

Experience winter sports at Dizin Ski Resort



Dizin Ski Resort, situated in the majestic Alborz Mountains, proudly holds the title of Iran's largest ski destination. It is also notable for being the first winter sports venue in the country sanctioned for competition by the International Ski Federation. This exceptional resort attracts a diverse range of visitors, from casual ski enthusiasts to seasoned professional athletes.

Located just 70 kilometers north of Tehran along Chalus Road in Alborz Province, Dizin has been a favored attraction since its establishment in the 1960s. The site's potential was first identified in the early 1960s by a pioneering team led by Kazem Gilanpoor, who was instrumental in the development of skiing and mountaineering in Iran. The installation of the resort's first ski lift in 1964 marked a pivotal moment, quickly transforming Dizin into a crucial training ground for the Iranian national ski team.

Over the years, Dizin has undergone significant infrastructure upgrades. These enhancements include the construction of an access road from Chalus Road and a chairlift leading to the summit of Si Chal Peak. By 1967, the resort boasted a 2,400-meter electrical chairlift, facilitating easy access to its slopes. The resort officially opened to the public in 1972, expanding its offerings with the inauguration of a 650-meter grass skiing route for summer use in 1993. Since then, the private sector has taken the initiative to renovate the resort, with an extensive renovation plan unveiled for 2024, ensuring Dizin remains a top-tier winter sports destination.

The ski grounds at Dizin range from an altitude of 2,700 to 3,600 meters above sea level, placing it among the 20 highest ski resorts in the world. The resort features four main pistes: a beginner-friendly slope in the northeast, a challenging 9-kilometer professional piste, a summer grass piste in the northwest, and a snowpark piste situated above the Chaman restaurant. In total, there are 23 slopes that cater to various skill levels, offering something for everyone.

Dizin is equipped with extensive lift facilities that include four gondola lifts, nine ski lifts, and three chair lifts to service all

23 slopes. Rental options for snowmobiles and snowboards are available, allowing visitors to explore the expansive terrain of the Sical trail and the surrounding Alborz Mountains.

Ski schools and recreational activities

For those looking to improve their skills, Dizin offers two ski schools: one situated near the entrance of the pistes and another located in the upper parking lot. If skiing is not on your agenda for the day, there are plenty of recreational activities to enjoy. The resort provides options such as snowmobiling, paragliding, snowkiting, biking, shooting, and tennis. A tennis court is conveniently located in the southern section of the resort, adding to the variety of experiences available.

Thrill of skiing at Dizin

Recognized as the oldest and largest ski resort in Iran, Dizin stands out as a premier venue for winter sports enthusiasts. If you plan to visit Iran between December and April, Dizin offers an exceptional destination for both novice and experienced skiers alike, ensuring an unforgettable winter sports experience.

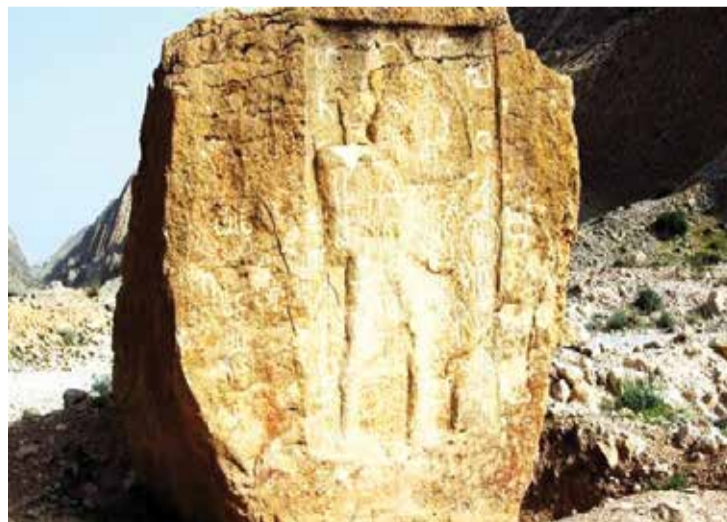


Restoration efforts underway for Parthian soldier relief in Fars Province

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The relief of the Parthian soldier, intricately carved on a nearly cubic stone situated between the cities of Qir and Firuzabad, has suffered from both natural and human damage, raising significant concerns among enthusiasts of Iran's ancient heritage. According to officials from Fars Province's Cultural Heritage Organization, the preservation and restoration plan for this important historical artifact is currently in its final stages. Reza Norouzi, a faculty member at the Cultural Heritage Research Institute, informed IRNA that, based on studies conducted, the relief depicted on a solitary stone positioned along the route linking the cities of Qir and Karzin to Firuzabad is known as the Par-

thian soldier. He explained that, through comparisons with other artifacts from the same era, the image of this archer soldier has been attributed to the Parthian period, IRNA wrote. Norouzi further noted that although little Parthian heritage remains in Fars Province, the fact that the foundations of the ancient city of Gur, located in modern Firuzabad, were established during the Parthian era lends credence to the possibility that the relief of the archer soldier along the Firuzabad route also dates back to that period. He emphasized that the ancient artifact has sustained damage primarily due to its roadside location, which has made it vulnerable to both natural elements and human activity. Mohsen Ziyai, the depu-



ty head of Fars Province's Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts Organization, confirmed that a comprehensive plan has been developed for the organization, protection, and

restoration of the Parthian soldier relief and that this plan is in its final stages. Ziyai elaborated that the project encompasses not only the restoration of the damaged sections but also the imple-

mentation of a protective covering and reinforcement for the artifact to ensure its longevity. He affirmed a strong commitment to the protection and restoration of this significant relief, attributed to

the Parthian period, assuring that the necessary funding to support this initiative will be secured.

This notable relief is located three kilometers from the cities of Qir and Karz-

in and approximately 215 kilometers from Shiraz. It was officially registered on Iran's National Heritage List in 1975, highlighting its importance to the country's cultural legacy.