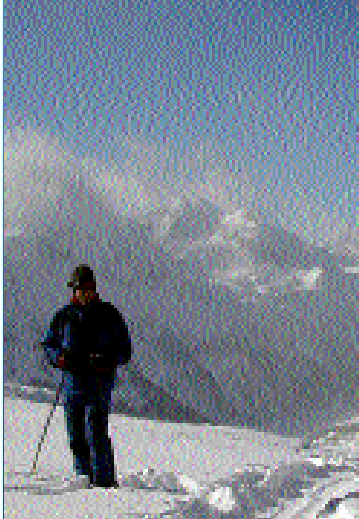
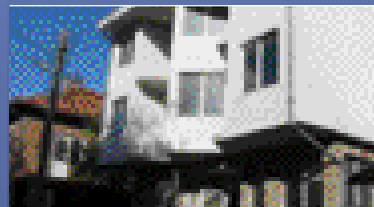


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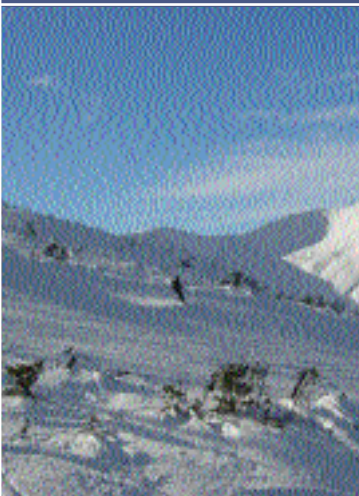
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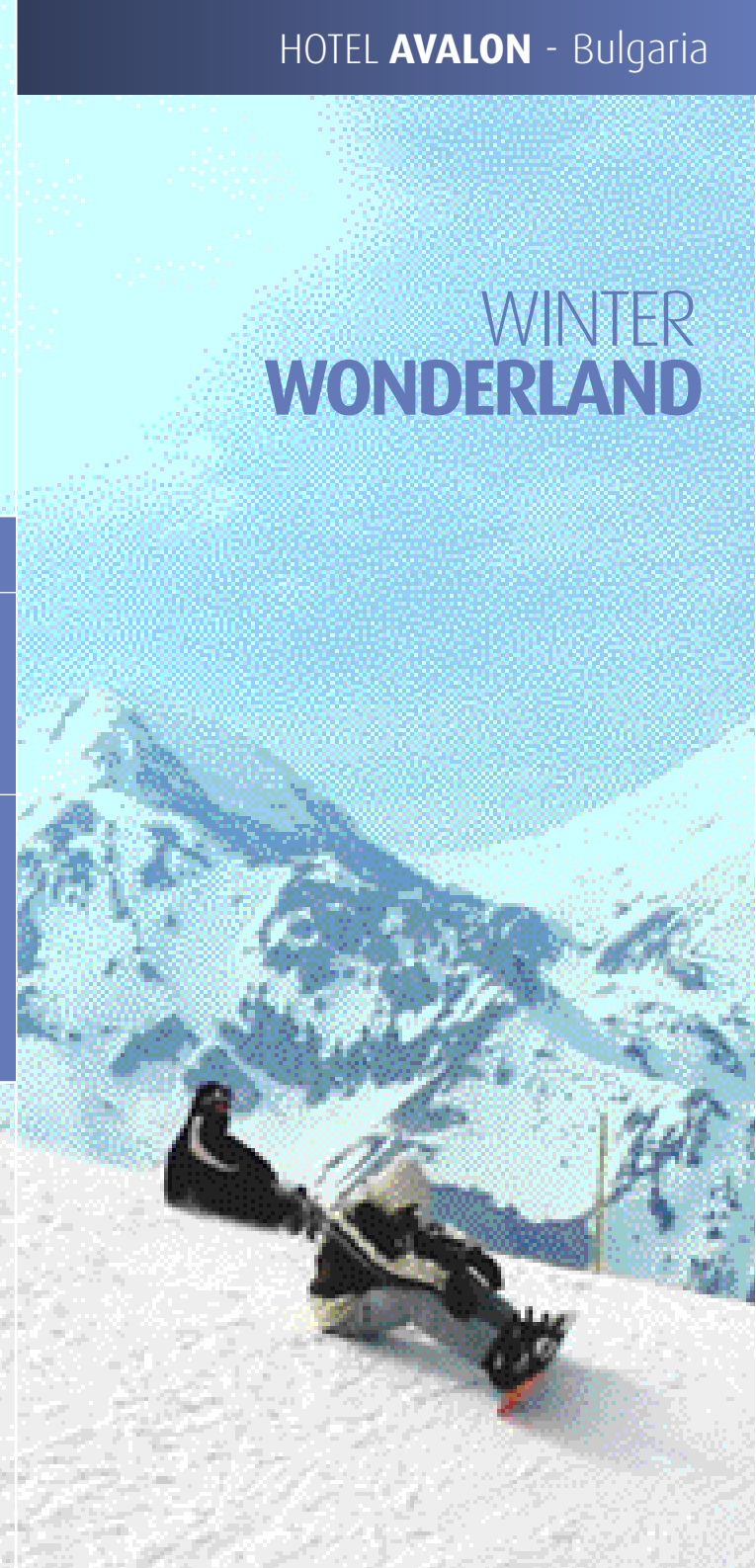
Bansko is situated 170km from the international airport of Bulgaria's capital city Sofia. Transfer time is approximately 2.5 hours.

Experience the virgin beauty of the **Pirin Mountains** while you enjoy the facilities of Bulgaria's 'hottest' ski resort



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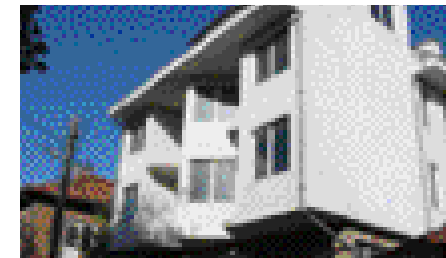
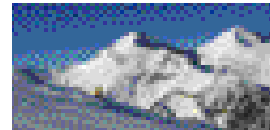
The ski areas are situated on the northern slopes of the mountain at between 2000m and 2500m above sea level. The 13 pistes, with a total length of over 35 km, comply with the standards of FISU and are well maintained. They offer a range of opportunities for all levels of competence, from the absolute beginner to the highly experienced, in good snow conditions which generally guarantee snow cover up to 2m deep. 10km from the town, the area is served by a new gondola ski lift which, as yet, is mercifully free of long queues! Six chair lifts and 5 drag lifts serve the individual runs and altitudes range from 1100 to 2560 metres. Downhill, Slalom, Giant Slalom runs are available for skiers and snowboarders as well as a cross-country run of some 9km in length.



THE HOTEL

The Avalon is an English owned and operated 40 bed family hotel set in a quiet residential area close to the centre of town. It houses Bulgaria's first French/Italian Restaurant as well as a Lobby Bar and a small health suite including Sauna and Jacuzzi to ease away those aching muscles after a long day's skiing.

The comfortable bedrooms are all ensuite and equipped to superior European standards with cable TV and Internet access. The Avalon enjoys beautiful views of the mountains and the Old Town.



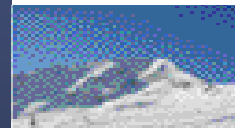
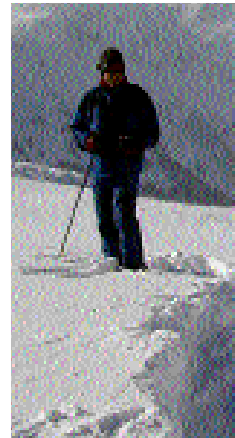
THE AREA

One of Bulgaria's best-kept secrets, the historic town of Bansko is situated in the Pirin Mountains in the south west of the country, nestling at the foot of the beautiful Mount Vihren. The mountain's twin peaks soar to over 2900m, and the area's breathtaking alpine beauty combined with its history has resulted in the adoption of Pirin National Park as a World Heritage Site.

Bansko's emergence as Bulgaria's newest international ski resort owes much to its good snow record and excellent ski runs, catering for skiers of all standards, from beginners to experts, in a season that lasts from mid December to late April. The many cultural monuments and museums of the town add a historic ambience, which blends perfectly with the facilities of a modern ski resort.

The local ski school is excellent, catering for children from the age of six and all standards of skier, from beginner to expert. Ski rentals and 24-hour emergency services are readily available.

Après ski in the taverns and restaurants of the Old Town offers a unique opportunity to enjoy the local cuisine and culture. Live music, discos and nightclubs are all part of the local scene. Being a new resort prices are substantially lower than in Bulgaria's more fashionable resorts of Borovets and Pamporovo.



THE ACTIVITIES

The area provides perfect conditions for all kinds of winter sports including:-

- *Alpine skiing*
- *Cross country skiing*
- *Snowboarding*

...as well as extreme sports such as:-

- *High mountain climbing*
- *Ice climbing*
- *Winter hiking and trekking*

A number of national and international skiing events are held in the area including the Extreme World Cup Races, and a Big Mountain Competition, which is part of the Red Bull Snow Thrill, takes place in Bansko each year in mid February

Plus, of course, the Après ski activities which offer you the chance to enjoy the gastronomic delights and culture of the town's many restaurants, tavernas and night clubs.

