

There are nine ski runs and snowboard tracks with total length of 25 km. Their slopes are as follows

- 1-Green 1750 m. with slope of 11 %
- 2-Blue 3500 m. with slope of 17 %
- 3-Red 2800 m. with slope of 28 %
- 4-Black 2800 m. with slope of 26 %
- 5-Black 2400 m. with slope of 32 %
- 6-Red 2,600 m. with slope of 32 %
- 7-Green 1,750 m. with slope of 17 %
- 8-Black 2,250 m. with slope of 34 %
- 9-Red 2250 m. with slope of 34 %

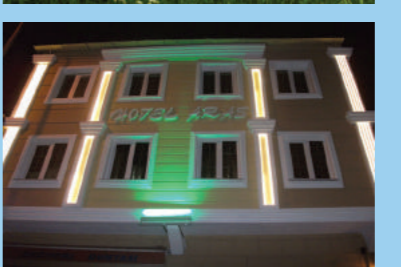


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# Türkiye

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Can chilly winter weather present a nice scene? Certainly, you will find the answer in Sarıkamış district of Kars. Sarıkamış, one of the highest locations of Turkey with altitude of 2100 meters takes on snow-white panorama in October. The green feature of the yellow pine forests surrounding the mountains becomes united with white blanket of snow. Pine trees look like a giant snowman with the downward needle leaves. Skiers with colorful clothes slip down through the play of light hidden behind leaves. So to say, with cheerful screams, skiers create a colorful fashion show by blowing snow powders away.

Sarıkamış, located in Eastern Anatolia region of Turkey is at a 55 km. distance to the city center of Kars. The area of Sarıkamış district is 1732 km2 and it has 30 thousand hectares yellow pine forests. Due to continental climate characteristic, Sarıkamış has long, cold and snowy winters, short and cool summers.

The history of Sarıkamış district goes back to the B.C. periods. After dominations of Hittite, Urartu, Kimmer, Scythian, Part, Sassanian and Byzantine, it first fell under domination of Seljuk then Ottoman Empire in 1534. After 19th Century, the region had Russian Empire period and then re-connected to the Turkey in 1920.

The district still retains and exhibits its historical richness. In the district, Urartian castles, Byzantine churches, Turkish architectural works, stone buildings and mansions as sample of Baltic architecture are amongst the places of interest.

The wonderland Sarıkamış covered with snow during the most of the year, is one of the most important ski centers of Turkey. Spreading tourism activities over twelve month of the year with its skiing, walking, bike, culture, scenic car way, jip, safari etc. routes, Sarıkamış is amongst the important tourism centers of Turkey.

Sarıkamış Ski Center, located at slopes of Bayraktepe (Cibıltepe) rising 2634 meters high, provides service to ski lovers with its long track, high-quality accommodation facilities, natural yellow pine forests and the quality of large grain crystal snow only available in this region except for the Alps. As the tracks are covered with yellow pine forests, in ski center, there is no avalanche risk.

In Sarıkamış, Alpine discipline and Northern discipline skiing can be performed in areas covered with about one meter snow

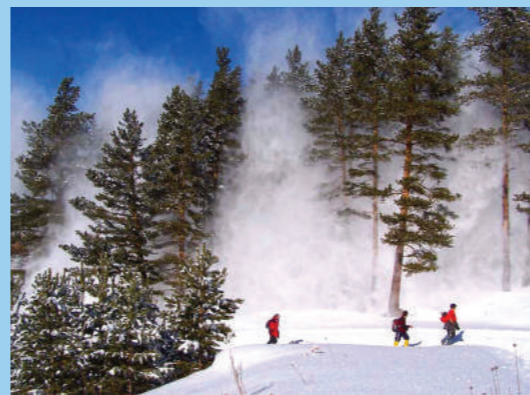
from 15th November to 15th April. Additionally there are also tracks for snowboard, Cross Country, touring ski and sledging tours. In Bayraktepe (Cibıltepe) Ski Center, there are alpine discipline tracks and also 5 km length part of northern discipline tracks is approved by ISF (International Ski federation). Besides, routes with the length of 5-50 km are available for snow mobile tours.

The ski resort, having 2400 person/hour capacity and equipped with floor heated, computerized chair lift system and rising with the landscape of yellow pine forests, is regarded as the most developed ski facility of Turkey and included in the qualified ski facilities in the world.

The first lift with 1700 meter length is connected to the ski center through a 3 km ski-run with an ideal slope for the beginner skiers. The 2600 meter length second lift is connected to the first lift by many ski-runs. There is another chair lift which operates downward from top to Karanlıkdere and its length is 1750 mt and capacity is 1500 person/hour.

The first stage ski-runs surrounded by pine forests are suitable for the beginner skiers because of slight slopes. The peak point with view of Allahuekber and Aladağ mountains and Sarıkamış settlement has different ski-run options.

Karanlıkdere ski-run, which has slope of 28%, is called as "Çılgınlar Pisti (Ski-Run for Crazy Ones)" by Sarıkamış citizens and is open to very experienced sportsmen. Area has also two alp discipline ski-runs with 4300 mt length and a 200 mt snowboard track. Let's remind that there are cafes for rest break in both stages and Karanlıkdere.



### ACCOMMODATION

The region has privileged accommodation facilities. You may enjoy small privileges during your holiday on the facilities serving as peaceful resting places. When you feel chilly or wish to take a break while skiing/snowboarding, you may rest at scenic windows of cafes and try different tastes at the restaurants where you can find samples from local and world cuisine.

### ENTERTAINMENT

To enjoy your leisure time; recreational and sport areas are awaiting you. The activities as table tennis, chess, bowling and billiard, kids zone and animations provide opportunities to have fun for the whole family. By resting your spirit in the pool, steam bath, fitness and Turkish bath, you will refresh your body. At nights, you may experience the serenity near the heat of fireplace or have cheery talks at bars. The energetic ones may participate in torch walks or they may blow off steam at discos.



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