

Skiing in Lebanon

Mountains are the best place for a relaxing and peaceful retreat. Especially the Lebanese mountains that offers a friendly and unique atmosphere for skiing and snow activities during winter.



Cedars, Faraya and Laklouk are the first three destinations that come to our mind when we think of white summits!! Let's take a look on each one and see what to do there!

The Cedars:

The Cedars forest is one of the main tourist attractions in Lebanon; the forest has been mentioned and referred to many times in the Bible, its rich history has made this area one of the most important tourist destinations in the Middle East.

Today, it is a preserved area and is being turned into an open art museum through the work of artist Rudy Rahme who is transforming dead cedar trees into works of art.

Nature lovers will find paradise on earth in this region endowed by breathtaking landscape and natural wonders for the eye.

What to do??



- Activities include:
 - Alpine Ski
 - Cross Country ski
 - Off-piste skiing
 - Paragliding
 - Chairlifts and T- Bar lifts carry skiers to slopes with varying levels of difficulty.
 - One Gondola is soon to be installed.
 - Ski and snowboard instructors are available at the ski station

Ski Lessons: 20\$/hour

Special prices for groups, schools and children

Pricelist:

- Adults:

- Daily pass/Weekends & Holidays: 60,000LBP
- Daily Pass/Weekdays: 45,000LBP
- Half Day pass/Weekends & Holidays: 45,000LBP

Students:

- University Students / all week: 45,000LBP
- School students / all week: 40,000LBP
- Group Colony students: 35,000LBP

Season Ticket for Adults: 500\$

Season Ticket for Children: 350\$

- Children up to 5 years old: free

For students and children, please show ID when purchasing a ticket.

Special prices and deals can be made for groups.

For information call:

961 3 385 838

961 6 678 093

- **Hotels:**

- Mon refuge 06 678 050
- Cedars Palace 06 678 190
- Auberge des cedres 06 678 888
- Hotel St Bernard 06 678 100
- Le Cedrus suites 06 678 777
- La Cabane hotel 06 671067

- **Chalets:**

Chalets are available for rent, they can be rented weekly, monthly or seasonally

* Saint Jean 03/294936

* Saint Elie 03/537726

* Saint Raphael

* Chalets Hamid Kairouz

* Chalets Antoine Kairouz

* Chalets Sassine 03/627402

* Chalets Ignace Kairouz

* Chalets Joseph Succar

Faraya - Mzaar Kfardebian

Mzaar Kfardebian is a ski area in Lebanon and the largest ski resort in the Middle East. It is located one hour away from Beirut, the capital of Lebanon. It is also referred to as Ouyoune el Simane.

The skiing season in Lebanon is similar in length to that of the Alps stretching over a period of 4 months. Skiers, snowboarders, snowmobile addicts, cross-country lovers and paragliders come to Mzaar from all parts of the country. Starting at 1850m, you may reach the 2465m top of Mzaar and enjoy the breathtaking view over the colourful Bekaa valley, Mount Hermon of the Anti-Lebanon and other peaks like Laqlouq and The Cedars. Coastal towns and even Beirut, the capital, might be seen on a clear day. Those who want a break from skiing at Mzaar might visit the stunning 30 metre natural bridge of Kfardebian formed by wind and water erosion, and also ruins of a Phoenician temple and a Roman tower.

Information on Mzaar's Slopes:

What used to be called Faraya Mzaar, and known as Mzaar today, presents your skiing pleasures three slope categories on its resort. the slope known as **Refuge** accessible from the Intercontinental Hotel. The main slope known as **Jonction**, as well as the new slope category of **Wardeh**. Slopes normally open from 8:00am – 3:30pm on weekdays, with an extra half an hour of extension on weekends and holidays.



Lift name	Lift length	Diff. in height	Avg. gradient	Top altitude	Level
JONCTION: Baby 1	720m	72m	10%	1946m	Beg.
JONCTION: Jabal Dib	1652m	407m	24%	2296m	Med.
JONCTION: Mzaar	1573m	383m	25%	2465m	Adv.
JONCTION: Piste rouge	1000m	338m	25%	2296m	Adv.
JONCTION: Jonction	573m	163m	28%	2056m	Med.
JONCTION: Rocher	750m	196m	30%	2296m	Adv.

JUNCTION: Ecole	416m	126m	32%	2056m	Med.
JUNCTION: Nabil	700m	241m	34%	2240m	Adv.
REFUGE: Refuge Nord	720m	183m	26%	2035m	Med.
REFUGE: Refuge	1200m	210m	26%	2082m	Med.
WARDEH: Petite source	495m	107m	22%	2125m	Beg.
WARDEH: Lac	698m	153m	22%	2173m	Med.
WARDEH: Nord	1435m	317m	25%	2336m	Adv.
WARDEH: Vallon	328m	86m	27%	2176m	Med.
WARDEH: La Cabane	-	-	33%	2347m	Adv.
WARDEH: Donald	200m	7m	8%	2041m	Beg.
WARDEH: Mickey	495m	43m	9%	2065m	Beg.

Pricelist:

There are 3 types of lift passes at the Mzaar resort (ex-Faraya Mzaar): daily passes, short period passes and season passes. Each type would cover one or more of the 3 ski domains available:

	Weekdays	Weekends
Access to JUNCTION, WARDEH and REFUGE ski domains		
Full day (Adults)	\$33	\$63
Full day (Children less than 16 yrs)	\$27	\$50
Half day (after 12:00)	\$20	\$37
Access to JUNCTION and WARDEH ski domains		
Full day (Adults)	\$27	\$47
Full day (Children less than 16 yrs)	\$20	\$37
Half day (After 12:00)	\$17	\$27
Full day beginners slopes	\$13	\$23
Pedestrian chairlift trip	\$10	

- Some Hotel names:
- Faraya village Club 09 320 666
- Intercontinental Mzaar and Spa 09 340 100
- San Antonio Hotel 70 335656
- Terre Brune 09 300 060
- Chateau d'eau Hotel 09 341424
- The Loge Inn 09 320 020
- Les Elfes Mzaar 09 341 002
- Merab Deluxe Suites 09 231611

- Some Chalets names:
- Mzaar Sport Chalet 70 211503
- Mzaarville Chalets 03 236 623
- Faraya Soulouge Chalets 70 103 222
- Etoile Du Mzaar 03 788 288







Laklouk:

Laklouk is a winter and summer resort, situated on a plateau at an altitude between 1750m and 2000m, and encircled by jagged ridges and terraces bearing thousands of trees. In addition to alpine skiing, it is also one of the best resorts suited for cross country skiing. Mostly visited by families, Laqlouq had its first ski lift installed in 1958, followed by major enhancements to the slopes and the creation of a very qualified ski school. Unlike other resorts, the area surrounding the slopes is nearly free of buildings and construction.



Ski Lifts:

Slopes are opened at 8:00 AM and closed at 3:30 PM during weekdays and 4:00 PM during weekends and holidays.

Lift name		Lift length	Diff. in height	Avg. grad.	Top altitude	Level
El Matkoubeh		960m	110m	12%	1750m	Beg.
Matta		390m	100m	19%	1780m	Med.
Richbourg		580m	145m	25-70%	1830m	Adv.
Stade		650m	160m	27%	1800m	Adv.
Kornet Jreid		1017m	255m	35%	1914m	Adv.
Baby Ski		145m	13m	9%	1800m	Beg.



Pricelist:

Lift passes can either be bought per day, for a few days or per season. Both US Dollars and Lebanese Liras are accepted. Rates are as follows:

\$1 = LL1510 (Prices inclusive of taxes)

Full day (weekday) \$17

Full day (weekend / official holiday) \$23

Half day (after 12:00 - weekday) \$14

Half day (after 12:00 - weekend) \$17

Insurance and taxes are included in the price

- Hotels:
 - Shangri-La 09 430 006
 - Nirvana 03 44 11 12

- Ski or snowboard lessons are provided by our professional team of instructors. We cater for all levels from first-timers to advanced skiers. Lessons can be given in private to 1 or 2 persons, or to larger group and schools.

For more information please follow the links below:

- www.skileb.com
- www.skiinglebanon.com
- www.cedarsoflebanon.info
- www.skimzaar.com
- www.lakloukresort.com

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