

Travelling in Kazakhtan

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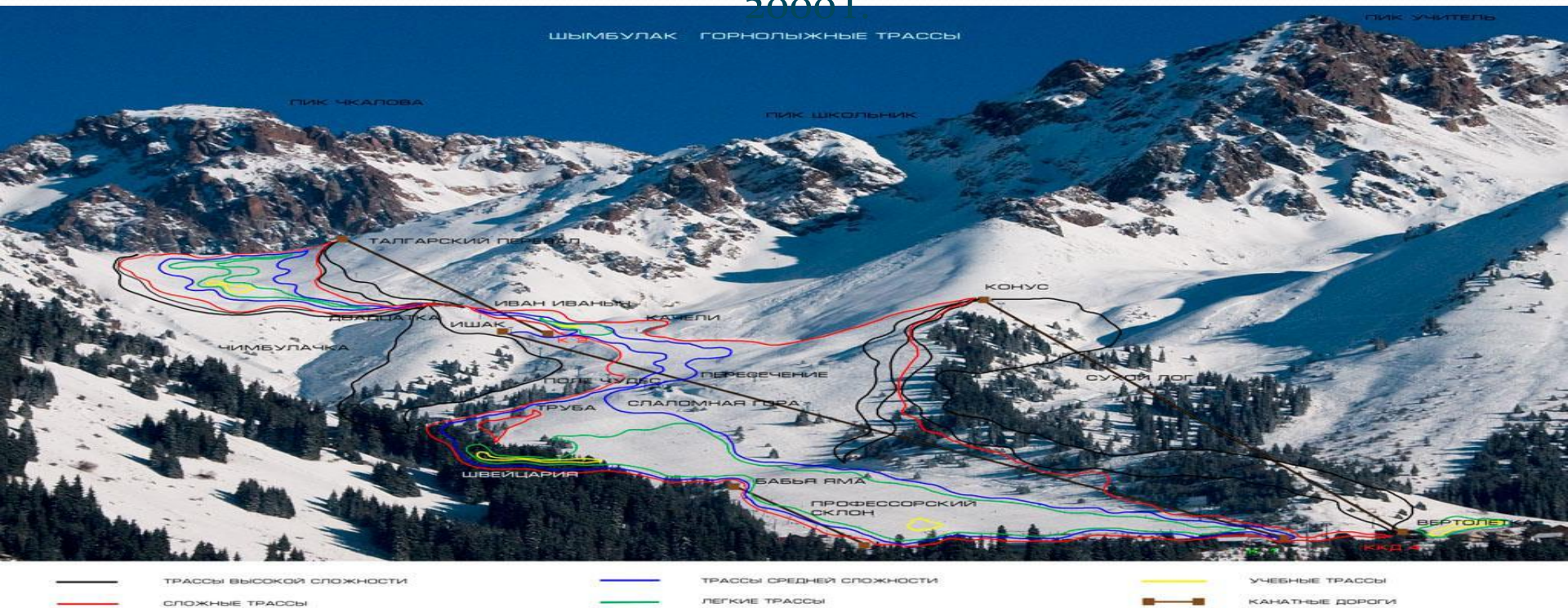
In Kazakhstan you can visit:

- Shymbulak ski resort;
- Sharyn canyon;
- Saryarka desert;
 - BAL;
 - Lake Alakol;
- Saryagash sanatorium;
- Arystan Bab mausoleum;
- Kozha Akhmet Iassau mausoleum;
 - Turkestan;
 - etc.



Shymbulak ski resort

- Chimbulak, in Kazakstan, is a small ski resort with 5 ski lifts (4 chair lifts, 1 surface lift) but it does boast a very impressive 943 metres (3094 feet) of vertical descent. Chimbulak has 99 acres of terrain over 8 pistes with a total length of 15 kilometers (9 miles). We have no information about the existence of any cross country ski trails at Chimbulak. The nearest airport is at Almaty. The hotel at the Chimbulak resort is right on the piste and rooms start at 10,000T (approx:70 USD). The hotel has a reasonably priced bar and restaurant, local beer is 500T for a large one and you can get a meal for 2000T



Sharyn Canyon

- Sharyn Canyon is an 80 km canyon in Kazakhstan on the Sharyn River, 200 kilometres (120 mi) east of Almaty, close to the Chinese border. It is part of the Sharyn National Park, which was established 23 February 2004 and located within the territory of the Uyghur and Kegen Districts of Almaty Province.
- It stretches 154 kilometres (96 mi) along the Sharyn River in the northern Tien Shan mountain range. In parts, it attains a depth of 150 to 300 metres (490–980 ft).
- One part of it is known as *Valley of Castles* for its unusual rock formations. The width of it ranges from 20 to 80 metres (66–262 ft) and the length is 2 kilometres (1.2 mi).

Lake Alakol

- **Recreation zone “Kaiyndy”** began to work in 2004. It is situated on the East-Kazakhstan region on the area of Kabanbai village.
- **The location:** Kabanbai village.
The length: From Almaty 1000 km.
Travel from Almaty: by commercial bus to Kabanbai village, from Almaty to the base “Ark-Tour”, then by microbus 70 km to the Recreation zone “Kaiyndy”
The beach is volcanic pebble and black sand in some places.
Food: Breakfast is free, lunch and dinner to be paid in cash.
- All the apartments are one type, comfortable and furnished.
There is a bed, a bed-side table, a wardrobe and a fridge in the apartments
There is a set of sofa and arm chairs, a table, chairs, a TV-set, air-conditioning
- **Total amount of people the base can accommodate:** 120
- **Territory:** The whole area is fenced. There is 24-hours security service.
Parking place, there is a sauna, a playing ground for children, table tennis.
- The excursions to the lake Zhalanashkol and to the “Barlyk-Arasan sanatorium are available for the tourist for additional fee.