

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
 - TOP 10 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:
 - a. **AUSTRIA: 7 ski regions -> 70 ski resorts**
 1. TOP 20 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN TYROL
 2. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN SALZBURG
 3. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN VORARLBERG
 4. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN CARINTHIA
 5. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN STYRIA
 6. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN UPPER AUSTRIA
 7. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN LOWER AUSTRIA

- b. **FRANCE: 5 ski regions -> 70 ski resorts**
 - 1. TOP 30 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN AUVERGNE - RHÔNE - ALPES
 - 2. TOP 15 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN PROVENCE - ALPES - CÔTE D'AZUR
 - 3. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN OCCITANIE
 - 4. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN GRAND EST
 - 5. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN BURGUND-FREIGRAFSCHAFT / BOURGOGNE-FRANCHE-COMTÉ
- c. **ITALY: 7 ski regions -> 70 ski resorts**
 - 1. TOP 15 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN SOUTH TYROL / BOLZANO-ALTO ADIGE
 - 2. TOP 15 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN TRENTO
 - 3. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN PIEDMONT
 - 4. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN LOMBARDY
 - 5. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN AOSTA VALLEY
 - 6. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN VENETO
 - 7. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN ABRUZZO
- d. **SWITZERLAND: 7 ski regions -> 70 ski resorts**
 - 1. TOP 20 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN VALAIS
 - 2. TOP 15 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN GRAUBÜNDEN
 - 3. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN CENTRAL SWITZERLAND
 - 4. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN ESPACE MITTELLAND
 - 5. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN EASTERN SWITZERLAND
 - 6. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN TICINO
 - 7. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN VAUD-LAKE GENEVA REGION
- e. **CZECH REPUBLIC: 5 ski regions -> 30 ski resorts**
 - 1. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ REGION
 - 2. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN LIBEREC REGION
 - 3. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN KARLOVY VARY REGION
 - 4. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN OLOMOUC REGION
 - 5. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN MORAVIAN-SILESIA REGION
- f. **GERMANY: 4 ski regions -> 25 ski resorts**
 - 1. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN BAVARIA
 - 2. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN BADEN - WÜRTTEMBERG
 - 3. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA
 - 4. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN SAXONY
- g. **SLOVAKIA: 3 ski regions -> 20 ski resorts**
 - 1. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN ŽILINA REGION
 - 2. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN BANSKÁ BYSTRICA REGION
 - 3. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN PREŠOV REGION
- h. **POLAND: 3 ski regions -> 20 ski resorts**
 - 1. TOP 10 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN LESSER POLAND
 - 2. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN SILESIA
 - 3. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN LOWER SILESIA
- i. **SPAIN: 4 ski regions -> 18 ski resorts**
 - 1. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN CATALONIA
 - 2. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN ARAGÓN
 - 3. TOP 5 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN CASTILLA Y LEÓN
 - 4. TOP 3 BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN ANDORRA
- j. **SLOVENIA – no division into regions.**