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PART IV

Pocket Guides

Practical, short, ranked.

Into the mountains

POCKET GUIDE

Trebević, Bjelašnica, Igman, Jahorina. The four peaks that ring Sarajevo.

Sarajevo is the only European capital where you can ride a tram to a chairlift. Four mountains, all former Olympic venues, sit within an hour of the centre.

Trebević (1,629 m)

The closest, the easiest. **Cable car** from Bistrik to 1,164 m. Pine forests, **the abandoned 1984 bobsled track**, the best city view in Bosnia.

- **Best for:** sunset, easy walks, photographers
- **How to get there:** cable car from Bistrik, 9 minutes
- **When:** all year

Bjelašnica (2,067 m)

The flagship 1984 Olympic mountain. Modern lifts, reliable snow, lift passes a fraction of Alpine prices.

- **Best for:** skiing, snowboarding, summer hiking
- **How to get there:** 40 minutes by car. Hotel transfers available.
- **When:** December to April for snow. June to October for hiking.

Igman (1,502 m)

Bjelašnica's gentler neighbour. Nordic skiing in winter, meadows and ski-jump ruins in summer.

- **Best for:** cross-country skiing, family days
- **How to get there:** 30 minutes by car
- **When:** all year

Jahorina (1,916 m)

The largest ski resort in Bosnia. More developed than Bjelašnica, more hotels, busier on weekends.

- **Best for:** longer ski trips, families with kids
- **How to get there:** 50 minutes by car
- **When:** December to April

A few hikes we love

- **Trebević summit** from the cable-car top. 90 minutes round trip.
- **Lukomir** — Bosnia's highest village. Summer only. Full day.
- **Rakitnica canyon** — the Grand Canyon of the Balkans. Guide recommended.
- **Bijambare caves** — 45 minutes from town. Easy walking, an hour underground.

What to pack

- Real boots. The trails are rocky.
 - Layers. Mountain weather changes fast.
 - Water. Fountains exist, but space them out.
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- A small first-aid kit for longer routes.
- Cash for mountain huts. No cards above 1,500 m.

Hiring a guide

For Lukomir, Rakitnica, or anything ambitious, hire a guide. **Green Visions** and **Sarajevo Insider** both run small-group day trips with knowledgeable, well-paid local guides. We have used both. We would use them again.



FIN

For the city, and the people who keep it.

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