# SKI RESORTS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

# BIGGEST DESTINATIONS & 50 BEST SKI RUNS

**KLÍNOVEC SKIAREÁL** 

ŠPINDLERŮV MLÝN SKIAREAL

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DOLNÍ MORAVA HORSKÝ RESORT

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✓ MAPS & DETAILS OF SKI RESORTS
 ✓ RECOMMENDED SKI RUNS OVERVIEW
 ✓ SKI RUN MAPS





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### OUR SKI RESORT GUIDES!



### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Top 10 Biggest Ski Resorts in the Czech Republic! In this eBook, we've compiled everything you need to plan an unforgettable skiing adventure on the slopes of the Czech Republic.



### Here, you'll find:

- Detailed descriptions and parameters of the resorts, complete with maps
- O Specifications of the top ski runs

🗕 Ski run maps

We have skied in more than 100 ski resorts across Europe. Our collected experiences, along with our own photos and videos, were used to create this guide.





### SKIING IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic, while not as mountainous as the Alpine countries, offers excellent skiing opportunities. With diverse mountain ranges, modern infrastructure, and affordable prices, it has become a popular winter destination, especially for families and beginner skiers. Czech ski resorts are known for their wellmaintained slopes, intimate atmosphere, and a wide range of après-ski activities.

# Why is the Czech Republic a great skiing destination?

### Diverse Mountain Ranges

The Czech Republic features several mountain ranges that provide a variety of skiing experiences:

- Krkonoše The highest range in the Czech Republic, ideal for more advanced skiers.
- Jeseníky Known for its untouched nature and quiet, less crowded resorts.
- Šumava Smaller ski areas with gentle slopes, perfect for beginners.
- Orlické Mountains & Ore Mountains Family-friendly regions with slopes suited for beginners and intermediates.

### Variety of Ski Runs

- For beginners: Gentle, wide slopes in resorts like Klínovec Skiareál and Ski Aréna Karlov.
- For intermediates: Well-maintained red runs in popular resorts such as Špindlerův Mlýn and Pec pod Sněžkou.
- For advanced skiers: Challenging descents in Špindlerův Mlýn and Dolní Morava Horský Resort.





### **Modern Infrastructure**

- Continuous modernization of ski lifts and resort facilities.
- High-speed chairlifts, gondolas, and cable cars improve accessibility.
- Advanced snowmaking systems ensure reliable snow conditions even during low-snow seasons.

### **Affordable Prices**

- Ski passes, accommodations, and dining are significantly cheaper than in the Alps.
- Great value for money, particularly for families and groups.



### **Reliable Climate**

- Stable winter conditions, particularly in the Giant Mountains.
- The ski season typically runs from December to March, with higher-altitude resorts operating until April.





### **Freeride and Snowparks**

- Freeride zones are available, especially in the Giant Mountains (Špindlerův Mlýn, Pec pod Sněžkou).
- Many ski resorts have dedicated snowparks featuring boxes, rails, and kickers for freestyle skiing and snowboarding.

### **Cross-Country Skiing**

The Czech Republic is a paradise for cross-country skiing, offering hundreds of kilometers of scenic trails:

- Krkonoše (Giant Mountains): Long, breathtaking trails across the mountain ridges.
- Jizera Mountains (Jizerské hory): A top destination for crosscountry skiing, thanks to consistent snowfall and wellgroomed tracks.
- Jeseníky & Šumava: Peaceful routes set in pristine natural landscapes.



The Czech Republic offers excellent skiing conditions, particularly for families, beginners, and intermediate skiers. With modern ski infrastructure, affordable prices, and picturesque landscapes, it is an attractive choice for both weekend getaways and extended winter holidays. While Czech resorts may not match the size and scale of the Alps, they compensate with a friendly atmosphere, accessibility, and budget-friendly options.



TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

No.	Ski Resort	Region	City	Ski run length (km)	Altitude difference (m)
1	Klínovec Skiareál	Karlovy Vary Region	Boží Dar	32	490
2	Špindlerův Mlýn Skiareal	Hradec Králové Region	Špindlerův Mlýn	28	533
3	Černá Hora - Janské Lázně	Hradec Králové Region	Janské Lázně	15	566
4	Horní Domky / Rokytnice nad Jizerou	Liberec region	Rokytnice nad Jizerou	14	658
5	Pec pod Sněžkou	Hradec Králové Region	Pec pod Sněžkou	14	445
6	Herlíkovice Bubákov	Hradec Králové Region	Vrchlabí	12	479
7	Plešivec - Skiareál	Karlovy Vary Region	Abertamy	12	318
8	Ski Aréna Karlov	Moravian-Silesian Region	Malá Morávka	12	280
9	Kouty nad Desnou	Olomouc Region	Loučná nad Desnou	11	521
10	Dolní Morava Horský Resort	Olomouc Region	Dolní Morava	10	490



### CRITERIA FOR THE "TOP BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN 10 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES" RANKINGS

1. The ranking includes the largest ski resorts, in terms of the length of ski runs counted in kilometers. The results of the ranking have been compiled taking into account the following principles:

a. The runs in the resort are connected by a network of ski lifts and do not require travel by bus or car.

b. Only the groomed ski runs marked as blue, red and black are taken into account. Ski touring and freeride routes are not included.

c. If the length of the ski runs in the resorts is comparable, the parameter of elevation, i.e. the difference in height between the highest and the lowest point on the runs in the resort, is also taken into account. The resort with the higher elevation has a higher ranking.

# d. The resort was open (most runs open) for more than 30 days in the 2022/23 ski season.

e. If the resort is located on the border of two countries:

- The entire resort is included in the TOP 10 Europe ranking;

- Only the part of a resort that is located in a particular country is included in the TOP 10 Country ranking;

- Only the part of a resort that is located in a particular region is included in the TOP 10 Region ranking.

f. In the case of resorts situated on the border of two regions, only the part of a resort that is located in a region (the region where the majority of the resort is situated) is taken into account.

### g. Each of the ten countries was divided into Ski Regions with the

**highest number of ski resorts and ski runs.** If a country has a small area or less than 3 ski regions meeting the minimum criteria, then the whole country is regarded as one Ski Region, e.g. Slovenia, or is combined with a neighboring country like Andorra, added as an Andorra Ski Region of Spain.

2. The compilation covers 10 European countries: Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland.

3. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN EUROPE ranking - a list of the ten largest ski resorts in terms of the number of kilometers of ski runs in Europe.

4. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN ONE COUNTRY ranking - a list of the ten biggest ski resorts in terms of the number of kilometers of ski runs in each of the 10 countries separately:

- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN AUSTRIA
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN CZECH REPUBLIC
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN FRANCE
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN GERMANY
- TOP10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN ITALY
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN POLAND
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN SLOVAKIA
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN SLOVENIA
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN SPAIN
- TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN SWITZERLAND

5. The TOP Region ranking is a list of the largest ski resorts in terms of the number of kilometers of ski runs in the country's largest Regions.

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### Additionally, in the skicrown.eu ski app, we have introduced the TOP Region

**ranking**, which lists the largest ski resorts based on the total number of ski run kilometers in the major regions of each

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		Olomouc Region / Olomoucký kraj	>
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### Klínovec Skiareál - The Largest Ski Resort in the Czech Republic

# Klínovec Skiareál is the largest and one of the most popular ski resorts in the Czech Republic, located in the Ore Mountains

**near the German border.** Situated on Mount Klínovec (1,244 m), the highest peak in the Ore Mountains, the resort guarantees excellent skiing conditions throughout most of the winter season. Klínovec is part of a larger ski complex that includes the German resort of Fichtelberg, connected by a network of lifts and ski runs. Thanks to its modern infrastructure, diverse ski runs, and numerous activities, it is a great choice for skiers and snowboarders of all levels.

### Ski Runs and Terrain

Klínovec Skiareál offers 32 km of ski runs, including:

- 17 km of blue runs ideal for beginners and families.
- 11 km of red runs perfect for intermediate skiers.
- 4 km of black runs designed for advanced skiers seeking a challenge.

Most slopes are equipped with artificial snow systems, ensuring excellent conditions throughout the season. The longest run, "Jáchymovská" (2,950 m), offers a gentle descent, making it perfect for beginners and families. More advanced skiers can challenge themselves on the black runs, such as "U Zabitýho", known for its steep slopes and technical descents.

### InterSkiregion - Connection with Germany

Klinovec is part of a cross-border ski region, linked with the German Fichtelberg resort. Skiers can move freely between the Czech Republic and Germany, significantly increasing the available skiing area. The "InterSkiregion" ski pass allows access to both Klinovec and Fichtelberg, offering a combined 47 km of slopes. Thanks to this international cooperation, visitors can enjoy diverse ski terrains with modern lifts on both sides of the border.



### Lifts and Infrastructure

The resort features a modern system of 21 lifts, including:

- 5 chairlifts ensuring fast and comfortable access to the slopes.
- 16 drag lifts catering to various skill levels.

The "CinéStar Express" chairlift provides fast transportation to the summit of Klínovec, while also offering breathtaking panoramic views. Thanks to its modern and efficient lift system, the resort minimizes waiting times, even during peak season.



### Freestyle and Snowpark

Klínovec is an excellent destination for freestyle enthusiasts, featuring a well-equipped snowpark with:

- Jumps
- Rails
- Boxes

The snowpark is divided into zones based on difficulty levels, making it ideal for both beginners and experienced riders. Klínovec regularly hosts freestyle competitions and events, attracting adrenaline lovers from across the region.

### Freeride and Off-Piste Skiing

For freeride enthusiasts, Klínovec offers several off-piste zones, particularly in its forested areas. With consistent snowfall and diverse terrain, it is a great place for powder skiing and backcountry snowboarding. However, off-piste skiing should always be done with caution, and guided tours are recommended



for those less experienced.

### Family-Friendly Resort

Klínovec is highly family-friendly, offering:

- Dedicated ski areas for children
- A "Kids Park" with conveyor belts and gentle slopes
- Ski schools with experienced instructors
- Family discounts on ski passes

The resort also has numerous restaurants and cafés, many of which offer kid-friendly menus.

### Après-Ski and Dining

After a day on the slopes, visitors can enjoy Klínovec's vibrant après-ski scene, which includes:

- Bars and pubs with live music.
- Restaurants serving traditional Czech dishes like goulash, dumplings, and fried cheese.
- International cuisine options for those looking for variety.

Popular spots include "Restaurace U Staré Lanovky" and "Skibar", both of which offer a relaxing atmosphere and great food.

### **Accommodation Options**

Klínovec offers a wide range of accommodations, from:

- Luxury hotels with spa facilities
- Modern apartments near the slopes
- Affordable guesthouses and lodges in nearby towns like Jáchymov and Loučná pod Klínovcem
- Private chalets, perfect for groups or families seeking a cozy mountain retreat

### Winter Activities Beyond Skiing

For those looking for alternative winter activities, Klínovec offers:

- Snowshoeing trails through the picturesque Ore Mountains.
- Sledding and ice skating.
- Wellness centers with saunas and thermal pools for relaxation.
- Snowmobile tours and paragliding for adrenaline seekers.



### **Events and Festivals**

Klínovec hosts a variety of winter events, including:

• Ski and snowboard competitions, including slalom and freestyle contests.

Winter music festivals and après-ski parties that attract visitors looking for entertainment.



### Sustainability and Environmental Protection

Klínovec is committed to sustainable tourism and eco-friendly practices, including:

- Energy-efficient snowmaking systems to reduce water consumption.
- Eco-friendly ski lifts that minimize energy use.
- Ski buses and shuttles to reduce car traffic and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Partnerships with environmental organizations to protect local wildlife and preserve the Ore Mountains' natural beauty.

### How to Get to Klínovec

Klínovec is easily accessible from major cities in the Czech Republic and Germany.

- The nearest airport is Karlovy Vary (30 km).
- By car well-maintained roads lead directly to the resort, with ample parking available.
- By train the closest rail station is in Jáchymov, from where buses and taxis provide easy access to Klínovec.





### Conclusion

Klínovec Skiareál is the largest and one of the best ski resorts in the Czech Republic, offering:

- $\checkmark$  A variety of well-groomed ski runs for all skill levels.
- $\checkmark$  A modern lift system that minimizes waiting times.

✓ A connection to Germany's Fichtelberg resort, providing a broader skiing area.

- ✓ A fantastic snowpark and freeride zones for adrenaline seekers.
- ✓ Family-friendly facilities and ski schools.
- Exciting après-ski and dining experiences.
- ✓ A commitment to sustainability and eco-friendly tourism.

With stunning landscapes, a wide range of activities, and great accessibility, Klínovec Skiareál is the perfect winter destination for both families and experienced skiers alike.



### **TOP 6 SKI RUNS IN KLÍNOVEC SKIAREÁL**

Ski run 1 Jáchymovská No. 5 of the TOP 10 Longest Runs in the Czech Republic





### SKI RUN 1 JÁCHYMOVSKÁ

NO. 5 OF THE TOP 10 LONGEST RUNS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Length of the ski run: 2950 m
Altitude difference: 481 m
Average gradient: 16%

Level of difficulty:

### Ski run details:



**A-LD Prima Express** 1235 m AMSL



#### **A-LD Prima Express** 754 m AMSL





### SKI RUN 2 DÁMSKÁ

Length of the ski run: 1700 m
Altitude difference: 225 m
Average gradient: 13%

Level of difficulty:

### Ski run details:



D-LD Dámská 4S 1230 m AMSL



D-LD Dámská 4S 1005 m AMSL





### SKI RUN 3 PAŘEZOVKA

Length of the ski run: 1600 m
Altitude difference: 285 m
Average gradient: 18%

Level of difficulty:

### Ski run details:



**B-LD CineStar Express 4S** 1240 m AMSL



**B-LD CineStar Express 4S** 955 m AMSL





### SKI RUN 10 TURISTICKÁ

Length of the ski run: 1700 m
Altitude difference: 243 m
Average gradient: 14%

Level of difficulty:

### Ski run details:



C-LD Suzuki 4S 1240 m AMSL



C-LD Suzuki 4S 997 m AMSL



