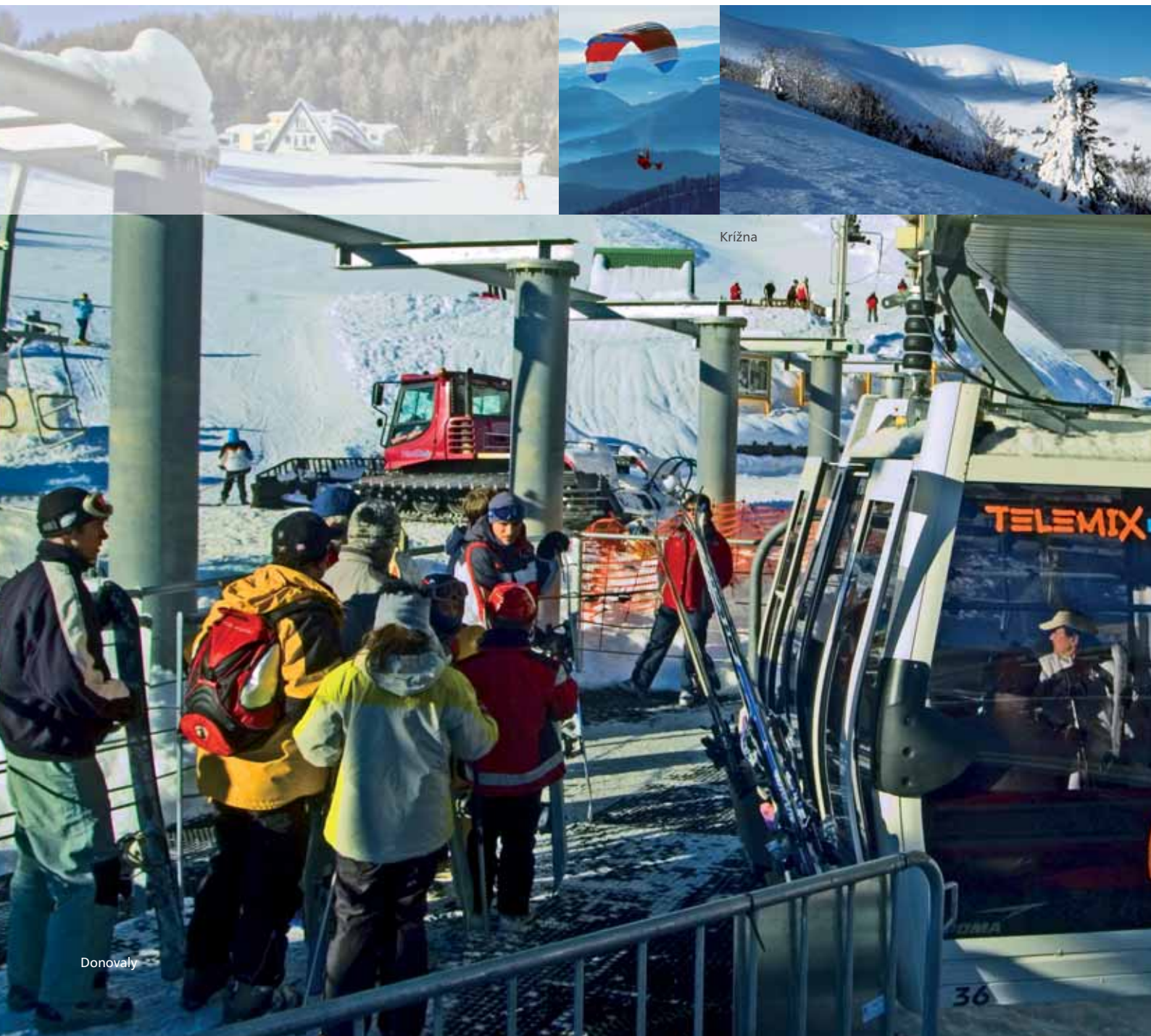


You can swap the thrill of a fast ride downhill for a relaxing break directly on the slope where the clean mountain air lets the rays penetrate more quickly and you can relax with the bronzing sun on your face. There are numerous eateries directly on the slopes to satisfy your hunger. Apart from fast-food, you can also taste more traditional Slovak fare.

Various attractions can complement your winter holidays in Slovakia. Apart from down-hill skiing on a manicured piste, you can try the adrenaline-fuelled free-ride zone, skifox, snowscoot, snowbike, kitewing or paragliding. In the snowboard parks, you will find many rails, jumps and barriers for jibbing. In some resorts you will find skjöring – a dynamic combination of skiing and the fast trot of a horse. Other special events will make your

stay more enjoyable. The Dog-sled championship organized annually in Donovaly enjoys an extraordinary popularity. Or you can swap your traditional cross-country skiing for a trip on skis along the safely-marked mountain trails.

After strenuous exercise there are relaxing wellness centres or walks through the snowy mountain country. And the most energetic ones can continue in an après-ski bar.



Donovaly

Križna



In some of the Slovak ski resorts, the exceptional natural conditions enable you to combine your skiing with swimming in thermal water. Swap your skiing overalls for swimming costumes and relax directly under the open skies.

Wellness

aqua parks thermal lidos

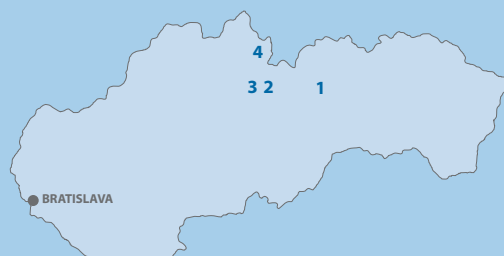
Meander Oravice



Tatralandia



1. AquaCity Poprad
2. Tatralandia
3. Bešeňová
4. Oravice



Tatralandia





A traditional part of a winter holiday are saunas, various massages and other forms of relaxation and recuperation which are offered in selected accommodation facilities.

However, Slovakia also offers you the chance to try the special combination of skiing and swimming in thermal water. The visitors can try this in several ski resorts such as in AquaCity Poprad, Aquapark Tatralandia or the thermal lido in Bešeňová where the thermal pools are in close reach of the skiing resorts. In Oravice, the Meander Skipark offers this all under one roof.





The most popular ski resorts

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The High Tatras – Smutne saddle



Krňachky – traditional sled



The High Tatras

Martinské hole, Malá Fatra

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