



## Getting to the Slopes

A transfer service to the ski slopes at Borovets is available - please contact us for more details. Transfer time is approx. 15-20 minutes.

For those driving a hire vehicle, car parking is available at the Hotels Rila and Samokov in Borovets.

## Skiing Packages

Skiing packages are available to save you time and money. We can help you buy your package before your holiday. A minimum of 21 days notice is required to qualify for the best discounts on lift prices.

## Pistes

The mountain slopes total over 45 km of runs and have a lasting snow cover of over 1.5 m from mid-December to the end of April. The runs vary in degree of difficulty and are suitable for skiers of all abilities:

**Beginners:** there are gentle nursery slopes and a high standard of English speaking instruction. Soon you'll be heading for the wonderful blue pistes of the Sitnyakovo, reached after a spectacular ride by chair-lift.

**Intermediates:** the well-planned lift system includes the 3-mile, six-person Yastrebets gondola, which opens up a wealth of enjoyable runs, ranging from wide sunny boulevards in the Moussala basin, to scenic looping trails through the trees.

**Advanced:** there is the testing World Cup run, one of the more challenging pistes in the Yastrebets area, or excellent skiing through the trees and off-piste. The resort offers cross-country and biathlon tracks together with the cross-country tuition tracks. Ski across a wide range of terrain and enjoy the absolute silence of the mountain wilderness, the brilliant whiteness of fresh powder, a cloudless sky and the sweet smell of pine.

The runs are grouped into 3 areas:

**Sitnyakovo - Martinovi Baraki:** 8 ski-runs

The higher, more difficult ski runs are used for slalom, while on the lower slopes, there are special runs for beginners.

**Yastrebets:** 3 ski-runs

The cabin Gondola lift, with a capacity of 1200 persons per hour, takes 23 minutes to reach to the peak of Yastrebets (2369 m). The length of the route is 4827 m. When you get off of the lift you can see the highest peaks of the Rila mountain range - Moussala, Malka Moussala, Irichek, Deno and Aleko.

**Markoudjika:** 4 ski-runs

This area is the highest of the resort, reaching 2550 m above sea level

Piste maps can be viewed here: [Full](#), [Zoom 1](#) and [Zoom 2](#).

Night skiing can be enjoyed every evening from 5pm to 10pm. If you have never tried it before, skiing under flood lights is a delightful experience, especially in February and March when the evening temperatures begin to rise a little. Even the ride up the chairlift at night is magical, the lights of houses and towns twinkling in the distance.

Whatever time you choose to ski, you can rest assured that all the runs have been designed to the highest standards, including international markings and multilingual signs. They are maintained in perfect condition with eight snow cannons ensuring optimum snow cover - snowmaking and good grooming can change a good day on the slopes into a great day.

A ski patrol provides a round-the-clock emergency service. It is organised in four, fully equipped teams with recourse to a helicopter if needed.

## Ski Lifts

| Lift Type               | Length (m) | Capacity (Persons/hr) | Upper Station (m) | Opening Hours |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>Martinovi Baraki</b> |            |                       |                   |               |
| Four-seat chair lift    | 1209       | 1500                  | 1790              | 08:30 - 22:00 |
| Drag 2                  | 180        | 700                   | 1370              | 08:30 - 21:40 |
| Drag 3                  | 200        | 700                   | 1390              | 08:30 - 21:40 |
| Drag 4                  | 550        | 400                   |                   | 08:30 - 16:30 |
| <b>Yastrebets</b>       |            |                       |                   |               |
| Gondola lift            | 4827       | 1200                  | 2363              | 08:45 - 16:50 |
| Kotvata drag            | 2100       | 550                   | 2000              | 08:30 - 16:30 |
| Yastrebets drag         | 450        | 400                   | 1640              | 08:30 - 16:30 |
| <b>Markoudjika</b>      |            |                       |                   |               |
| Drag 1                  | 903        | 1000                  | 2443              | 09:00 - 16:00 |
| Drag 2                  | 1086       | 1000                  | 2448              | 09:00 - 16:00 |
| Drag 3                  | 1031       | 1000                  | 2550              | 09:00 - 16:00 |

Four baby drags, with a total length of 1,200 m are in service at practicing sites. All lifts close for half a day each week to carry out technical checks and for one full day each month to undertake maintenance.

## **Snowboarding and Snowmobiles**

If you are snowboard enthusiast, make sure you try the Rotata half-pipe in the Martinovi Baraki area of the resort. With a total length of 1240 m and a vertical drop of 320 m, the run has been designed to satisfy both beginners and advanced riders. The lower section of the run is suitable for beginners; the upper and middle sections are good for advanced snowboarders. The Rotata can be accessed via its own drag or a four-seat chair lift.

Winter brings many snowmobilers to Borovets to revel in the dry powder snow of the Rila mountains. The resort offers kilometres of breathtaking groomed and ungroomed trails in age-old pine forest.

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