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Other skis, independent of Ořovský, were brought over by 4. _____ for his workers in the Krkonoše Mountains in 1892. While attending a reception in Vienna, Harrach sat next to a Swedish ambassador who recommended obtaining skis, which apparently, proved to be more useful in high snow than snowshoes. Based on these samples, local craftsmen began to produce similar pairs. One of them was offered to 5. _____ a teacher, and a tourist pioneer in Dolní Štěpánice. He immediately recognised their potential for winter tourism. Together with their friends, he established the Bohemian Krkonoše Club 'Ski' and wrote an article about it to a Prague magazine. Later, J. R. Ořovský noticed the initiative and the following winter season both men began to co-operate in promoting not only skiing but also the Czech national movement within the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Both Buchar and Ořovský organised the first ski competitions in the Czech lands, and they also initiated the establishing of FIS (Fédération de Ski International).

The Krkonoše are a challenge, even for more experienced skiers. It's the country's highest mountain range, and so has 6. _____. The weather in winter can be fairly changeable. The Krkonoše ridge routes are ideal for long trips with beautiful views of the snow-covered countryside. The Krkonoše Magistrála route, which is 7. _____ km long, runs through the whole of the Krkonoše from Harrachov to Žacléř. There are then various local cross-country skiing routes and circuits that join up with it. Depending on how they are maintained, there is a total of some 8. _____ km of routes in the Krkonoše. One of the most famous is from Pec pod Sněžkou past the Luční bouda chalet to the Labská bouda chalet, where the 9. _____ River rises. You can roam through this natural wilderness and enjoy some amazing panoramic views as a bonus!

And if you get peckish, call in at Luční bouda to enjoy scrumptious fruit dumplings.

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