



NOMAD
OUTFITTERS

Route 05

Medeu and Shymbulak

From the city to the mountains:
bus 12 to Medeu, then the gondola up.

Bus 12

about an hour

15–18 min

by gondola

2,260 m

at Shymbulak



DIRECTIONS TO THE MEDEU GONDOLA

Google, by car



2GIS, by bus



How to get there

Show the name in Russian to the driver, or paste it into 2GIS.

1

Take bus 12

IN RUSSIAN **Остановка «Гостиница Казахстан»**

Bus 12 goes up Dostyk Avenue to Medeu.
Board it at the Hotel Kazakhstan stop.



Tip: A ride costs 120 ₸ with an Onay card.
Route 04's Kok Tobe cable car is next door.



Metro: Abay

2

Medeu

IN RUSSIAN **Медеу**

The world's largest high-mountain skating rink,
1,691 m up, opened in 1951.

It is closed for reconstruction until the end of 2027.



Tip: Climb 842 steps to the dam above the rink,
built to protect the city from mudflows.



Bus stop: Medeu, the last stop

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Medeu to Shymbulak gondola

IN RUSSIAN **Канатная дорога Медеу – Шымбулак**

Opened in 2011: 4.5 km of eight-seat cabins.
The ride up takes 15 to 18 minutes.



Tip: In winter, morning and evening queues
can take 30 to 40 minutes.



Bus stop: Medeu Cable Car

4

Shymbulak

IN RUSSIAN **Шымбулак**

The ski resort at 2,260 m.

Skiing usually runs from mid-November to mid-April,
and the gondola runs in summer too.

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Talgar pass

IN RUSSIAN **Перевал Талгар**

Two more lifts, Combi-1 and Combi-2, climb from
Shymbulak to about 3,200 m near the Talgar pass.



Tip: It is much colder at the top.
Bring a warm layer, even in summer.

Good to know



Check before you go

The lifts close for maintenance for a few weeks
each autumn and stop in bad weather.
Check shymbulak.com before setting out.



Lift tickets

Buy them at the Medeu station
or online at shymbulak.com.



Bus fare

A bus ride costs 120 ₸ with an Onay card.



Apps

2GIS for bus 12, Yandex Go for taxis.

By car it takes about 30 minutes.



Emergency

Call 112.

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