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Türkiye: A winter wonderland



Palandöken -Erzurum

THE MAGIC OF SKIING

Some countries are best visited in certain seasons. Others, however, are described as "countries of all seasons". Türkiye, where visitors can experience four seasons in all their glory, is one of those countries where each season offers a different adventure. In fact, winter is one of the best seasons to travel to Türkiye, especially if you like winter sports, stunning natural vistas and authentic local life.

Thanks to its mountain ranges, Türkiye has become one of the world's leading destinations in winter sports. You can choose from a variety of world standard ski resorts, all of which offer five-star hotels, high quality snow and a wide variety of slopes for skiers of every level.

ERCİYES

Erciyes Ski Center is on Mount Erciyes which is the highest summit of Central Anatolia with 3917 meters. Mount Erciyes is a young extinct volcano, presenting visitors with several visible volcanic cones. The higher points of Mount Erciyes are covered in snow throughout the year while the average snow depth is 160 cm.

There are restaurants, coffeeshops, ski centers, Turkish bath and spa, conference venues, shops, and more on site. The total bed capacity is 1339. The ski season usually lasts between mid-December and early-May. There are 4 chairlifts, 1 T bar, 11 lifts, and 1 baby lift. The total capacity of the ski facility is 26.750 people/hour.

PALANDÖKEN

Palandöken Ski Center is a ski resort for alpine skiing and snowboarding on the Palandöken Mountain in Eastern Türkiye. The ski trail is the longest in Türkiye. The skiing season begins in November and lasts up until May. Due to the quality of the snow (a fine-grained light powder-like), steepness of the slopes, and the length of the trail, Palandöken is known as the best mountain in Türkiye for skilled skiers. The average snow depth is 90-120 cm. In the facility, there are T bars and 19 chairlifts with 24.000 people/hour.

You can also find restaurants, coffeeshops, ski centers, Turkish bath and spa, conference venues, shops, and more on site. The total bed capacity is 3200.





KARTALKAYA

Kartalkaya is located close to Istanbul and Ankara. It has suitable conditions for alpine skiing, ski touring, and cross-country skiing. The skiing season begins in mid-December and ends in late-March. The mountain is at an altitude of 1,850-2,200 m, and the region has a semi-temperate climate. Kartalkaya and its surroundings are covered in forests, and the dominant wind direction is west/northwest. The average snow depth is 250 cm.

There are five hotels with a total bed capacity of 1,600, and restaurants, swimming pools, nightclubs, and bars. Ski equipment rental and instructors are available. There are 2 chairlifts, 14 T-bars, and 4 baby lifts, with 38 ski runs covering a total length of 50 km.

SARIKAMIŞ

The Sarıkamış Ski Resort is in the Eastern Anatolia Region, 55 km southwest of Kars, on Çamurlu Mountain at an altitude of 2,634 m. The resort has a 1,435-meter-long, first stage chairlift with a capacity of 1,800 people/hour and a 2,250-meter-long, second-stage chairlift with a capacity of 800 people/hour. There is a total of 9 ski tracks at service in Sarıkamış.

The average depth of the snow at Sarıkamış Ski Resort is 150 cm and it is quite typical of Alpine conditions. The season lasts from early-December to late-March. The region has a terrestrial climate, with a dominant southwesterly wind direction. The snow here has a crystal structure which makes skiing fun. The destination has a total bed capacity of 1700, as well as restaurants, entertainment centers, Turkish bath, conference halls, shops, and more facilities which are partly located inside the mountain hotels to appeal everyone.





KARTEPE

Kartepe lies in the southeast of the province of Kocaeli, İzmit. Kartepe Ski Center is situated at 1,699 m altitude on Mount Kartepe and it's the closest ski resort to İstanbul which is why its popularity has been on the rise lately.

Kartepe Ski Center has 4 lifts, 2 chairlifts, and 1 teleski. There are 19 sleds whose length vary between 400 m and 3,500 m with an average snow depth of 150 cm. The season lasts from mid-December to mid-March. You can rent skiing equipment and there are instructors available as well.

In the resort, you can find coffeeshops, ATV, snowbike, and many other facilities for skiers. The total bed capacity is 350.



DAVRAZ

Mount Davraz with an altitude of 2,635 m is one of the mountains surrounding Isparta Prairie in Türkiye's Mediterranean region. Davraz Mountain-Karlıyayla Winter Sports Tourism Center is 26 km southeast of the city center of Isparta and it appeals to skiers of different levels.

The skiing center has 3 chairlifts, one with a capacity of 1,000 people/hour and a total length of 1,211 m, and another that is 936 m long and has a capacity of 800 people/hour. There is also a teleski with a capacity of 800 people/ hour that is 624 m long, and 2 baby lifts that are 300 m long.

The altitude of the skiing tracks varies between 1,650 and 2,150 m. The tracks provide opportunities to skiers of all levels for cross-country skiing, downhill, and backcountry (touring) skiing, and snowboarding. The season lasts for around 40 days between January and February and the average snow depth is between 60-80 cm. There are restaurants, bars, an entertainment center, and hotels with a total bed capacity of 520.

SAKLIKENT

Saklıkent is 50 km west of the center of Antalya, in the Beydağ mountain range, with an altitude of 2,547 m. Because of its proximity to Antalya, it is one of the few locations in the world that one can ski and swim in the same season.

The average snow depth is around 90 cm and the seasons lasts from mid-December to late-March. There are restaurants, coffeeshops, hotels with a total bed capacity of 140, and 550 private mountain huts for rent in the destination. There is also a chairlift with a length of 1480 meters, an amateur T-Bar, an amateur babylift with a length of 100 meters, and a sled run.

OVİT

Standing atop the Black Sea region's scenic Kaçkar Mountains, Ovit highlands are 91 km from Rize's city centre and are covered with a blanket of snow for half of the year.

Ovit is excellent for any winter sports, especially heliskiing. 3.430 m above sea level is located this trendy winter destination with the world's highest accommodation facilities standing at its elbow. Here, you can face the most unique, stunning views of the Black Sea lying right before your eyes. Its alpine elevations (2,400-2,650 m) get 15 m of snow each year from October to May, and the average snow depth is 5 m. The best times to check in are between December and May.

One of the most exciting nature sports, Heliski has been done on some unique spots until recently, however Türkiye is becoming the new hotspot for heliskiing. Around 500 heliski enthusiasts visit Ovit to experience this thrilling sports in Türkiye.


Sarıkamış - Kars


Uludağ - Bursa


Erciyes - Kayseri

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SKIING IN TÜRKİYE

A new era for winter tourism is about to begin - Türkiye is ready to challenge the world's famous ski centers! Türkiye has restructured its winter tourism strategy to showcase its winter tourism potential to the whole world. We invite you to discover ski tracks and resorts in Türkiye to experience Turkish luxury ski resorts decked out in their finest white.

ULUDAĞ

Uludağ, 36 km south of Bursa, is one of the country's favorite winter sports centers and the highest mountain in Western Anatolia. Its peak stands at 2,543 m. Uludağ is covered in forests and the region has a partially temperate climate with a dominant south/southwest wind. The altitude of the skiing area is between 1,750 and 2,543 m, and the best season to visit is from mid-December to mid-April. The average snow depth is 240 cm.

Thanks to its geography, the Uludağ Ski Center also offers snowboarding, ice-skating, and snow biking. There are quality hotels, shopping halls, restaurants, cafés and bars, entertainment facilities, and health centers. There are in total 27 hotels with 5367 beds in the destination. Ski equipment rental and instructors are available. There are 4 chairlifts, 11 T-bars, and 14 different ski runs.



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