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# General Information About Bosnia and Herzegovina

Official name:	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BIH)
Flag:	
Geographic location:	Bosnia and Herzegovina is located in the western part of the Balkan peninsula.
Surrounding countries:	Republic Serbia (northeast), Republic Montenegro (southeast), Republic Croatia (north, west and south)
Administrative division:	BH is administratively divided into two entities: Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH) and Republika Srpska (RS), and Brčko District.
Entity structure:	FBiH is divided into 10 cantons. Cantons are divided into municipalities. FBiH has 79 municipalities. Republika Srpska is divided into 62 municipalities. City of Brčko is a separate administrative unit - District.
Area:	Bosnia and Herzegovina covers a total of 51 209,2 km <sup>2</sup> . From that land covers 51 197 km <sup>2</sup> and sea covers 12,2 km <sup>2</sup> .
Climate:	Mostly continental, Mediterranean at the south.
Population:	3,531,159 - Census (30 September 2013)
Population structure:	Bosniaks, Croats, Serbs and others
Capital:	Sarajevo
Official languages:	Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian with two alphabets (Latin and Cyrillic)
Official currency:	Convertible Mark (KM) (1 KM = 0.511292 Euro)



# Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina

## ***1909 - The establishment of the Chamber***

The Chamber was established by the Law on Establishment and Organization of the Chamber of Commerce and Crafts of Bosnia and Herzegovina (TOK) in Sarajevo.

## ***1932 - Chamber of Trade and Industry and Chamber of Crafts in Sarajevo and Banja Luka***

In 1932, Chamber of Trade and Industry and Chamber of Crafts in Sarajevo and Banja Luka were established by the Regulation on Chambers of Trade and Industry.

## ***1952 - Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Chamber of Catering Industry of Bosnia and Herzegovina***

In 1952, Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Chamber of Catering Industry of Bosnia and Herzegovina were established. In March 1954, the Assembly of

Peoples Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (PRB&H) established the Chamber of Agriculture, which was followed by the establishment of the Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry.

## ***1962 - Republic Chamber of Commerce of Bosnia and Herzegovina***

In May 1962, Republic Chamber of Commerce of Bosnia and Herzegovina was established by the act of merging of five following chambers: Chamber of Commerce of B&H, Chamber of Catering Industry of B&H, Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of B&H, Chamber of Mining, Industry, Construction and Traffic of B&H, and Cooperative Association of B&H.





### ***1972 - Chamber of Commerce of Bosnia and Herzegovina***

Chamber of Commerce of Bosnia and Herzegovina and seven basic Chambers of Commerce were established by Law on Chambers of Commerce ("Official Gazette of SRBiH" Nr. 16/72 from June 20, 1972) with the Chamber of Commerce of BiH being a legal successor of the Republic Chamber of Commerce. By Law on Association into Chambers of Commerce ("Official Gazette SR BiH" Nr: 35/77, 17/80 and 32/85), the existence of Chamber of Commerce of BiH was confirmed. By Law on Chambers of Commerce ("Official Gazette of SR BiH" No. 33/90) the structure of the Chamber was harmonized for the last time.

### ***2002 - Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina***

Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina was established by Law on Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of BiH" Nr: 30/01) and is affirmed as the legal successor of Chamber of Commerce of B&H. In accordance with this law, FTC started operating on July 1, 2002. Since its establishment in 1909 until today, the grounds of establishment, goals and objectives of the Chamber have not changed much.

Foreign Trade Chamber of B&H is a modern, professional institution that represents and promotes economic interests in the country and abroad.

The Chamber is a reliable source of information, where a large number of services are provided in one place, for both domestic and foreign partners (business and market information, information on regulations and laws, consulting services, promotional activities, databases, etc.). FTC is a member of numerous international associations (Eurochambers, International Chamber of Commerce-ICC, ABC, FIATA, IRU, SECI) which enables it to successfully participate in various projects in order to strengthen and improve regional and international business cooperation.

### ***2018 - Foreign Trade Chamber of B&H Istanbul Representative Office***

In April 2018, Foreign Trade Chamber of B&H Representative Office was established in Istanbul. The mission of the Representative Office is to, through direct contacts, as well as by organizing meetings, presentations, round tables etc., promote the potential of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the best possible way and to attract more investors from the Republic of Turkey.

# Winter Tourism in B&H

Bosnia and Herzegovina is a very interesting tourist destination, which is the result of geographical location, exceptional natural beauty, cultural and historical values and favorable climatic conditions. Naturalistic landscapes, wild mountain rivers and green gorges are just some of what makes this part of the Balkans extremely beautiful. Although it is nice to visit Bosnia and Herzegovina throughout the year, a special period during which certain beauties of this area come to life is the winter one. Due to its relief and the fact that it is a predominantly mountainous country, Bosnia and Herzegovina abounds in mountains and winter resorts.

Winter tourism in Bosnia and Herzegovina appeared and developed significantly during Yugoslavia, and after independence and post-war reconstruction, today it is an increasingly important ski tourist destination. The Olympic mountains of Jahorina, Bjelašnica and Igman are a representative example of a mountain tourist destination in Bosnia and Herzegovina that has gone through several stages of tourist development. Before the Winter Olympics, held in Sarajevo in 1984, most of the activities in these mountains were related to recreation - mostly hiking and one-day or weekend skiing. The turning point in the development of tourism in this area was marked by the construction of Olympic trails for alpine and Nordic skiing, ski jumps,

as well as hotel facilities and the necessary communal and transport infrastructure. The war after the disintegration of Yugoslavia in the first half of the 1990s completely halted tourism development, and all pre-war hotel facilities with associated infrastructure were destroyed. In the last fifteen years, part of the hotel capacity has been renovated and tourism has been strengthened. The recent tourist development is marked by a diverse tourist offer that enables the practice of numerous forms of tourism in different seasons with the dominance of the winter tourist season and mass skiing tourism. Sarajevo and its Olympic mountains also hosted the European Youth Olympic Festival 2019, which is why investments were made in the construction of new tracks, modern cable cars and additional accommodation facilities.

As winter and mountain tourism has become more popular, in recent years more investment has been made in winter recreation centers throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is why today the Bosnian mountains are a popular tourist destination for skiing, snowboarding, sledding, bobsleighing, paragliding, hiking, and also for summer and ecotourism due to the clean air, many resorts, hiking trails and unobstructed access to the areas of exceptional natural beauty.





# History of Skiing in B&H

The first skis arrived in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the Austro-Hungarian occupation of this region, which took place in 1878. However, the local population initially remained only an observer of this novelty. At that time, skiing was a secondary activity of only certain members of mountaineering associations, the first of which was founded on September 21, 1892 under the name, with the name Tourist Club, and which gathered foreigners and some of the richer locals. A significant step in the development of skiing was made on April 4, 1905, when a branch of the Workers' Tourist Association called Friend of Nature was founded in Sarajevo as a branch of the association "Die Naturfreunde" with the aim of encouraging the development of excursions and recreational stays in nature. Already in the first year, a large number of domestic workers joined the Friend of Nature association. The First World War interrupted the activities of the first ski lovers.

After the First World War, skiing was mostly disorganized, and then the Sarajevo Ski Club was founded (1927) with an idea of encouraging fans of this sport to participate more seriously and in an organized manner. The first championship was held in 1929, on a 22 km long track, and 28 skiers took part in cross-country skiing. The first official competition of the Sarajevo Winter Sports Sub-Federation was held on March 8, 1931, at Veliko Polje on Igman in the 30 km run. In

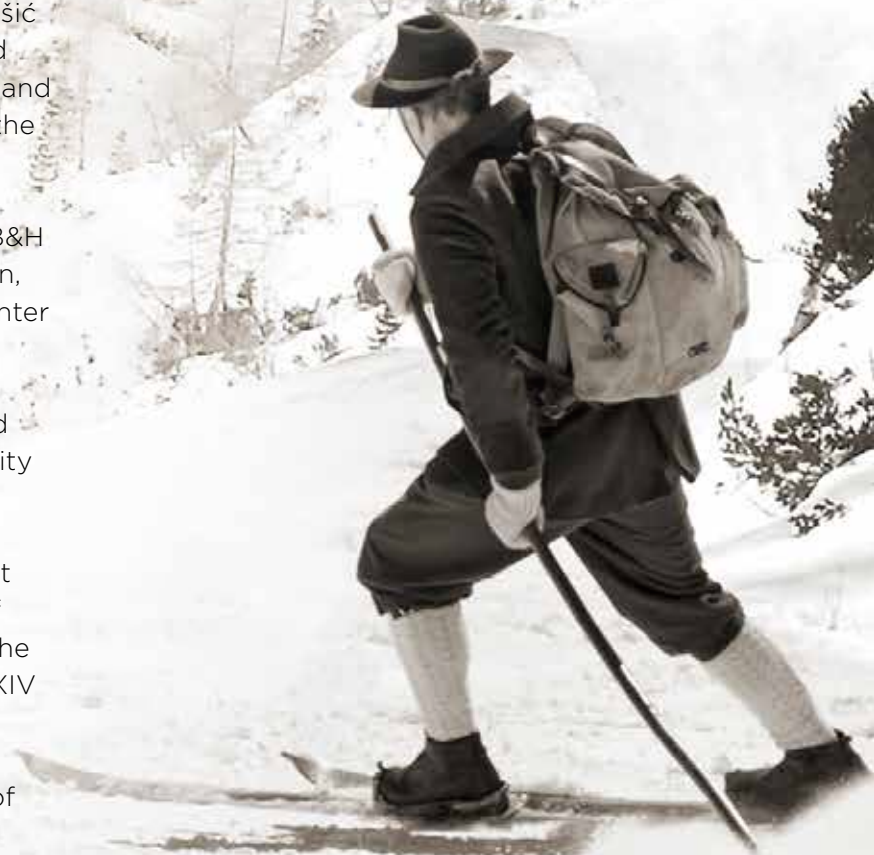
the same year, for the first time women also participated in an official competition that was organized on Jahorina mountain. On the occasion of the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the Yugoslav Winter Sports Federation, the First Meeting of Skiers of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia was held between 13 and 16th February in Sarajevo. 18 km long running competition, as well as jumping competition were held on the arenas on Pale, while the best alpinists in skiing and slalom competed on Jahorina. A ski jump built by the army was opened on February 16 on Jahorina. After the First Meeting of Yugoslav Skiers, it was clear that Bosnia had all the conditions to become the center of skiing in Yugoslavia. In February 1949, the Third Republic Ski Championship was held on Jahorina, while a month later, Jahorina hosted the Yugoslav Championship in the classic combination.

One of the most important dates for the development of skiing in B&H is January 4, 1953 when the first cable car in B&H, and most likely the first at the Balkans, was opened on Jahorina. From March 27 to 29, 1953, the first international ski competition in B&H was held on Jahorina – the first "Jahorina Cup". On January 29, 1961, the first ski lift on Jahorina, built by the members of the Sarajevo Ski Club, was opened. Two seasons later, Trebević also got its ski lift. The former Yugoslavia, ie. Slovenia, had been in the FIS calendar since 1964, and since 1970



Pohorje had been in the calendar of the World Cup for women skiers. It so happened that in 1975, Pohorje did not have enough snow. The organizers in Maribor suggested that Sarajevo host the “Golden Fox”, which was easily organized with just two days of preparations. Two years later, Sarajevo (Jahorina) was included in the FIS calendar. International competitions were also held in Vlačić, where in 1977 the first international ski jumping competition was held for the “Vlačić Cup”, then on Igman, which in 1980 hosted the Junior Biathlon World Championships and on Bjelašnica, where skiers competed for the 1982 European Cup for the first time.

A turning point in the history of skiing in B&H and the moment when its expansion began, happened with the organization of the Winter Olympic Games. A group of winter sports enthusiasts in the 1970s came up with the idea of organizing the Olympic Games and after a detailed examination of the feasibility of this Project, as well as assessment of professional and material possibilities, on October 14, 1977 news was announced that Sarajevo would run for the organization of the 1984 Olympic Games. The opinion of the entire world and sports public is that the XIV WOG '84 were the best organized games in the world until then and undoubtedly represents the time of the greatest glory of tourism of all time in Sarajevo, but also in Bosnia and Herzegovina.





# 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo

The XIV Winter Olympic Games were held from February 8 to 19, 1984 in Sarajevo in the former Yugoslavia (today Bosnia and Herzegovina). 1,272 competitors from 49 countries (998 competitors and 274 competitors) took part in the Games in six sports. The choice of Sarajevo as the host city of the XIV Winter Olympic Games was announced on May 18, 1978 during the 80th session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Athens. Opposing cities were Sapporo, Japan, and Gothenburg, Sweden. After two rounds of voting, Sarajevo won the organization of the 1984 Winter Olympics by a majority vote. The opening of the XIV Winter Olympic Games was watched by about 60,000 Sarajevans, at the Koševo stadium, and about two billion people on TV. The program included alpine skiing (Bjelašnica and Jahorina), bobsleigh and sledding (Trebević), hockey, speed and figure skating (Zetra and Skenderija), biathlon, Nordic skiing and jumping (Igman). The official mascot of the Games was Vučko, which is still a recognizable brand of the city of Sarajevo, and is adorned with numerous souvenirs and postcards.

The national teams of 49 Olympic national committees applied to participate in the XIV Winter Olympics, which was a record number in the history of the Winter Olympic Games in general. A record number of participants arrived in Sarajevo - athletes and their companions - more than 2,500. Just before the beginning of the XIV WOG, 7,283 representatives of the media from all over the world came to Sarajevo to report on their progress. It was also the largest number of representatives of the press, agencies, radio and television stations that have followed one Winter Olympic Games until then.

One of the significance of Sarajevo as an Olympic city is the fact that for the first time in the history of the Winter Olympic Games (since Chamonix in 1924), one developing country, ie. one of its regions, appeared as the organizer of such a large event. The organization of such games, namely, was a kind of exclusivity of rich and developed countries, which in this way multiplied their economic power and gave impetus exclusively to the development of their powerful centers of winter - sports and continental tourism.





As an economic and cultural center of Bosnia and Herzegovina and an area that has 28% of the area at altitudes exceeding 1,000 meters above sea level, and 2.7% above 1,500 meters - Sarajevo, except for extraordinary natural, until then had no other prerequisites for organizing such an event. Thus, the Sarajevo Olympics became the initiator of the development of

winter sports and continental tourism in the region for the first time. At the closing ceremony of the Winter Olympics on February 19, the then president of the International Organizing Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, said that Sarajevo was the best organizer of the Winter Olympics so far in their history.

## Vučko – Olympic Mascot

Vučko (diminutive of wolf) is the Olympic mascot of the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, created by Slovenian painter Jože Trobec. The mascot was chosen in a competition for which 836 artists participated with their proposals. After the initial selection, six projects were selected. Other suggestions were a snowball, a mountain goat, a weasel, a lamb and a hedgehog. Readers of various newspapers and magazines could later vote for the final mascot.

The intention of the author was for people to make friends with animals, and according to the International Olympic Committee (IOC), which welcomed this great idea, the mascot, in a way, led people to “fall in love” with a wolf that is

considered bloodthirsty and dangerous animal. The wolf had a red scarf around his neck and a pair of red skis on his shoulder. In media presentations, commercials and videos, Vučko appeared on sleds, skis and skates singing “Sarajevooooo”. For years after the Winter Olympics, people in Sarajevo walked in Vučko’s scarves, picking up and buying almost anything that had to do with the mascot.





# European Youth Olympic Festival 2019

Exactly 35 years after the '84 Winter Olympics, the Olympic flame came to Sarajevo again, this time with the European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF 2019). In the period from 9 to 16 February 2019, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, together with East Sarajevo, hosted over 1.500 young European athletes aged 14 to 18 from 49 countries who competed in seven sport disciplines (alpine skiing, biathlon, cross-country skiing, skating, hockey, ice skating and snowboarding).

Hosting the EYOF was an event that opened the door to a better future for the city in terms of winter sports and tourism. Part of this sporting event were again the Olympic venues from 1984, such as the Olympic Hall Juan Antonio Samaranch, also known as Zetra (ice hockey), and ski slopes on Jahorina (slalom, giant slalom), Bjelašnica (parallel slalom, snowboard) and Igman (cross-country skiing). Slavija Ice Hall (speed skating), Peki Sports Hall (curling) and Dvorišta (biathlon) hosted the competitions held in East Sarajevo. The mascot of the Sarajevo EYOF was the snowflake Groodvy.

This event was of great importance for the whole of B&H, since it was a great chance for the promotion of B&H tourism, especially winter tourism, and all the mountains that surround Sarajevo and East Sarajevo. 24 years after the end of the war in which most of the Olympic infrastructure was destroyed, venues for alpine and nordic disciplines on the Olympic mountains Jahorima, Bjelasnica and Igman welcomed EYOF participants ready, with new tracks and modern snowmaking systems.

Apart from the fact that EYOF served as a reason for the renewal of sports infrastructure and an extremely good opportunity to promote the tourist potential of B&H. This was also a unique opportunity for B&H to return to the international sports scene, after which world sports federations have begun to give clear indications that they are ready to consider B&H's applications for the top world competitions.







# Olympic Center “Jahorina”

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**Ski tracks**  
11 homologated tracks,  
**45 km** long

**Ski resort capacity**  
17,000 skiers / hour

**Ski lifts and cable cars**  
11 lifts (1 gondola, 3 six-seater, 1 two-seater, 3 lifts and 3 conveyors),  
8.6 km length

**Night skiing**  
Every day from 18:00 to 21:00

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#### Tracks for alpine and Nordic skiing, sledding, snowboarding:

Homologated tracks for all 4 disciplines, downhill, slalom, giant slalom and super G, polygon, recreational skiing, snowboarding, sledding

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#### Tracks for children and beginners:

2 ski kindergartens and 2 ski polygons for beginners, snowboarding polygon

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#### Ski school:

10 highly qualified instructors with ATUS licenses

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#### Hiking trails:

Marked hiking and mountain walking trails with a total length of 28 km

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#### Accommodation capacities of the mountain / ski resort:

6000 beds (hotel accommodation + private accommodation)

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#### Summer activities on the mountain:

Mountain coaster (day and night), panoramic six-seater ride, additional adrenaline activities (Tower, Loopster, Skydive), trails for walking and trail running, trails for cycling, tubing, pedal boats, water balls, X raycer riding, quad riding

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#### Possibility of holding conferences:

Yes

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#### Additional services provided by the ski resort:

Guided walks, rental of sports fields, VIP gondolas, organization of cultural, entertainment and artistic events, charity races, concerts of famous music artists, apres ski parties, sporting events (snow volleyball, camps), emergency medical care with emergency rooms, mountain rescue service available 24/7 and emergency helicopter

## ABOUT THE SKI RESORT

The first cable car on Jahorina was opened on November 29, 1952, the second one in 1965 and the third on January 14, 1971. In 1974 Jahorina was the organizer of the European and World Youth Championship in skiing, which was then a great affirmation of the mountain. In 1977 the European Cup competition on Jahorina was included in the FIS calendar. All these made a good introduction to the organization of the 1984 Olympic Games in Sarajevo. The year 1992 was a turning point when the Olympic Center appeared as a combination of catering and skiing on Jahorina. In 2003, the company was re-registered to Jahorina Olympic Center JSC that still operates



today. The new management took over in 2017 and presented a completely new strategy towards investments and policy towards guests. Jahorina is the Center that has flourished in the past three years. The biggest project launched is the introduction of the TechnoAlpin artificial snow system, followed by trail arrangements, new elevators and gondola lifts, trail lighting and a complete change of visual identity, which ranked Jahorina one of the best ski resorts in the region and Europe. The British magazine "Guardian" ranked Jahorina among the top 10 ski resorts in Europe. Excellent price-quality ratio is the basis of the business of the Olympic Center "Jahorina".





# Ski Center “Bjelašnica – Igman”

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**Ski tracks**  
10 tracks, **26 km** long

**Ski lifts and cable cars**  
11 ski lifts, 9.2 km long

**Ski resort capacity**  
8,995 skiers / hour

**Night skiing**  
3 - 5 times a week from 18:30 to 21:00

## Tracks for alpine and Nordic skiing, sledding, snowboarding:

Tracks are suitable for downhill, slalom / giant slalom, snowboarding, Nordic skiing, tubing, sledding and snowmobile

## Tracks for children and beginners:

All tracks that fall into the category of blue tracks are adapted for children and beginners. The most beautiful tracks for children and beginners are located on Igman - Malo polje where 4 baby lifts are installed, which are adapted for this purpose.

## Ski school:

Available

## Hiking trails:

Available

## Accommodation capacities of the mountain / ski resort:

Available

## Possibility of holding conferences:

Yes







## ABOUT THE SKI RESORT

Bjelasnica and Igman are located only 25 kilometers from Sarajevo, as well as 20 kilometers from the Sarajevo airport and have over 200 snowy days a year. At the mentioned localities, there are several hotel capacities and apartment settlements available to visitors, which enable guests a pleasant stay and with the quality service of vertical transport by KJP ZOI 84 OCS make their stay even more pleasant. Ski Center Bjelašnica - Igman is a unique area that includes three locations where it is possible to ski, namely Babin do on Bjelašnica, Veliko polje on Igman, and Malo polje on Igman.

Bjelašnica, whose peak is at 2.067 m enables numerous activities throughout the year. In the summer they are: panoramic sightseeing and six-seater riding from Babin dol (1.266 m above sea level) to the top (2.067 m above sea level), paragliding, mountain biking, hiking, quad riding,

and during the winter season there is certainly skiing, sledding and snowboarding, as well as numerous competitions in skiing in domestic and international competitions.

Mount Igman is known as a mountain with an extremely high concentration of ozone and as such is especially suitable for training sports teams. Igman is also the area with the lowest recorded temperatures in the region, -43 degrees Celsius (in January 1963) due to frequent thermal inversions. Malo polje is located in a quiet valley which is ideal for maintaining ski schools. Although the 70 and 90 meter ski jumping ramps are not in use, in the summer, football, beach volleyball and bowling courts are set up in the lower part of the ski jumping ramps, while in the winter the area is used as a children's amusement park. Malo polje is connected to Babin Do on Bjelašnica by a bicycle path.





# Sports and Recreation Center “Vlašić”

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**Ski tracks:**  
7 tracks, **15 km** long

**Ski lifts and cable cars:**  
3 adult ski lifts and one baby ski lift

**Ski resort capacity:**  
3,000 skiers / hour

**Night skiing:**  
Night skiing is organized on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 18:30 to 21:30

## Tracks for alpine and Nordic skiing, sledding, snowboarding:

The track for alpine skiing is 10 km long, and there is also a track for Nordic skiing that needs renovation

## Tracks for children and beginners:

Baby track is about 300 m long, however, since the tracks on Vlašić don't belong to the category of dangerous tracks they can be used by children

## Ski school:

Ski Tim Vlašić and others

## Hiking trails:

Marked hiking and mountain walking trails with a total length of more than 50 km

## Accommodation capacities of the mountain / ski resort:

Accommodation capacities are quite large, both in hotels and boarding houses, and in private accommodation. Vlasic has six large hotels, a dozen smaller boarding houses and a large number of private cottages, most of which are rentable.

## Summer activities on the mountain:

Hiking, mountain biking, walking, using the football and handball stadiums, horseback riding, quad riding, swimming pools, wellness and spa, motorcycle riding

## Possibility of holding conferences:

Yes





## ABOUT THE SKI RESORT

The ski resort on Vlašić experienced its real development in 1978, when the Olympic Committee decided that the 14th Winter Olympic Games would be held in Sarajevo in 1984. The ski resort on Vlašić was a back up arena, in case there wouldn't be enough snow on Bjelašnica and Jahorina. At that time, four ski lifts were set up: Ugara with



a capacity of 800 skiers / hour, Markovac with a capacity of 1,300 skiers / hour, Babanovac with a capacity of 2,100 skiers / hour and Visovi with a capacity of 900 skiers / hour. During the war in B&H, from 1992 to 1995, the ski resort was completely

devastated. Renovation of the ski resort began in early 2000s, by the owners of the companies VLAŠIĆ SKI d.o.o. and OZONE d.d. Travnik, Enes Konjalić and Goran Šarić, who started the renovation of the ski resort with their own funds, and re-established skiing on Vlašić.





# Ski Center “Ravna planina”

Founded in:	2014
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**Ski tracks:**

Main track is homologated and is **1,400 m** long, total length of the tracks is **12.5 km**

**Ski resort capacity:**

6,000 skiers / day

**Ski lifts and cable cars:**

1 ski lift, 1 gondola lift and 1 baby lift

**Night skiing:**

Every day from 18:30 to 21:30

**Tracks for alpine and Nordic skiing, sledding, snowboarding:**

Tracks are suitable for alpine and Nordic skiing, sledding, snowboarding and snowmobile

**Tracks for children and beginners:**

The ski center has a track for beginners and children as well as a baby ski lift

**Ski school:**

We have a ski school for children and beginners (adults)

**Hiking trails:**

Ravna Planina is a well known pre-war picnic area with lots of hiking trails and mountain lodges in Saračeva polja

**Accommodation capacities of the mountain / ski resort:**

Weekend resort at a distance of 100 m with rental facilities. Private accommodation facilities in the municipality of Pale are also available at a distance of 3km.

**Summer activities on the mountain:**

Mountain biking, water walking balls, rubber boat ride, pedal boat ride on the lake and tourist train ride, barbecue, walking, hiking, swimming in artificial lakes

**Possibility of holding conferences:**

Yes

**Additional services provided by the ski resort:**

Catering services, organization of festive events and organization of business events





## ABOUT THE SKI RESORT

Ski center “Ravna planina” is located in the village of Gornje Pale, 20 kilometers from Sarajevo and two kilometers from the center of Pale. From the 2014/15 season, this ski resort is open to all visitors and lovers of winter joys. Ravna planina has long been known as a picnic area near Sarajevo and as one of the more frequent choices of Sarajevo residents when it comes to weekend or day trips. Due to the close proximity of the Olympic mountain Jahorina, Ravna planina as a picnic area, with the opening of the ski center, gained even more attractiveness. “Ravna planina” Ski Center can also offer a ski lift with a capacity of 800 skiers per hour, a ski kindergarten and a baby lift, and from 2017 the first gondola - cable car - to transport skiers and all interested visitors, which until now was available only in the best ski resorts.

The gondola runs from the restaurant “Gondola” to the top of the main track, where there are lakes for artificial snow trails and another new facility hut “Gondola”. From there, all visitors can enjoy the extraordinary view that extends on one side



to Pale and Sarajevo, and on the other side the view reaches Jahorina, Zlatibor, Romanija mountains.

Designed as a supplement to the future cable car, the Ravna planina ski center becomes the youngest ski resort in the country and in a short period of operating, since 2014 the Center has achieved great success – such as the most modern vertical transport system that adorns the world's most famous ski resorts with modern artificial snowmaking systems and an average of 90 days of skiing per season below 1.000 m above sea level, on 12 km of ski slopes with FIS homologation that meet the criteria for demanding ski competitions and some FIS races became permanent because they are organized at a highly professional level with the highest quality awards from the International Ski Federation, on a par with the races of the famous centers of Kitzbühel, Schladming, Innsbruck. The Ravna planina ski center will host the Europe Cup skiing race in January 2021, and this will be the first time since 1991 that a European Cup race will be held in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



# Ski Center “Rostovo”

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**Ski tracks:**  
2 tracks, **600 m** long  
and **800 m** long

**Ski resort capacity:**  
1,500 skiers / hour

**Ski lifts and cable cars:**  
2 ski lifts, 600 m and 800 m long

**Night skiing:**  
We have the possibility of organizing  
night skiing from 18:00 to 21:00

**Tracks for alpine and Nordic skiing, sledding, snowboarding:**  
Tracks are suitable for alpine skiing

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**Tracks for children and beginners:**  
Tracks are suitable for children and beginners

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**Ski school:**  
We have a ski school for children and beginners (adults)

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**Hiking trails:**  
Available

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**Accommodation capacities of the mountain / ski resort:**  
The current accommodation capacities of the hotel are approx. 180 beds and 100 beds in private accommodation (cottages)

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**Summer activities on the mountain:**  
Hiking, motocross, mountain bike, various sports activities (sports hall)

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**Possibility of holding conferences:**  
Yes

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**Additional services provided by the ski resort:**  
Fitness, wellness, massages, team building



## ABOUT THE SKI RESORT

Sports and recreation center “Rostovo” was opened in 1984 for the needs of the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo and is located at altitude of 1.160 meters above sea level. Afterwards it served mainly as a winter resort and recreational sports center for many famous athletes and clubs.

Among the frequent guests of those years could be seen the football players of Hajduk Split and Iskra Bugojno. The center was renovated in 2006 and started working exclusively during the winter season. In 2008 it increased its sports and recreational offer with a hiking trail, a cycling trail (mountain bikes can be rented within the hotel) and sports -recreational riding. In the immediate vicinity of the hotel, the guests have at their disposal clay tennis courts which can also be used in the winter (heated). The Center offers sports teams and individual groups the

use of a sports hall for indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball, handball, which is heated in the winter. In addition, there is an ethno village that has a capacity of 60 beds. In the village there can be seen many sights from ancient times, ie. accessories and tools used by our ancestors.

From 1991 to 2006, the Center was closed due to political events in the former Yugoslavia. The Center was reopened in 2006, when it was renovated in accordance with European standards. It is intended for enjoying winter sports, as well as for relaxing all year round. During 2008, the interior of the hotel got a new look and another glazed garden with a fountain and a fireplace. Everything is connected into one whole, thus increasing the seating capacity. The restaurant hall is now suitable for weddings and other types of celebrations.







# Ski Center “Kozara”

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**Ski tracks:**  
3 tracks, **650 m, 850 m**  
and **200 m** long

**Ski lifts and cable cars:**  
3 ski lifts, 500 m, 550 m and 150 m long

**Ski resort capacity:**  
3000 skiers / hour

**Night skiing:**  
Every day from 18:30 to 21:30

## Tracks for alpine and Nordic skiing, sledding, snowboarding:

The tracks are suitable for alpine skiing, sledding and snowboarding

## Tracks for children and beginners:

Kozara Ski Resort has one track for children, however both ski tracks, Kozara 1 and Kozara 2 are suitable for beginners

## Ski school:

Kozara Ski School was founded at the beginning of 2018 for beginner skiers of all ages, who will be able to enjoy skiing on Kozara after training with professional ski instructors. The ski school employs licensed ski teachers who guarantee quality professional service.

## Hiking trails:

Kozara Ski Resort is located in the area of the National Park “Kozara” where several hiking trails of different lengths and weights can be found

## Accommodation capacities of the mountain / ski resort:

1 hotel (130 beds), 1 motel (11 rooms), 2 bungalows

## Summer activities on the mountain:

In addition to hiking trails, there are also trim trails for children and adults, climbing site Zečiji kamen for fans of free climbing, adventure park, while in the National Park “Kozara” there are three marked MTB bike trails

## Possibility of holding conferences:

Yes





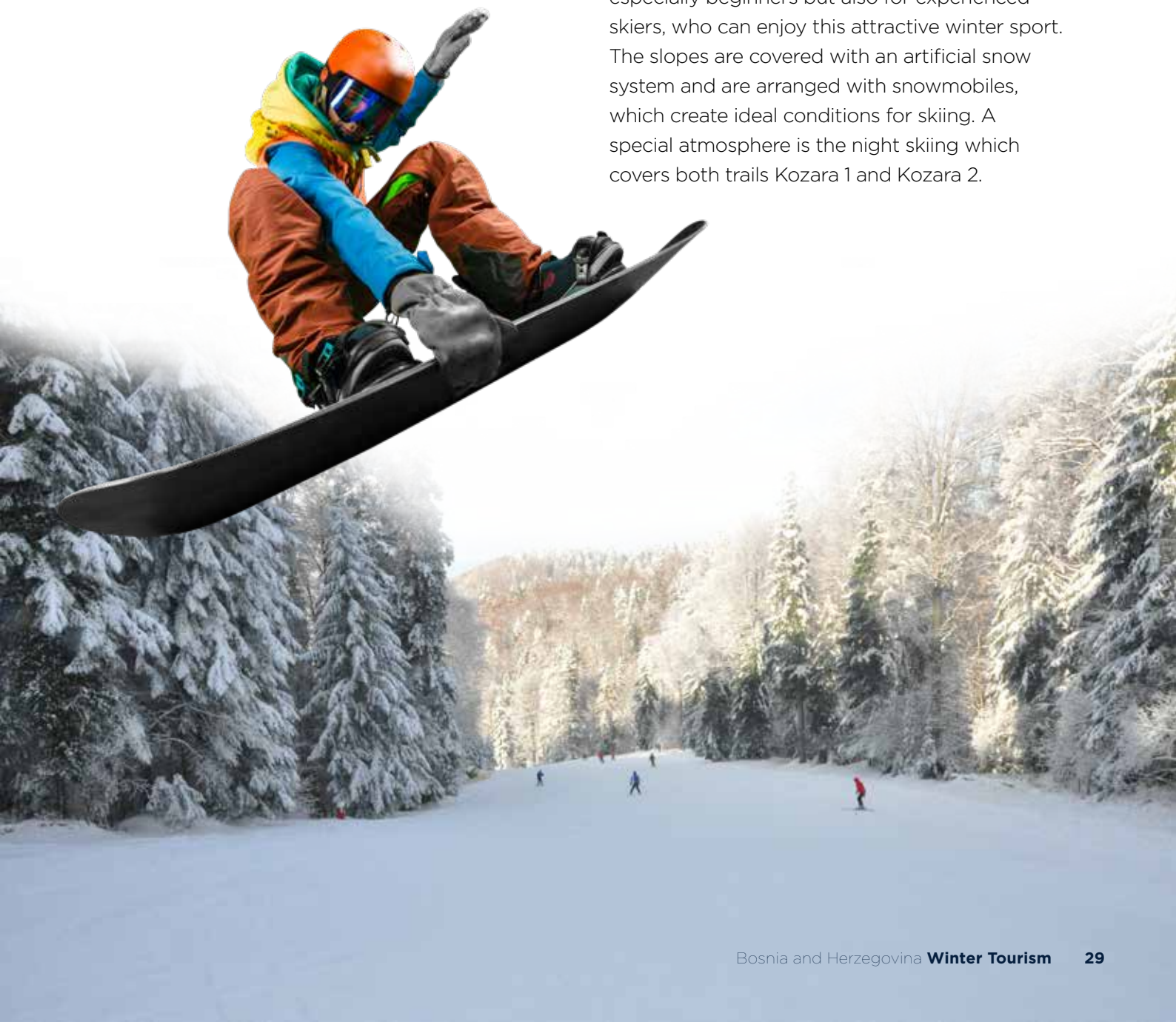
## ABOUT THE SKI RESORT

The Kozara Ski Resort was founded in 2002 by the joint efforts of the members of the Mountaineering and Ski Association “Ljubijski rudar”, which still operates and maintains the ski resort. The desire of the members of this society was to promote skiing especially among children and young people and it has remained a goal even today. Today the ski resort has 3 ski tracks with lifts:

- Kozara 1, 650 m long with a ski lift,
- Kozara 2, 850 m long with a ski lift,
- Children's track, 200 m long with a small ski lift.



Conditions are provided for skiers of all ages, especially beginners but also for experienced skiers, who can enjoy this attractive winter sport. The slopes are covered with an artificial snow system and are arranged with snowmobiles, which create ideal conditions for skiing. A special atmosphere is the night skiing which covers both trails Kozara 1 and Kozara 2.





# Ski Center “Stožer Vrana”

Founded in:	2008
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**Ski tracks:**  
3 tracks (black, red, blue),  
each **3 km** long

**Ski lifts and cable cars:**  
1 ski lift (two seater), length 1200 m

**Ski resort capacity:**  
400 skiers / hour

**Night skiing:**  
From 19:00 to 23:00

**Tracks for alpine and Nordic skiing, sledding, snowboarding:**  
Tracks are suitable for snowboarding

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**Tracks for children and beginners:**  
300 m long

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**Ski school:**  
Available

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**Hiking trails:**  
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**Accommodation capacities of the mountain / ski resort:**  
120 persons

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**Summer activities on the mountain:**  
Hiking, bike park, medieval sports (equestrian club)

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**Possibility of holding conferences:**  
Yes

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**Additional services provided by the ski resort:**  
Entertainment saloon, children's playroom, wellness and spa





## ABOUT THE SKI RESORT

Stožer Vrana ski center is located in the North East of Kupres, on the slopes of the mountain Stožer (1.758 m above sea level), in scope of which there is restaurant Kupreška kuća with the capacity of over 200 seats and Hotel Kraljevac, both only 10 m away from the departure station of the ski lift.







# Ski Center "Adria Ski"

Founded in:	2001
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**Ski tracks:**  
4 ski tracks, **13km** long

**Ski lifts and cable cars:**  
5 ski lifts, (1 four-seater, 1 two-seater, 2 lifts and 1 baby lift) total length 5360m

**Ski resort capacity:**  
7,000 skiers / hour

**Night skiing:**  
No

**Tracks for alpine and Nordic skiing, sledding, snowboarding:**  
Alpine skiing - 13 km, sledding 100 m

**Tracks for children and beginners:**  
300 meters long baby lift and track for beginners

**Ski school:**  
2 ski schools("Prvi spust" and "Adria Ski")

**Hiking trails:**  
Available

**Accommodation capacities of the mountain / ski resort:**  
2000 beds

**Summer activities on the mountain:**  
Sports teams training and preparations, horseback riding, paragliding, Enduro tourism, cycling and hiking

**Possibility of holding conferences:**  
Yes

**Additional services provided by the ski resort:**  
Wellness center, small Olympic indoor pool 25x8 meters, saunas, massage, table tennis, ski equipment, ski service



## ABOUT THE SKI RESORT

The area where the hotel “Adria Ski” (built in 1980) is located, as well as the city of Kupres (also known as “little Siberia”) have a long ski history and tradition. This ski resort is widely known and in the last 35-40 years has established itself as a popular ski resort, not only for skiers from B&H, but also as a favorite destination of guests from various parts of Europe, who are regular guests on the ski slopes.

During the 1992-1995 war, the hotel was completely destroyed and devastated, only to be privatized and completely rebuilt in 2001, as was the ski resort itself, which received new ski lifts.



The ski resort has an artificial snowmaking system (20 cannons), which guarantees a good ski season.

The beginning of the ski tracks is located at an altitude of 1220 m, and the top at an altitude of 1560 m.





# Ski&Nature Park “Blidinje”

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## Ski tracks:

Small track is **300 m** and large track is approx. **1 km** long

## Ski lifts and cable cars:

Small lift is 262 meters and large lift is 929 meters long

## Ski resort capacity:

From Monday to Friday up to 50 skiers and Saturday and Sunday around 500 skiers per hour

## Night skiing:

On the small track only on the weekends from 18:00 to 21:00

## Tracks for alpine and Nordic skiing, sledding, snowboarding:

Snowboarding and alpine skiing, and a special track for sledding which is about 50 meters long. For the rest, we currently have no marked tracks.

## Tracks for children and beginners:

300 m long small track

## Ski school:

Available

## Hiking trails:

We have well-marked trails to Čvrsnica (2228 m above sea level) and to Vran (2074 m above sea level). There are also licensed hiking guides and associations in case there is a need for accompanying a larger group of hikers.

## Accommodation capacities of the mountain / ski resort:

The accommodation capacity of the restaurant which is located along the ski tracks is 24 persons while the other guests are accommodated in the neighboring cottages. In the area of the Blidinje Nature Park which is next to the ski center we can accommodate up to 1000 guests.

## Summer activities on the mountain:

Hiking, horseback riding, archery, quad riding, clay pigeons shooting with laser rifles, collecting medicinal plants, photo safari, cycling, trail and hike running, a tour of the cultural sights of this area which have been present here since the Middle Ages, training, preparations and fitness exercises for sports teams etc. We organize a trail race in August, a bicycle race in July, 2 off road jeep races in May and September.

## Possibility of holding conferences:

We have a well-equipped area with a projector screen and wifi signal for internet for up to 60 people





## ABOUT THE SKI RESORT

The ski center was founded in 1995 and over the years we have gradually worked on expanding the length of the ski tracks as much as the terrain allows us. In recent years, when there was enough snowfall we had well-attended winter seasons that last from the beginning of December until the end of March. We have two ski lifts of which one is a 929 meters long Doppelmayr four-seater with a capacity of 1942 persons per hour and a 262 meters long Doppelmayr small lift for beginners with a capacity of 563 persons per hour. We have at our disposal approximately 4.5 kilometers of ski tracks. Recently, we have started building a snowmaking system for ski tracks because so far we have depended on the natural snow. We are well equipped with equipment for the maintenance of ski tracks and work in cooperation with the Mountain Rescue Service and neighboring health centers for the safety of skiers and guests on the ski trails.

We started with the construction of a new



hotel to be able to receive more guests in the Blidinje Nature Park. Most guests are accommodated in neighboring cottages which are available for renting and restaurants that offer accommodation. In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of arrivals of guests from the surrounding cities of Jablanica, Sarajevo, Dalmatia, as well as guests from foreign countries like Austria, Germany, etc.





# Ski Lift “Karaula”

Founded in: 2006  
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**Ski tracks:**  
2 tracks, **1700 m** and **800 m** long

**Ski lifts and cable cars:**  
1 ski lift, 1,100 m long

**Ski resort capacity:**  
1,200 skiers / hour

**Night skiing:**  
No

**Tracks for alpine and Nordic skiing, sledding, snowboarding**  
Tracks are suitable for alpine skiing

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**Tracks for children and beginners:**  
Available

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**Ski school**  
Ski club has certified coaches who organize ski schools for beginners

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**Hiking trails:**  
From the building located at the departure station of the ski lift to the top there is a marked hiking trail, 2,500 m long. Along the trail benches and tables (with and without a canopy) that are used for resting can be found. The trail itself is used recreational hiking by nature lovers of different ages and fitness abilities.

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**Accommodation capacities of the mountain / ski resort:**  
Accommodation for 14 people is planned as a part of the center, but the construction of the building is not finished yet. Hotel (70 beds), mountain lodges (three mountain lodges each with accommodation capacity of about 30 people) about 14 km away

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**Summer activities on the mountain:**  
Outdoor schools, collecting of medicinal herbs, hiking tours, mountaineering (via ferrata), mountain bike

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**Additional services provided by the ski resort:**  
Ski equipment rental, sledding track



## ABOUT THE SKI RESORT

The municipality of Kladanj has a rich tourist potential and tradition. Sports tourism and especially skiing, stands out here to a great extent. In the area of the Municipality of Kladanj there is a ski lift “Karaula”, which is the only sports facility of this type and purpose in the whole Tuzla Canton and the region of Northeastern Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The first ski lift was built in 1985. In the period from 1992 to 1995, the ski lift in Kladanj suffered great damage, but in 2006, a new and modernized ski lift was built on the same site.

The capacity of the ski lift is 1.200 skiers / hour. The length of the towing track is 1.110 meters while the downhill track is 1.700 m long. It is intended for visitors of different ages and different fitness abilities. The area of the ski slopes is 60.000 m<sup>2</sup>. During the ski season, this ski resort is visited daily, which in statistical terms is about 8.000 visitors per season.



This ski resort is of great importance for preserving healthy living habits, playing amateur sports and affirming young athletes who are members of 2 ski clubs from Kladanj. Children aged 8 to 12 make up over 50% of the members, who perform all the necessary preparations, trainings and competitions at this gathering place, after which they have notable performances at state competitions held in Vlačić, Bjelašnica or Jahorina. They perform the training process and preparations for participation in national championships at this ski resort, so the ski lift in Kladanj has a great local interest. In the past period, work was done on creating better conditions for receiving tourists. For that purpose, a modern facility was made with all the facilities needed for a large ski resort. The facility was not completed due to the lack of financial resources, which we provide through projects by applying to public calls of higher levels of government.





# Ski Center “Ponijeri”

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**Ski tracks:**  
1 track, **853 m** long

**Ski lifts and cable cars:**  
1 ski lift, 853 m long

**Ski resort capacity:**  
70 skiers / hour

**Night skiing:**  
From 18:00 to 21:00

**Tracks for alpine and Nordic skiing, sledding, snowboarding:**  
Alpine skiing and snowboarding

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**Tracks for children and beginners:**  
No

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**Ski school:**  
Available

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**Hiking trails:**  
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**Accommodation capacities of the mountain / ski resort:**  
Available

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**Summer activities on the mountain:**  
Hiking, sports activities (cycling, running, basketball, volleyball, football, etc)

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**Possibility of holding conferences:**  
Yes

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**Additional services provided by the ski resort:**  
Catering, parking, wi-fi, free daily bus transport from the city center to the ski center and back, organization of various cultural and sports activities



## ABOUT THE SKI RESORT

Ponijeri is a mountain resort at an altitude of 1.200 meters located about 20 kilometers from the center of Kakanj. The total length of the ski lift route is 853 m. The average incline is 17% and the ride lasts 4 minutes. Due to the altitude, it is also an air spa. The ski lift is open from 10:00 to 16:00, while night skiing is organized from 18:00 to 21:00.





# Trebević

South of the Old Town in Sarajevo is the mountain Trebević, whose slopes have become an integral part of the city. The top of Trebević is located at 1.629 m above sea level, and to the East the mountain is connected to the Jahorina mountain. It is about 12 km away from the city center by road, the ascent over the slopes can be reached on foot in about an hour and thirty minutes. Trebević has long been the main picnic spot for Sarajevans. Favorable geographical position, altitude, mild climate

and natural beauty have taken root in the hearts of nature lovers. With the Sarajevo neighborhoods on its slopes, it represents a unique harmony of urban and natural, and the entire area is characterized by great biodiversity.

Over time, the importance of Trebević as a picnic area grows, its slopes begin to be afforested, while hiking and walking trails have been arranged for the purpose of recreational tourism. The first mountain







lodge and the hiking trail next to it, was built in 1896 on the site of the Sofa, which is located at the top at 1.627 meters above sea level. The second oldest mountaineering facility in B&H was also built in Trebević, on the site of Dobre vode in 1907.

During the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, the importance of Trebević as a picnic area grew with the founding of the first mountaineering associations in Sarajevo, and after the end of the Second World

War, the construction of new tourist and recreational facilities began. At an altitude of 1.566 meters, near the top, in 1975 a telecommunication tower 60 m high was built, which dominates the panorama of the mountain from the city.





# Trebević Bobsled

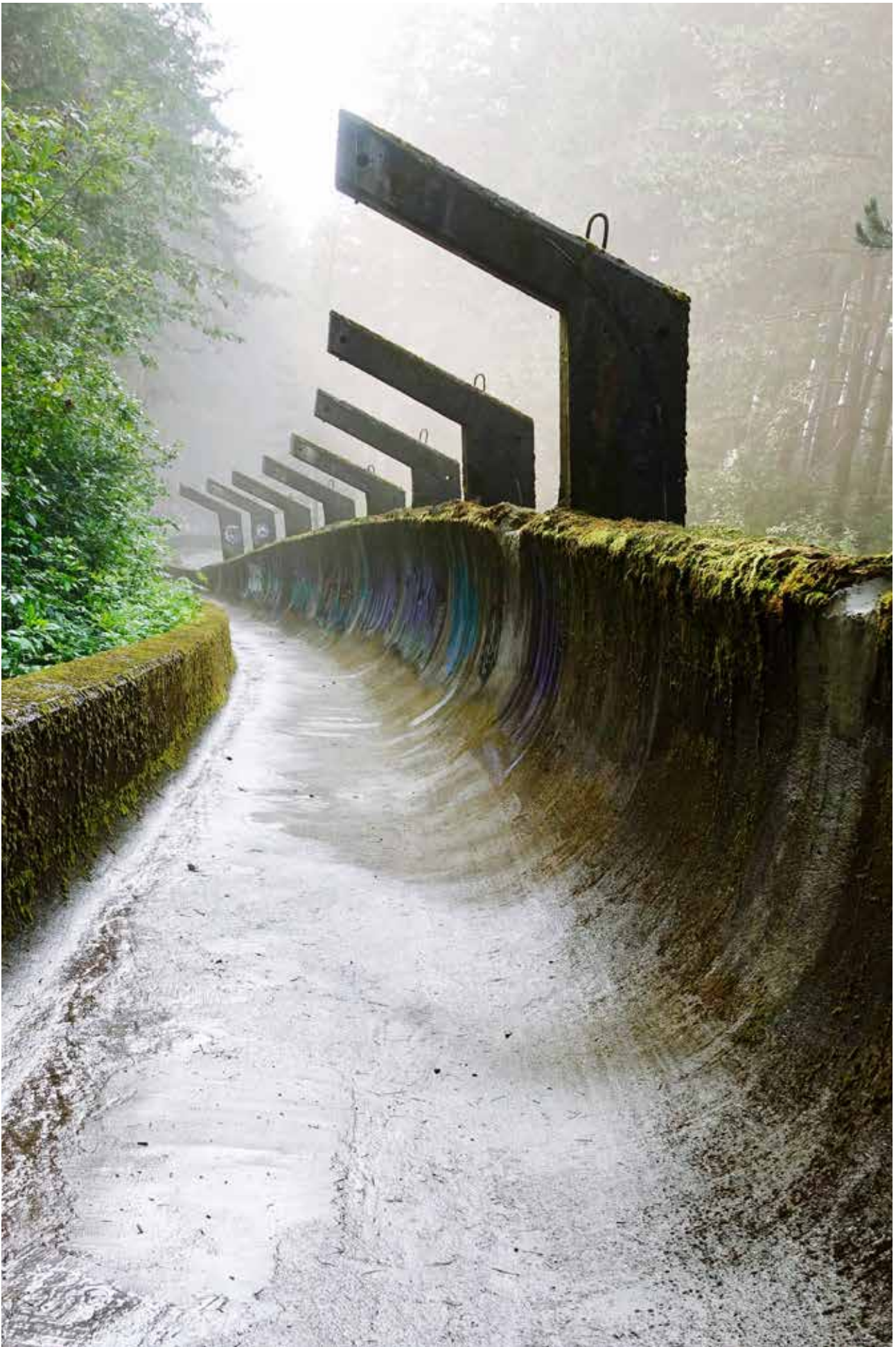
For the purpose of holding the competition in the scope of the 14th Winter Olympic Games, which took place in 1984, a bobsled and sledding track has been built on Trebević in 1982, which at that time was the most modern in the world. The bobsled track on Trebević is characterized by the fact that it was made for combined use for bobsleigh and sledding, and that became the standard of construction in the world after Sarajevo. The start of the trail is at 1.108 m, the finish line was at 982 m and it is 1.570 meters long. It took 7 million USD to build such a track at that time and it was the most expensive facility built for the 1984 Olympic Games. Apart from being the most demanding to realize, the bobsled track was one of the steepest and fastest in the world, but also one of the safest. How difficult it is to make a good track is confirmed by the fact that today there are only 13 licensed bobsleds in the world.

At the 1984 Olympic Games, sledding competitions were watched by 20.000 people, while bobsleigh competitions were somewhat more attended and were watched by about 30.000 spectators. After the Olympic Games, the track was used for competitions as part of the World Cup.

During the war, great destruction was suffered and the bobsled track was destroyed. Due to its architecture and specifics, today the bobsled track is used for cycling, rollerblading, skateboarding, and even for holding competitions in extreme sports. The bobsled track is used, among other things, to hold summer sledding and bob training sessions. Near the bobsled track is the exit station of the Trebević cable car, which is another symbol of Sarajevo.









# Trebević Cable Car

Trebević Cable Car was first built in 1959, and opened for the public on May 3, 1959. It had a capacity of 400 passengers per hour and connected Bistrik (583 m) with Vidikovac on Trebević (1.160 m). With its length of 2.100 meters, the Trebević cable car was one of the most important in the former Yugoslavia, and one of the few that starts from the city center and in 12 minutes brings you to untouched nature, an oasis of clean air. During the Bosnian War the cable car was completely destroyed.

Trebević Cable Car was reconstructed between 2017 and 2018, and officially reopened on April 6, 2018. A total of 33 modern cable cars make up the new system, which can transport up to 1,200 passengers from the city to Trebević per hour, with a ride duration of nine minutes each way. The cable car has 33 gondolas, of which five are in the colors of the Olympic circles - blue, red, yellow, green and black, one in the colors of the flag of B&H, while the other ones are black. The entire lane is panoramic, which contributes to the enjoyment of visitors in the view of Sarajevo.





# New Year's Celebration in Bosnia and Herzegovina

New Year's holidays are an ideal opportunity for nature lovers who want a vacation outside the city, a break from the noise, and at the same time socializing, good fun, snow and clean air. The mountains in B&H are modern, well equipped, with different types of accommodation, so visitors have the opportunity to ski during the day, enjoy massages in the afternoon, swimming in hot pools, activities such as billiards, table tennis, bowling, with an evening program and special emphasis on New Year's Eve and a replay the next day. Whether you like a livelier and richer winter vacation that Jahorina, Bjelašnica and Vlačić can offer you, or you can't wait to go to quieter destinations like Kupres or Ponijeri - Bosnian mountains offer something for everyone.

The mountains in B&H have long been recognized as top New Year's destinations that gather many visitors from the region and Europe every year and have no problems with occupancy during the holidays as reservations for accommodation begin to come even in summer, while in early December everything is already full. Visitors are interested in celebrating the New Year in the mountains of B&H for many reasons, such as well-prepared ski tracks, New Year's Eve with music and entertainment program organized in hotels, outdoor concerts, spa and wellness and excellent gastronomic offer.







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