**Kranjska Gora**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Snowboarders

Families

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

22

**Intermediate Runs**

9

**Advanced Runs**

4

**Total Runs**

35

**Lifts**

24

**Chairs**

6

**Drags**

18

**Gondola Cable Cars**

0

**Parks**

1

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

1.9m (6ft).

**Overview**

Kranjska Gora is one of Slovenia’s best known resorts, located less than 6.5km (4 miles) from both the Austrian and Italian borders, it is an annual host of a major World Cup downhill race that draws the planet’s media to this small resort each March.

That World Cup status is however a little misleading in the modern era; Kranjska Gora’s skiing was established in the late 1940s when ski areas topping out below 2,000m (6,500ft) were the norm. In the modern era the resort’s low top lift height and very limited terrain mean that its main appeal is to beginners and early intermediates looking for an unintimidating area.

But it's not just about downhill at Kranjska Gora; cross-country trails follow the lower slopes westward to the ski jumping hill at Planica. What's more, visitors will find ample facilities for tobogganing, ice skating and ice climbing here as well as the best choices of accommodation and après-ski activities of any ski resort in the country.

**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/en/activities/winter-activities/skiing

**Hit The Slopes**

The ski season in Kranjska Gora officially lasts from mid-December to mid-April but in recent years has not stretched far beyond the later half of March. Snow-making cannons (covering three quarters of the ski slopes) are used to 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; 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 (tel: +386 4 582 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. The resort holds a strong reputation for the quality of its teaching.

**Kranjska Gora**

**Resort**

803

**Base**

810

**Top**

1623

**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 has a family friendly ethos with plenty of activities for children on and off the slopes.

The resort maintains a supervised children's kindergarten on the snow. There is also a children's outdoor play area with a 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 (tel: +386 4 583 3500; www.gmj.si), an endearing 18th-century farmstead (and now a museum) with household objects and furnishings peculiar to this mountainous region.

**Retail Therapy**

There’s not a huge amount of shopping in Kranjska, but all of the essentials – including ski shops, mini markets and chemists – are covered.

In addition to hiring out equipment, Sport Point (tel: +386 4 588 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.

Meanwhile, Gallery Kekec (tel: +386 4 132 2518) is good for crystals and souvenirs.

**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 (tel: +386 4 588 4100; [www.hitholidays-kg.si](http://www.hitholidays-kg.si)) with its pools, saunas and treatment centres.

**Apres Ski**

As with most leisure aspects of Kranjska Gora, après-ski is largely focused on key hotels, and the resort tends to be quiet away from these venues.

All of the big hotels have popular bars and clubs where skiers congregate after coming off the slopes. These include the Legends Pub in the Hotel Larix (tel: +386 4 588 4100; [www.hitholidays-kg.si](http://www.hitholidays-kg.si)), which also has a more upscale piano bar and has good views of the slopes.

Opposite this hotel is the most popular venue for late-night après-ski in Kranjska Gora, Vopa Pub (tel; +386 4 588 2077), which stays open until 0300.

**Eating Out**

There are around 20 restaurants in the resort, more than half within the resort’s hotels. The options include local specialities, several excellent pizzerias (expected, considering the resort’s proximity to Italy) and a number of international restaurants.

One of the best places to try local specialities such as *telečjaobara* (veal stew) is Gostilna Pri Martinu (tel +386 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 (tel: +386 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.

If you’re in search of a more international flavour, Shanghai (tel: +386 4 588 1346) is a good Chinese restaurant.

For an après ski snack, Charlie Café (1 Kolodvorska ulica) and Slascicarna Kala (tel: +386 4 588 5544) are both popular and sell homemade cakes and ice cream - If it’s warm enough.

**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.

**ApartHotel Vijolica**

Built in 2007, this 3-star, which contains apartments for two, four or six people, is located near the Kekec ski lift and by the ski slopes in the centre of Kranjska Gora. All apartments include modern kitchen facilities with washing machines as well as televisions and Wi-Fi.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Vitranška ulica 13

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Kranjska Gora

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

4280

**Country**

Slovenia

**Telephone**

+386 4 588 5935

**Website**

www.hotel-vijolica.com/en

**Hotel Lek**

A well located 4-star offering, the Hotel Lek has a reputation for friendly service and benefits from on-site facilities that include a hot tub and swimming pool. The breakfast here is particularly good.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Borovška cesta 75

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Kranjska Gora

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

4280

**Country**

Slovenia

**Telephone**

+386 4 588 1520

**Website**

www.hotel-lek.si

**Hotel Skipass**

The recently opened Hotel Skipass has made a quick impression thanks to its friendly service, modern décor and excellent restaurant, which serves Italian, Slovenian and Austrian dishes.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Koroska ulica 14c

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Kranjska Gora

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

4280

**Country**

Slovenia

**Telephone**

+386 4 582 1000

**Website**

www.skipasshotel.si

**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**

4280

**Country**

Slovenia

**Telephone**

+386 3 147 9087

**Website**

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**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Borovška cesta 75

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Kranjska Gora

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

4280

**Country**

Slovenia

**Telephone**

+386 4 588 1564

**Website**

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**

4280

**Country**

Slovenia

**Telephone**

+386 4 588 1635

**Website**

www.hotelmiklic.com