

A tourist guides presentation

Shymbulak Ski Resort
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- History
- Shymbulak (also known as "Chimbulak") was discovered by amateur skiers in the 1940s. Soon after, it became the first downhill route in the Soviet Union. Skiers originally needed to climb up the mountain tops on foot (which took roughly 3 hours). In 1954 a 1500 meters ski tow was built. Starting from 1961, Shymbulak hosted several USSR Championships and the Silver Edelweisse prize skiing competitions. In 1983 it became the Olympic ski training center for the USSR. During this time, various commodities were built including restaurants and hotels.[2]
- The annual "Artyemenko" Prize competition has been held in Shymbulak since 2011. The competition is held on February. Almaty hosted the 2011 Asian Winter Games, bid for 2014 Winter Olympics, considered a bid for 2018 Winter Olympics, but decided to bid for 2022 Winter Olympics instead; Shymbulak was a venue for the Alpine Skiing events (both speed and technical), and would have been for the latter

Shymbulak Ski Area

- Shymbulak in summer.
- The Shymbulak ski resort is located in the upper part of the Medeu Valley in the Zailiisky Alatau mountain range, 25km from Almaty. The resort can be reached by Gondola cars from Meadeu.
- The weather varies from 20 °C (68 °F) in summer to -7 °C (19 °F) in winter and the snow base is about 1.5 to 1.8 metres (60–70 in). The average snowfall is around 1.5 m. The duration of the ski season is from November to April.
- The ski areas span over 3000 ft of vertical drop (920m) and nearly 7.5 miles (12km) of ski runs. There are three ski lifts at the resort with the highest going to 3200 meters above sea level. There is also a Hotel located at the Resort, enabling those wishing to ski during the day, have a place to stay at night.
- It is popular for its mild climate, large quantity of sunny days and great amount of snow through the winter (from November till May). The resort offers a ski and snowboard school. There is also Shymbulak hotel (4 stars) and ski, snowboard and sleigh rentals.
- There are three ski lifts, which cumulatively reach Talgar pass (3,200 metres [10,500 ft] above the sea level), the highest point of the ski resort. The total length of the lifts is 3,620 metres (11,880 ft). There are 3 stations of them; the first one is Intersection Station (2,260 metres [7,410 ft] above the sea level) (9 minute trip), then 20th Prop Station (2,630 metres [8,630 ft] above the sea level) (16.5 minutes) and Talgar pass Station (3,200 metres [10,500 ft] above the sea level). There is also Snow-Park for the fans of snowboarding.

Shymbulak in summer

The Shymbulak ski resort is located in the picturesque gorge of the Trans-Ili Alatau at an altitude of 2,260 meters above sea level, a 15-minute drive from the center of Almaty



Shymbulak in winter



Shymbulak in winter is very beautiful. Its very cold, every year more than 2000 tourists will visit here, in winter there are 2 times more of them.



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- Medeo and Chimbulak (Медео & Чимбулак) are Almaty's winter-sports playgrounds in the Malaya Almatinka valley. The facilities were comprehensively upgraded for Almaty's hosting of the 2011 Asian Winter Games. Medeo, about 15km southeast of central Almaty at an altitude of 1700m, is a scattering of buildings around the huge Medeo ice rink. Chimbulak, further up the valley at 2200m, is Central Asia's top skiing centre. The two are connected by road and a cable car. Medeo is always several degrees cooler than Almaty, and Chimbulak is cooler still. Except in summer, rain in Almaty means snow and zero visibility at the higher elevations.



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