**Kranjska Gora**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Snowboarders

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

17

**Intermediate Runs**

3

**Advanced Runs**

1

**Total Runs**

21

**Lifts**

21

**Chairs**

7

**Drags**

14

**Gondola Cable Cars**

0

**Parks**

1

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

1.9m (6ft).

**Overview**

Kranjska Gora is arguably the best equipped resort for alpine skiing in Slovenia, one of the countries that lays claim to being the birthplace of the sport. While it may not look like much at first glance with its modern buildings encircling a more attractive and older centre, Kranjska Gora offers one of the best choices of accommodation and après-ski activities of any ski resort in the country.

The pistes in Kranjska Gora are on the eastern slopes of Mount Vitranc, which peaks at 1,631m (5,436ft). But it's not just about downhill here; cross-country trails follow the lower slopes westward to Planica, where ski jumping started and now continues with the hosting of the prestigious Ski Jumping World Cup each March. What's more, visitors will find ample facilities for snowboarding, telemarking, tobogganing, ice skating and ice climbing here.

**Location**

Some 90km (56 miles) northwest of Ljubljana, Kranjska Gora sits in the Sava Dolinka valley separating the Karavanke Mountains from the Julian Alps. The borders with Italy and Austria are only 6km (4 miles) to the west and northwest respectively.

**Website**

http://www.kranjska-gora.si

**Piste Map**

http://www.kranjska-gora.si/resources/files/doc/KG\_Panorama\_smucisc.pdf

**Hit The Slopes**

The ski season in Kranjska Gora lasts from mid-December to mid-April, with about 90 days of guaranteed snow cover. Snow-making cannons (covering three quarters of the ski slopes) top up Mother Nature's efforts when required, provided it is cold enough.

The slopes at Kranjska Gora cater to skiers of all levels of ability, but only 2.5km (1.5 miles) of the runs are designated 'difficult' – these are mostly racing pistes at Podkoren, 3km (2 miles) to the west. The majority are suitable for beginner skiers and less experienced intermediates, with 10km (6 miles) of runs classified as blue. Freestyle snowboarders can make use of the resort’s terrain park, while cross-country skiers have around 40km (25 miles) of trails to explore.

The resort's lifts are mostly drags; many of them running parallel up from various points along the valley floor. But there are an increasing number of fast chairlifts, including several quads.

A number of companies offer ski tuition and rental equipment, including Skipass Travel (Borovška cesta 95; tel: 04 582 1000; [www.skipasstravel.si](http://www.skipasstravel.si)). In total, there are four ski schools in Kranjska Gora ski resort that offer a range of lessons and courses for both skiers and snowboarders.

**Kranjska Gora**

**Resort**

803

**Base**

810

**Top**

1291

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Like many ski resorts, Kranjska Gora offers a choice of winter sports activities, including sledding, ski mountaineering and ice climbing. There are also a number of spa and wellness areas in the main hotels. For those who fancy a flutter, the resort is also home to a casino.

Slovenia is a compact country and most of the major sites and urban areas are within easy reach from Kranjska Gora. Just 39km (24 miles) to the southeast (an easy day trip from Kranjska Gora) is Bled, Slovenia's most popular tourist destination and another ski area base. With its emerald-green lake, picture-postcard church on an islet, medieval castle clinging to a rocky cliff and snow-covered Alps as a backdrop, it's easy to see why. Bled is accessible by direct bus or with a change at Jesenice station.

**Family Fun**

Kranjska Gora maintains a supervised children's kindergarten on the snow. There is also a children's outdoor play area with a new 'magic carpet' lift to transport young skiers safely.

Kids love having a ride on one of the horse-drawn carriages, which can be hired from a stand behind SKB Banka on Borovška cesta. Antique carriages and sledges are kept in the large barn behind Liznjek Farm (Borovška cesta 63; tel: (0)4 583 3500; [www.gornjesavskimuzej.si](http://www.gornjesavskimuzej.si)), an endearing 18th-century farmstead (and now a museum) with household objects and furnishings peculiar to this mountainous region.

**Retail Therapy**

In addition to hiring out equipment, Sport Point (Borovška cesta 93a; tel: (04) 588 4882; [www.sport-point.si](http://www.sport-point.si)), next to the tourist office, sells skis, poles, boots, snowboards and just about anything else you need to get onto the slopes or trails.

**Splashing Out**

Re-energize after a day on the slopes and/or trails at the Aqua Larix Wellness Centre, a large indoor waterpark at the Hotel Larix (Borovška cesta 99; tel: (0)4 588 4100; [www.hitholidays-kg.si](http://www.hitholidays-kg.si)) with its pools, saunas and treatment centres.

**Apres Ski**

All of the big hotels have popular bars and clubs where skiers congregate after coming off the slopes. These include the bar in the Hotel Larix (Borovška cesta 99; tel: (0)4 588 4100; [www.hitholidays-kg.si](http://www.hitholidays-kg.si)), which has good views of the slopes. Opposite this hotel is the most popular venue for late-night après-ski in Kranjska Gora, Vopa Pub (Borovška cesta 92), which stays open until 0300.

**Eating Out**

One of the best places to try local specialities such as *telečja obara* (veal stew) is Gostilna Pri Martinu (Borovška cesta 61; tel (0)4 582 0300). This atmospheric tavern is located in an old house opposite the fire station. Further down the street, the restaurant at the Hotel Kotnik (Borovška cesta 75; tel: (0)4 588 1564; [www.hotel-kotnik.si](http://www.hotel-kotnik.si)) serves grilled food and has an adjoining pizzeria – this homely restaurant is decorated with lovely bits of painted dowry chests on the walls.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Ljubljana Airport (LJU).

Distance to resort: 66km (41 miles).

Driving time: 1 hour.

**Getting Around**

Kranjska Gora is a very small town and everything (including the chairlifts up to the Vitranc ski slopes) is within easy walking distance. Some of the runs originating in Kranjska Gora join up with those at Podkoren.

**Hotels**

Kranjska Gora is a pretty resort that arguably offers the best choice and quality of ski accommodation in Slovenia. There are numerous accommodation possibilities, from guest houses, private houses and apartments to up-scale hotels in Kranjska Gora. There are also alpine hostels on the mountains for those wishing to be even closer to the slopes.

**Hostel Pr' Tatko**

This former farmhouse dates back to 1913, but is today a popular four-room hostel with 15 beds. The hostel is located in Podkoren, 3km (2 miles) to the west of Kranjska Gora.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Podkoren 72

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Kranjska Gora

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Slovenia

**Telephone**

(03) 147 9087.

**Website**

http://www.prtatko.com

**Hotel Kotnik**

Hotel Kotnik is a charming and very stylish 15-room inn in the very centre of Kranjska Gora. Guests can dine in either the on-site restaurant or pizzeria.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Borovška cesta 75

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Kranjska Gora

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Slovenia

**Telephone**

(0)4 588 1564.

**Website**

http://www.hotel-kotnik.si

**Hotel Miklič**

This spotless 3-star property is south of the resort centre, surrounded by well-manicured lawns and flowerbeds. The on-site restaurant serves good quality local fare.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Vitranška ulica 13

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Kranjska Gora

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

Slovenia

**Telephone**

(0)4 588 1635.

**Website**

http://www.hotelmiklic.com