



MOUNTAINS IN BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA



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The youngest mountain centre Kramolín is situated on the western end of Šumava. It has several downhill tracks and necessary number of ski lifts. The progressively designed area above the Lipno lake uses also many of accommodation and catering facilities on the banks of the lake.

The increasing number of visitors from abroad and the close cooperation between individual places on Czech and German side of the border attracts more and more foreign tourists to Šumava enchanted by its beauty.



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Krušné Hory (Krušné Mountains)

are the longest mountain range in Bohemia (130 km). Extensive forest cover with abundant peat bogs at top parts gives specific, a bit gloomy character to the whole area.

The relief of the country offers number of opportunities for downhill and ski hike fans.



The ridge is easily accessible by many communications, climbing up to relatively considerable heights so the ski fans can comfortably use their own or public transport directly to the heart of ski terrain.

Several ski centres have originated within the mountain range. In particular the best equipped area is Kinovec. Boží Dar with Jáchymov in the west. It has available many downhill race courses of various levels of difficulty, terrain for cross-country skiing or hiking. In Jáchymov, which is famous for its radium spa, there is also, except of downhill courses, ski-jump for both competitors and the public and biathlon centre, the scene of regular international sport events.

Other centres are of rather local importance. In the west there is, for example Abertamy with Pešicev and Pernink, in the central part Mladá with Nové Město, Boudník and Mikulov (popular setting-off point for ski tours, with good sporting facilities and rather modest accommodation), in the east the mountain range Záhřívka and Adolfov.



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Jizerské Hory (Jizersa Mountains)

are the smallest mountain range in the Czech Republic nearly continuously passing to Krkonoše on the southwest.

The mountainous region of various shapes and relatively lower altitude forms the advantageous natural conditions mainly for cross-country skiing and tourism. Mostly gradual slopes and wide, maintained routes with rather small differences in elevation enable skiing also for not very capable skiers. But there are also downhill courses satisfying the most demanding skiers. Besides of the skiers also fans of bobsleighs and toboggans get their money's worth.

Right on the foot of the mountain range there are situated relatively big towns like Liberec and Jablonec nad Nisou, that represent the natural starting point for part of the mountain visitors with very good accommodation, catering, social, cultural and other facilities. There is a ski centre for downhill skiing, cross-country and ski jump, the regular scene of annual international ski jump competitions at the edge of Liberec.

Other ski centres are mainly territorial concentration of cross-country tracks and tourist routes, downhill tracks, cableways, ski lifts and other sporting facilities. The main such place is in Bedřichov (easily accessible from Jablonec nad Nisou), the best quality and demanding downhill tracks with continuing facilities are at Spicak near Tanvald, the scene of the European competitions. Well-known is also Jizerska in particular as a setting-off point of the biggest cross-country race in the republic, The Jizersa Fifty. Except for Liberec also Písek and Tanvald, with one of the rare bobsleigh courses, are connected with ski jumps. Smržovka is the sledging centre.



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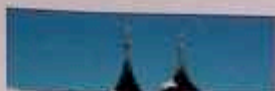
are the highest and most frequently visited mountain range in the Czech Republic. The natural relief and vegetation cover alternating with bare plains creates many suitable ski terrains both for downhill and classic events, for demanding skiers, for those, who are not so capable and for the beginners. The mountain range is formed by several mountain ridges with main ski centres. It is interlaced with marked and maintained trails, connecting the peaks and individual resident places and accommodation facilities spread over the whole region. These trails offer inexhaustible number of combinations according to the number of kilometres, differences in elevation and ability demands.

Vrchlabí, with Krkonoše museum and Informational Centre for the whole area, is considered to be the gate to Krkonoše. The mountain centres are situated mainly between the mountain ridges, the main are Hamachov with nearby Rokytnice in the west, Spindlerův Mlýn in the middle and Pec pod Sněžkou and Janské Lázně in the east. They are forming natural inclining places with good sporting, technical, cultural and social facilities and large accommodation and catering capacities both for demanding and modest visitors. There are downhill race courses, many cableways and ski lifts, cross-country tracks and terrains for other winter sports concentrated around them and they became the setting-off points for the hikes. Also well organized ski training schools for children and adults naturally take place here. The safe movement in the mountains according to one's wish and interest by using any of nice trails running out from and drawing the circles around the main centres is enabled by thoroughly informed centres and maintained signs in the whole area.

Krkonoše are annual scene of the World Cup competitions and other downhill, cross-country, ski jump and skibob events with international attendance, that are thrilling and interesting spectacles for the fans. Those, who love the close connection with the nature, can use the opportunity to live in any of numerous mountain cottages or huts situated directly on routes, mountain slopes or tops.



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Orlické Hory (Orlické Mountains)
rank among the smallest Czech mountain ranges. They form relatively undivided territory with one mountain ridge 50 km long. The altitude of peaks oscillates around 1000 m and rather small differences in elevation within the whole ridge provide good conditions for ski tourism and in some places also opportunities for downhill skiing. The main centres have natural conditions both for alpine and classic skiing and ski tourism. The biggest centre is Dešná with downhill courses and routes for winter hiking in its surroundings. The advantage is the road from the saddle to the parking place enabling comfortable entrance to sporting facilities. The annual international pupils' Skisporters' downhill skiing competition takes place in Řitky, situated in the heart of wooded peaks. Besides the race course there are tourist downhill courses, standard cross-country courses, ski jump and from the peaks it is possible to enter the Orlické mountains main line. There are Červená Řečice on the eastern part of the range with downhill, cross-country and tourist terrain. Orlické mountains are the scene of regular international competitions of World Cup of Biathlon in 12 peaks.



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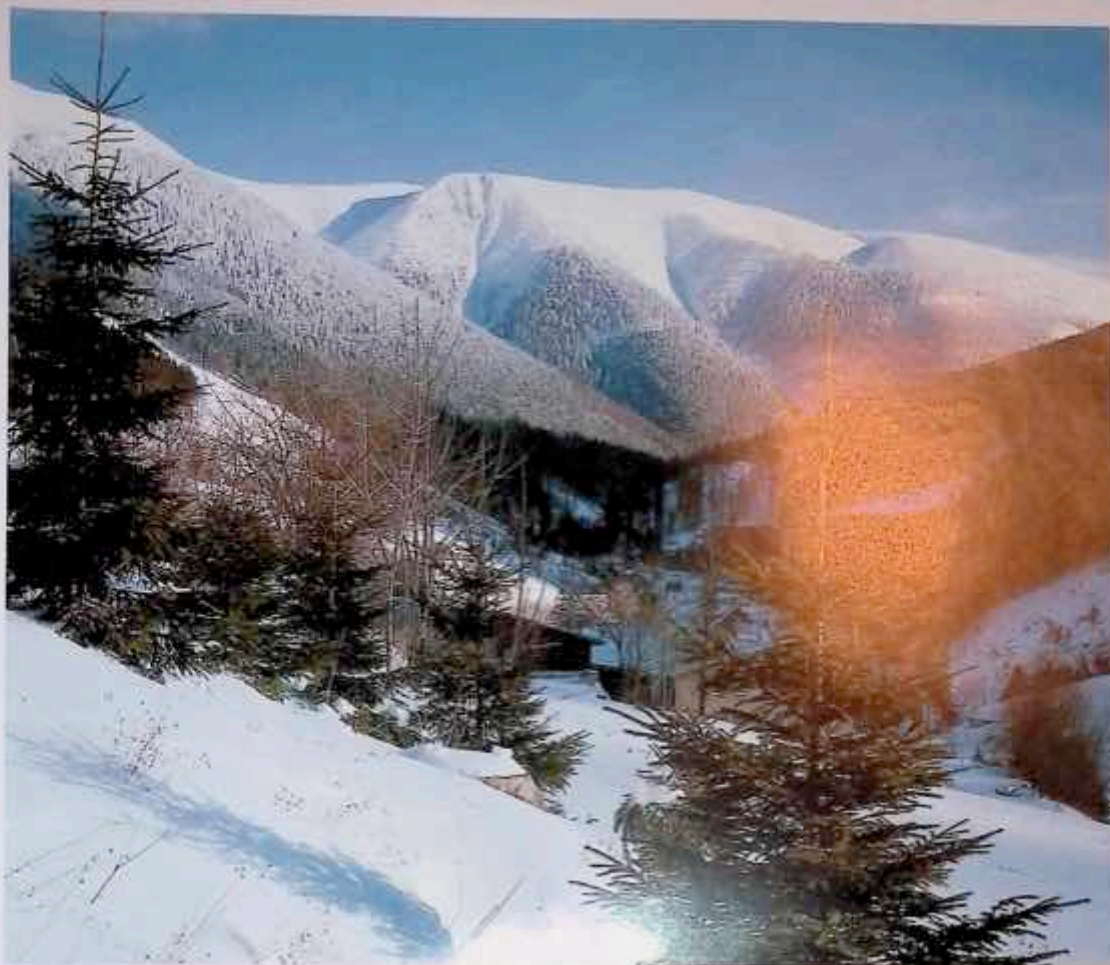
Beškydy (Beskydy)

are formed by several mountainous formations at the east tip of Moravia at the Slovak and Polish border, not making up the compact mountain whole. The meeting of several nations' culture has impressed unreplicable atmosphere expressing itself in architectural picturesque of the original wooden constructions that we know rather from the inland open-air museums.

Many of the peaks are above 1000 m, the highest one is Lysá hora (1323 m). This fact contributes to local very good snow conditions. The continuous snow cover lasts on the ridges for 150-180 days, its average height is 120-150 cm and thus creating good conditions for winter sports in the whole area.

There are opportunities there for downhill and cross-country fans, lovers of tourist trips and ski jumps. Attractive centres are Lysá hora for its downhill terrain, and one of the oldest centres Pustevny - Radhošť offering not only very good downhill tracks with necessary ski lifts and other facilities, cross country courses, but also unique rustic constructions. Important ski jump centre František pod Radhoštěm with several ski jumps with artificial cover is the annual date for the world top ski jumpers at the beginning of the winter season. Those, who prefer winter holidays spent rather quietly in the nature to struggle for the prizes on the downhill course, queue for the ski lifts or in the cross-country track, will find plenty of suitable opportunities how to spend the free time according to their dreams.





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Mountains form the integral part of the Czech Republic region creating territorially tighten up area in this part of Central Europe. With the altitudes they rank among the medium-sized mountain ranges incomparable with Alps or Pyrenees. In spite of this they represent beautiful and various country regions offering numerous ravishing sceneries for the visitors and opportunities both for demanding sport enjoyment and mere tourism. Also sport fans that prefer watching the sport struggling of skiers, ski jumpers, skibobber and other sportsmen will be satisfied.

During relatively long history there have originated many centres of winter sports in the mountains of the Czech Republic providing, with their equipment and comfort, pleasant stay for all visitors. The safe stay in the mountains is secured by regular and systematic maintenance and marking of the tourist routes and everyday care from the side of the Mountain Rescue Service with sites widely spread over all mountain ranges.

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