

## **Skiing in Lebanon**

Lebanon, a mountainous country with summits reaching heights of over 10,000 feet, is often referred to as the "Switzerland of the East". Lebanon is home to six well-equipped, well-maintained ski resorts, located on the Mount Lebanon range that faces the Mediterranean and offers terrific downhill ski slopes. The six resorts have a combined 49 ski lifts with pistes totaling 300 km in length. Lebanon's ski resorts are accessible on a day trip with the nearest ski resorts less than an hour's drive from the capital, Beirut. The sociable Lebanese ensure that the après-ski scene is as memorable as the skiing.

The ski season typically runs from mid-December to April, depending on the length and depth of snowfall. In spring, it is sometimes possible to snow ski in the morning and drive to the coast in the afternoon to water ski.