

POWDER

Paradise

By AMY SPAGNOLA

Autumn may just be arriving, but many snow-loving, Denver-area residents are already eager to hit the slopes. Lucky for us, we need not travel very far with the Rockies in our own backyard! If you're ready to plan your ski vacations for the upcoming 2009/2010 winter season, check out *Denver Life's* list of Colorado's hottest ski towns and our recommendations for the finest places to stay and dine, and where to chill après ski.

Extreme skiing on
Mt. Crested Butte
PHOTOGRAPHY BY TOM STILLO



elevate

THE WESTIN

RIVERFRONT
RESORT & SPA

AT THE BASE OF
BEAVER CREEK MOUNTAIN

This is how it should feel.™

- Book before Dec. 15, 2009 and take advantage of 15 percent off standard ski season rates on our spacious condos for all Colorado residents.*
- Revel in direct access to Beaver Creek's exceptional terrain via our Riverfront Express Gondola
- Children ages 4-12 can experience winter mountain adventures and activities at The Westin Kids Club

For more information or to make a reservation, visit westinriverfront.com or call 1.866.949.1616.

STARWOOD PREFERRED GUEST®

Elevate your winter vacation with Vail Valley's new Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa at the base of Beaver Creek Resort! Colorado residents who book their winter getaway before Dec. 15, 2009 can enjoy 15 percent off standard ski season pricing on our spacious studio suites and 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom condominiums. Refresh with mountain inspired treatments at Spa Anjali and rejuvenate in our magnificent Beaver Creek views.

* Based on availability and restrictions may apply. Colorado driver's license must be shown at time of check-in. ©2009 Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. All rights reserved. Westin is the registered trademark of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc., or its affiliates.



Founded as a mining camp in the Colorado Silver Boom and named for its wealth of Aspen trees, this is perhaps one of Colorado's most recognizable resort towns. Frequented by the likes of John Denver (who penned songs such as "Aspenglow" and "Starwood in Aspen"), Goldie Hawn, Heidi Klum and Michael Douglas, this saturated ski Mecca is fondly covered as a playground for snow bunnies and shoppers alike.

Boasting Dior, Louis Vuitton, Prada, Gucci, Fendi and Burberry boutiques, no celebrity is likely to suffer high-fashion withdrawal. In addition to its luxury retail stores, Aspen is known for its stellar shops and along with its sister town, Snowmass, services four major ski areas (Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Snowmass and Buttermilk), the highest concentration anywhere in Colorado.

WHERE TO STAY

THE SKY HOTEL
709 E. Durant Ave.
Aspen, CO 81611
800.882.2582
theskyhotel.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION
aspensnowmass.com
aspenchamber.org
completeaspen.com

Aspen



THE GANT

610 S Westend Street
Aspen, CO 81611
970.925.5000
gantaspen.com

Situated in an enclave at the base of Aspen Mountain, also known as Ajax, The Gant consists of six buildings and 120 condominiums. *Condé Nast Traveler* voted this as one of the "Top 50 Ski Hotels." Each condominium in this palatial hotel is outfitted with fully equipped kitchens including microwaves and refrigerators. All the condos feature wood-burning fireplaces, private patios and balconies offering mountain views. Resort amenities include two heated outdoor pools, three hot tubs and a sauna, and the resort offers five tennis courts.

MOLLY GIBSON LODGE

101 West Main Street
Aspen, CO 81611
970.925.3434
mollygibson.com

With a completely renovated outdoor pool, hot tub and outdoor bar area, the Molly Gibson Lodge is a comfortable skier's chalet conveniently located on Main Street just three blocks from the heart of Aspen. A great choice for travelers, it is one of the more historic properties in downtown Aspen, and offers a great value because it's located within walking distance of Aspen Mountain and all of Aspen's shops and restaurants. The free ski shuttle (which transports skiers to Aspen/Snowmass' other three mountains - Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass, also picks up riders just outside of the hotel).

WHERE TO DINE

CASUAL DINING

- Woody Creek Tavern
- Ajax Tavern
- Mezzaluna
- Wienerstube
- Aspen Brewery

FINE DINING

- Century Room at the Hotel Jerome
- Il Mulino
- N9NE

Nestled at the base of Aspen Mountain, this stunning resort is just steps away from the Silver Queen Gondola and all of Aspen's shops, restaurants and entertainment. Offering 179 plush guestrooms and suites, a heated outdoor pool and the luxuriously indulgent Remède Spa, The St. Regis is definitely a premier choice for Aspen accommodations.

St. Regis Resort, Aspen

315 E. Dean Street
Aspen, CO 81611
970.920.3300
stregis.com/aspen

Beaver Creek



Called the consummate kid-friendly resort by *Ski Magazine*, Beaver Creek boasts snow-covered meadows, pristine Aspen glades and air so clean and fresh it should be bottled and sold as an energizing elixir. Many a world cup racer refers to BC as one of their favorite places to compete, from the slopes of Bachelor Gulch to the intermediate trails of Larkspur and Rose Bowl, to the steep lumps and bumps of Grouse Mountain, Beaver Creek is a skier's paradise. And with 776 acres of groomed mountain daily, there's no shortage in pleasurable mountain-side paradise to enjoy.

WHERE TO STAY

Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort & Spa
136 E. Thomas Place
Aspen, CO 81620
970.949.1234
parkhyattbeavercreek.com

This newly renovated ski-in/ski-out Chateau-style mountain resort is located in the heart of Beaver Creek. Offering 190 spacious, suite-style accommodations with courtyard, highland or slope-side views, and post amenities such as a heated outdoor pool, hot tubs and saunas, a fitness club and Camp Hyatt for the kiddies, this premier resort is a modern mountain lodge for your next ski vacation. After skiing, indulge your senses, relax and unwind in the healing waters and therapeutic treatments at the resort's sumptuous Allegria Spa.

THE RITZ-CARLTON, BACHELOR GULCH

0130 Daybreak Ridge
Aspen, CO 81620
970.748.6200
ritzcarlton.com

As only the Ritz-Carlton can do, this luxurious 180 well-appointed guestroom resort offers guests an unforgettable escape with convenient ski-in/ski-out access. Colorado's highest-rated golf course, the world-class Bachelor Gulch Spa and exquisitely fine dining at Wolfgang Puck's renowned Spago. Nestled into an exclusive enclave on Beaver Creek Mountain, the Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch epitomizes Rocky Mountain luxury with mountain or valley views.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
beavercreek.com
beavercreek.snow.com



The Ritz-Carlton
Bachelor Gulch

400-thread count Frette linens, marble bathtubs, high speed wireless Internet, ski concierge, ski nanny, Bachelor Gulch youth spa program, dog-friendly accommodations and the unique Rent-a-Lab program with the resort's resident yellow Labrador retriever for guests who chose not to bring along their four-legged friends.

WESTIN RIVERFRONT RESORT & SPA

126 Riverfront Lane
Avon, Colorado 81620
970.790.6000

starwoodhotels.com/westin

The Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa is the Vail Valley's newest luxury resort. Located at the base of Beaver Creek Mountain, nestled along the banks of the Eagle River, this full-service, fashionably green, Silver LEED certified hotel features 210 residence-style accommodations ranging from spacious studio suites to three-bedrooms complete with custom designed contemporary furnishings, large kitchens, fireplaces, LCD televisions and more. The cornerstone of a \$500 million resort development also features the signature Restaurant Avondale by acclaimed chef/owner Thomas Salamunovich, the exquisite 23,000-square-foot Spa Anjali featuring mountain-inspired treatments and natural ingredients, and the Riverfront Express Gondola just out the back door which delivers skiers straight to Beaver Creek Mountain.

OSPREY AT BEAVER CREEK

10 Elk Track Lane
Beaver Creek, CO 81620
866.621.ROCK

ospreyatbeavercreek.rockresorts.com

The Osprey at Beaver Creek, A RockResort, formerly known as the Inn at Beaver Creek, recently underwent a \$7 million transformation and was relaunched as RockResorts' newest addition in time for the 2008-2009 ski and snowboard season. The 41-room hotel is situated in the heart of Beaver Creek Village and is the closest hotel to a chairlift in North America. The lobby and public areas were renovated to reflect a ski-chic style along with a new tapas bar offering an extensive wine list and casually elegant atmosphere. The outdoor pool now includes an enhanced après ski deck boasting breathtaking mountain views. The hotel also has a ski concierge to help guests with their skis, snowboards and boots, as well as store and tune them overnight.

TRAPPER'S CABIN

Beaver Creek Village
P.O. Box 36
Avon, Colorado 81620
970.845.5788

trapperscabincolorado.com

Beaver Creek's renowned Trapper's Cabin, a ski-in/ski-out oasis surrounded by Aspen and Spruce trees and hidden away at 9,500 feet, recently underwent its own renovation, and now reflects a modern mountain style.

Guests will delight in being pampered by a personal chef and cabin keeper. In addition, visitors to this luxury private retreat will find new features including a professional kitchen, remodeled bathrooms, a seven-person outdoor hot tub, decks, fireplaces with intricate stone work, a steam shower and soaking tub, contemporary furnishings, Frette linens, and pool and poker tables. This four-bedroom, four-bathroom cabin sleeps up to 10 people.

WHERE TO DINE

CASUAL DINING

- Route 6 Café
- The Dusty Boot Steakhouse & Saloon
- Rocks Modern Grill
- The Blue Moose
- Coyote Cafe

FINE DINING

- 8100 Mountainside Bar & Grill
- Beano's Cabin
- Mirabelle at Beaver Creek
- Beaver Creek Chophouse
- Restaurant Avondale
- Grouse Mountain Dining
- Spago

Breckenridge



The oldest and largest Colorado town in high-altitude Summit County, Breckenridge boasts a full history filled with tales from mining and frontier days. The town's National Historic District is one of the largest in Colorado and includes 254 buildings. Skiers can indulge to the extreme with 2,043 acres of ski runs at this four-mountain resort. A man named Tom Groves discovered the largest gold nugget ever found in North America in Breckenridge on July 3, 1887 and today, there is no need to gold-hunt in Breck, as it's a treasure all its own.

WHERE TO STAY

Allaire Timbers Inn
9511 Hwy 9/South Main
Breckenridge, CO 80424
P.O. Box 4653
970.453.7530
allairetimbers.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION
breckenridgesnow.com
gbrbreck.com
greatwesternlodging.com

Great Divide Lodge
535 S Park Ave
Breckenridge, CO 80424
970.453.4500
breckresorts.com/greatdividelodge

Only two blocks from Main Street and just 50 yards away from the ski lifts, the Great Divide offers deluxe accommodations and calls itself a "slope-side" hotel. With heated and underground parking, dog-friendly rooms and indoor and outdoor hot tubs as well as a sauna, fitness center, sun deck and its own winter sports shop (for ski rentals), this is an idyllic place to ski and sleep.

The Village Hotel
525 S. Park Avenue
Breckenridge, CO 80424
800.893.9930
breckresorts.com/villagehotel

Conveniently situated at the base of Breckenridge Ski Resort, this stylish hotel recently completed a \$2.5 million renovation.

Copper



An excellent choice for intermediate skiers and snowboarders, this segregated mountain and its diverse terrain is an ideal choice for those learning the ropes of boarding and downhill and also serves those mogul-masochists. The Village at Copper Mountain offers more than 40 shops and restaurants—all within walking distance from the base.

WHERE TO STAY

Frisco Lodge
321 Main Street
P.O. Box 1325
Frisco, CO 80443
970.668.0195
friscolodge.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION
coppercolorado.com

Summit Inn
P.O. Box 540
1205 North Summit Blvd.
Frisco, Colorado 80443
800.745.1211
newsunmitln.com

Picture yourself at 9,000 feet surrounded by snow-capped mountains and breathtaking views of giant green pines, and you'll likely find yourself at the Summit Inn. With discount lift tickets, free continental breakfast and indoor hot tub and sauna, relaxation will not be elusive. And if views of Lake Dillon or Buffalo Mountain aren't enticing, then stay away from the splendid views in every room in this hotel.

- WHERE TO DINE**
- Double Diamond
 - Jff's Tavern
- CASUAL DINING**
- C.B. Grille
- FINE DINING**
- Storm King Lounge

Called the heart and soul of the rugged southeast mountains in Colorado, "the Butte" as it is fondly referred to, retains its small mountain town feel and attracts elite winter athletes including the likes of Seth Morrison and Wendy Fisher (who pioneered big mountain skiing). The Elk Mountains, Gunnison National Forest and Fossil Ridge encapsulate Crested Butte and this "mountain-forest hug" ensures that the area's backcountry is a place of breathtaking beauty and pure wilderness.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
skit.com

WHERE TO STAY

The Grand Lodge Crested Butte Hotel & Suites
6 Emmons Rd.
Crested Butte, CO 81225
800.810.7669
grandlodgecrestedbutte.com

This renovated hotel (in 2008) is both luxurious and down-to-earth. Located a mere 2.25 yards from the Silver Queen and Red Lady Express chairlifts, this ski hub lodge includes amenities like a 24-hour fitness center, heated indoor and outdoor pools, steam room and the Wildflower Spa. Classy and comfortable, this is the perfect place to indulge in contemporary comfort.

Crested Butte



westwalllodge.com
888.349.1280

This luxuriously well-appointed ski-in/ski-out lodge is conveniently located at the base of the new WestWall chair lift. The exquisite rustic-chic designed lobby is the ideal spot to get cozy near the massive stone fireplace with a cup of hot chocolate or a cocktail following a beautiful day on the perfect slopes of Mt. Crested Butte. Guests also enjoy amenities such as a year-round outdoor pool and jacuzzi, heated underground private access parking, and spacious guestrooms with luxurious master baths and oversized decks.

- WHERE TO DINE**
- CASUAL DINING**
- Downstairs at Eric's
 - Fatty's Pizzeria
 - Red Orchid
 - Columbine Cafe
- FINE DINING**
- Blue River Bistro
 - Briar Rose Chophouse & Saloon
 - Cafe Alpine
 - Hearstone Restaurant

Featured in *USA Today*, on the Travel Channel and CNN, this romantic cozy lodge is bound to leave you rested, relaxed and refreshed. The majestic views are considered a stay worthwhile. How about home-baked desserts, outdoor hot tub and moonlit views of the Breckenridge Ski Area peaks and the Ten Mile Range. A Bed and Breakfast with all the amenities of a grand hotel and the charm of a log cabin cottage.

Grand Timber Lodge
75 Snowflake Drive
Breckenridge, CO 80424
970.453.4440
grandtimber.com

This luxurious ski-in/ski-out resort is located between Peaks 8 and 9 of the Breckenridge Ski Area so skiers and snowboarders can quickly hit the slopes. Guests can also indulge in the Grand Victorian Day Spa & Salon, enjoy happy hour or dinner at the on-property Lodgepole Bar & Grill and enjoy two swimming pools, six hot tubs and a variety of fitness classes.



Grand Lodge Crested Butte
Hotel & Suites
PHOTO BY TOM STILLIO

Durango

The Lodge at Mountaineer Square
620 Gothic Road
Crested Butte, CO 81225
800.810.7669

mountaineersquare.com

Featuring spacious condominium accommodations, this new luxury property is just steps from skiing happiness come to life, and includes amenities like 24-hour concierge service, heated pools, complimentary shuttle services and heated underground parking. A cozy outdoor fire pit and live music as well as easy access to retail stores, makes this a destination for ski-seekers and shoppers alike.

WHERE TO DINE

CASUAL DINING

- Donita's Cantina
- Pitas in Paradise
- Gas Café
- Brick Oven Pizzeria

FINE DINING

- Soupcon
- Django's
- Eastside Bistro
- Timberline Restaurant
- 9380 Prime Steakhouse
- The Ice Bar & Restaurant

Colorado's largest southwest town, with a population of around 15,000, Durango is near the Four Corners junction and is a perfect place for fly-fishing, horseback riding or skiing. Known as one of the "coolest Western towns in the U.S." it's considered an American Dreamtown for its culture, recreation and attractions.

WHERE TO STAY

The Purgatory Lodge
800.982.6103

durangomountainresort.com

This luxury ski-in/ski-out property at Durango Mountain Resort offers unparalleled views of the ski area, Needles Mountains or Purgatory Village. Two- to four-bedroom units boast luxurious appointments including granite countertops, tile floors, gas fireplaces, flat screen TV's, balcony, wireless internet and washer/dryer. The lodge also offers guests access to concierge service, pool and spa, fitness center and Cabana bar.

Historic Strater Hotel

699 Main Avenue
Durango, CO
800.247.4431

strater.com

Since 1887, this ornate Durango landmark offers guests a modern day stay in a historic hotel. Just a stone's throw from many local Durango attractions, including, the Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad and the Henry Strater Theatre, you'll fall in love with the opulence and the elegance of staying in a Victorian-era room with amenities including a hot tub by reservation, free continental breakfast, Internet access and nightly entertainment.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
durango.org
durangomountainresort.com

The Rochester Hotel

721 East Second Ave.
Durango, CO 81301
970.385.1920

rochesterhotel.com

Built in 1892, this restored late-era Victorian hotel offers the "Old West" sentimentality of the town it services. Beautifully charming and furnished with period antiques and located near downtown Durango, this 15-room hotel is a perfect place to take a trip back in time. Amenities include a smorgasbord of food goodies including complimentary gourmet breakfast, homemade baked goods and a selection of fresh fruit.

General Palmer Hotel

567 Main Avenue
Durango, CO 81301
800.523.3358

generalpalmer.com

Built in 1898, this prestigious Victorian landmark blends the comforts of modern living, with the elegance of a historical setting in downtown.

WHERE TO DINE

CASUAL DINING

- Diamond Belle Saloon
- Durango Diner
- College Ave Cafe
- Steamworks Brewing Co.

FINE DINING

- Hamilton Chop House
- Cyprus Café
- Cosmopolitan
- Chez Grand-Mere

WHERE TO STAY

Steamboat Grand
2300 Mt. Werner Circle
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

der." Steamboat for its famed "Champagne powder" savvy alpine skiers and snowboarders flock to ski-lovers and snowboard aficionados. Indeed tional Forest, caters to is surrounded by Na- today, this town, which summer resort, but boat was originally a Ski Town USA, Steam-

for those on a quest for adventure. Also called recreation opportunities, Steamboat is a place history, world-class skiing and innumerable With a vibrant Western culture blending ranch

970.871.5500
steamboatgrand.com

- The Ski Tip Lodge
- Aspenlow Stube
- Keystone Ranch

FINE DINING

- The Goat
- Parrot Eyes
- Kickapoo Tavern

CASUAL DINING

WHERE TO DINE

Arapahoe Inn, Slopeside Lodge, Ski Tip Lodge

Other Lodging Options:

rooms, roof-top hot tubs and wireless internet. Ski Resorts in North America," by *Condé Nast*. Unique amenities include: humidifiers in House lifts and skier services, this hotel was awarded the distinguished honor of "Top 50 Located between Lakeside Village and River Run and walking distance to the Mountain

keystone.snow.com
888.782.9722
Keystone, CO 80435
23044 US Highway 86
Inn at Keystone

WHERE TO STAY

so no skier will be bored with the options at this resort. which offers gladed tree skiing. A-Basin is known for being "steep and deep" on North Peak to the intermediate Outback,

variety of terrain from the mogul madness months a year. Keystone Mountain offers a junkies can satisfy their ski cravings many with a seven-month ski season, Keystone ing, tubing and dinner-time sleigh rides. And chance to try night skiing, KAT snowcat ski-

mountains to choose from as well as unique opportunities including the Publicized as a town where, "it's all here," Keystone offers four different

Keystone



Steamboat Springs



FINE DINING

- Il Poggio Ristorante
- Lynn Britt
- Brothers Grille
- Popcorn Wagon
- Goodfellows Pizza
- Big Boss Grill

CASUAL DINING

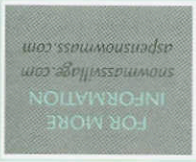
WHERE TO DINE

This convenient full-service hotel is centrally located to everything Snow- mass has to offer. With a three-story atrium lobby with fireplace, heated pools, whirlpools, a health club, steam room and sauna, plus an on-site ski shop and ski valet, there will undoubtedly be supreme ski-side relaxation vacation syndrome taking hold. For more boredom busting, how about in- room Nintendo, a beauty salon and lobby board games?

Other Lodging Options: Pokolodi Lodge and Snowmass Mountain Chalet

WHERE TO STAY

Silvertree Hotel
100 Eibert Lane
Snowmass Village CO 81615
800.837.4255
silvertreehotel.com



Nested in Brush Creek Valley, Snowmass village contains a stag- gering 40 miles of biking and hiking trails and offers mountain- boarding terrain as well as two 18-hole disc golf courses. Outdoor fun is the name of the game here, and while the name Snowmass means magnitude and substance, there is a shortage in Snowmass...the lack of people without things to do.

Snowmass

WHERE TO DINE

comes, spacious condos, a luxury spa and 15,000 feet of retail space as well as an outdoor heated pool and rooftop hot tubs. Skiers can simply drop their skis off with the resort's ski valet and delight in on delicious American continental cuisine at the hotel's Sevens Restaurant, which is located at the base of the ski area next to the Silver Bullet Gondola offering an exciting upscale atmosphere with terrific views of the slopes.

CASUAL DINING

- Winona's
- Creekside Cafe & Grill
- Ore House at the Pine Grove

FINE DINING

- Cafe Diva
- Bistro CV
- Epicurean Cafe

Sheraton Steamboat Springs
2200 Village Inn Court
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477
970.879.2220
sheraton.com/steamboat

This newly renovated exclusive ski-in/ski-out property features guestrooms with private bal-



Capella Telluride

Telluride

Surrounded by the grandeur of the towering 13,000-foot peaks of the San Juan Mountains, Telluride has become a hot spot for many a movie star. From Tom Cruise to Oprah to Christie Brinkley, this mountain haven has attracted the rich and famous for its low-key lifestyle and its high-class (and altitude) location. Just six blocks wide and 12 blocks long, this mini-mountain city offers 2,000 acres of ski terrain and 18 lifts as well as a European-style ski resort, known as Mountain Village, which is both charming and cozy.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
telluride.com
visittelluride.com

WHERE TO STAY

Capella Telluride
568 Mountain Village Boulevard
Telluride, CO 81435
877.247.6688
capellatelluride.com

Located in Mountain Village, Capella Telluride is the vision of former Ritz-Carlton executive Horst Schulze. Capella Telluride is the first US location for this brand. Featuring 100 hotel rooms and 50 condo-hotels, Capella throws out all "standard" hotel expectations. Guests are assigned a Personal Assistant, who contacts each group prior to arrival. Your PA will stock your mini-fridge with what you want and there is no charge for the items. There is no "Check-Out" time as the hotel staff believes that the guest can decide that on their own. The hotel also has three dining options on site—Onyx, Suede Bar and Gray Jay Café (to open in winter 2010). The hotel features free parking, on-site spa, pool, hot tub, fitness room and ski-in/out access.

Lumiere Telluride
118 Lost Creek Lane
Telluride, CO 81435
970.369.0400
lumierehotels.com/telluride

Lumiere Telluride (located in Mountain Village) opened in December 2008 offering a boutique experience with 30 units. Set against the slopes of Telluride Ski Resort, Lumiere offers a modern mountain experience including many eco-friendly practices. Lumiere offers spa services onsite and The Little Bar for après-ski and fresh sushi. Your hotel stay includes a complimentary European-style breakfast, wireless Internet, complimentary use of the hotel's hybrid SUV service and more.

The Peaks Resort & Golden Door Spa
136 Country Club Dr.
Telluride, CO 81435
866.282.4557
thepeaksresort.com

Home to the distinguished Golden Door Spa, celebrated around the globe for its world-class service, treatments and spa facilities; the newly renovated Peaks Resort, located in Mountain Village, offers 174 beautifully appointed rooms, 14 penthouse condominiums and 15 exclusive luxury mountainside cabins. Guests enjoy stunning mountain views and exclusive ski-in/ski-out convenience.

Inn at Lost Creek
119 Lost Creek Lane
Telluride, CO 81435
970.728.5678
innatlostcreek.com

You'll definitely want to lose yourself at this exquisite boutique hotel that *Condé Nast Traveler* named Top "100 Best Hotels in the World." Located in the center of Telluride's Mountain Village, the luxury lodging found at

this exquisite inn is charming, upscale and unpretentious all in one. Fine furnishings, cozy stone fireplaces and deluxe kitchenettes as well as roof-top hot tubs and the applauded 9545 Restaurant & Bar are complemented by wonderfully personalized service and genuine hospitality.

New Sheridan Hotel
231 W. Colorado Avenue
Telluride, CO 81435
970.728.4351
newsheridan.com

This historic 26-room hotel located in the heart of downtown Telluride recently underwent a \$7 million renovation that flawlessly preserved the charming historic elements while adding little modern luxuries like in-room wireless Internet, iPod docking stations, heated bathroom floors and heavenly 100-percent Egyptian cotton bedding. Skiers and boarders simply walk across the street to the gondola to begin their downhill thrills. Don't miss an opportunity to grab breakfast or an afternoon cocktail in the charming Parlor; and check out one of the West's oldest saloons—the New Sheridan Bar.

WHERE TO DINE

CASUAL DINING

- Brown Dog Pizza
- La Cocina De Luz
- Baked in Telluride
- Smuggler's Brewpub & Grille

FINE DINING

- Onyx
- 9545 Restaurant & Bar
- 221 South Oak
- Allred's Restaurant
- La Marmotte
- New Sheridan Chop House & Wine Bar

WHERE TO STAY

The Arrabelle at Vail Square

Famous for having the second largest single ski mountain in North America, this incomparable ski resort opened in 1962 and remains incredibly popular. Named after Charles Vail, the highway engineer that routed U.S. Highway 6 through the Valley in 1940, this town holds the title of being home to ex-reality star contestants including Trista Suter of the Bachelorette fame and her husband Ryan, as well as ex-Survivor contestant Brendan Synnot. For good reason do these TV stars find a winter wonderland in Vail, as the mountain itself boasts three distinct areas, three terrain parks, seven bowls and 5,289 acres of freeride terrain. Plus, with an average of two skiers per acre on a typical day, there's bound to be plenty of room to cultivate ski skills and savor the snow and sun.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
vail.snow.com
vailgov.com



The Arrabelle at Vail Square



675 Lionshead Place
 Vail, CO 81657
 970.754.7777
arrabelle.rockresorts.com

New to Vail, this RockResort, featuring 62 lavish hotel rooms and suites and the amazing 10,000-square-foot RockResorts Spa, is located in the new, much-acclaimed Vail Square. Hugging the base of Vail Mountain, mere footsteps from the Eagle Bahn gondola, Arrabelle's elegant European-inspired alpine architecture, gorgeous guestroom accommodations and personalized butler service make this an extraordinary ski vacation destination. Guests can take advantage of sublime amenities like an apres ski deck, rooftop lap pool and hot tubs, slope-side ski and boot valet and a state-of-the-art fitness center. Hotel guests will also find it easy to snuggle up in front of the grand lobby fireplace or the French Brasserie—Centre V.

Sonnenalp Resort of Vail
 20 Vail Rd.
 Vail, CO 81657
 970.476.5656
sonnenalp.com

This Bavarian style boutique resort is situated in the heart of exciting Vail Village, only a short walk from the Vista Bahn lift. Guests of this beautiful resort are pampered with personalized concierge service, five excellent dining choices, indoor/outdoor pool, hot tubs and a relaxing full-service spa. The resort offers 115 well-appointed suites and 12 hotel rooms—all with a view of either Gore Creek or Vail Village. The resort now offers brand new two- and three-bedroom elegantly furnished condominiums with gourmet kitchens and designer baths.

Vail, CO 81657
 970.476.0700
vailmountainlodge.com

Vail Mountain Lodge & Spa
 352 E. Meadow Dr.
 Vail, CO 81657
 970.476.0700
vailmountainlodge.com

Among the many luxury hotels in Vail, this cozy boutique lodge shines with fabulous amenities, a rejuvenating spa, a full-scale athletic club and an award-winning restaurant. Located in the heart of Vail Village steps from world-class skiing, the lodge recently completed a \$25 million remodel offering 28 warm, comfortably appointed hotel rooms, family suites or two- and three-bedroom condominiums. The calming atmosphere of the spa invites guests to experience soothing facials, massages and signature treatments before and after relaxing in the spa solarium overlooking Gore Creek. The Lodge at Vail
 174 East Gore Creek Drive

Vail, CO 81657
970.476.5011
lodgetovail.rockresorts.com

This AAA Four Diamond award-winning RockResort hotel is renowned for its relaxed luxury and personalized service. Exuding the warmth and charm of an alpine chalet and located at the base of Vail Mountain, in vibrant Vail Village, the lodge is close to the village's main ski lift, boutiques, bars, restaurants and nightclubs. The new Rock-Resorts Spa features heavenly treatments and guests also enjoy a new skier service center and exclusive ski club. Additionally, the lodge's AAA Four Diamond award-winning restaurant The Wildflower is an exquisite dining option any time of the year. It's no wonder *SKI Magazine* designated The Lodge at Vail "North America's Number One Ski Resort."

Vail Cascade Resort & Spa
1300 Westhaven Drive
Vail, Colorado 81657
800.282.4183
vailcascade.com

Prepare to be surrounded in luxury and opulence in this dynamic hotel setting. Richly decorated guestrooms offer the finest accommodations, and mountain, creek, valley and courtyard views help to maintain this hotel's AAA Four-Diamond rating. As Vail's only ski-in/ski-out resort and with Chair 20 just outside the front door, this is the

perfect place for skiing Shangri-la.

WHERE TO DINE

CASUAL DINING

- Blue Moose Pizza
- Campo Di Fiori
- Los Amigos
- Pepi's
- Pazzo's
- Westside Cafe

FINE DINING

- Larkspur
- Game Creek Restaurant
- Kelly Liken
- Wildflower
- Beaver Creek and Vail Chophouse
- La Tour
- Centre V
- Atwater on Gore Creek
- Terra Bistro

Winter Park



Nestled against the western slope of the Continental Divide, and just a quick drive from Denver, this family-friendly resort town is a must-visit. With beginner hills and challenging slopes like Mary Jane, this is the place for a variety of ski levels. And Winter Park does not disappoint non-skiers, with activities like sleigh rides, snowshoeing, tubing hills, ice-skating and snowmobiling, there's fun at every turn.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
skiwinterpark.com
winterparkgov.com

WHERE TO STAY

Winter Park Mountain Lodge
81699 US Highway 40
Winter Park, CO 80482
866.726.5151
winterparkhotel.com

With 110 brand new rooms, 52 newly renovated rooms with a blended vibe of comfortable hotel room meets spacious mountain suite, this is the perfect place to recover tired and swollen post-ski limbs. And if sitting and relaxing isn't enough recovery, in-room Jacuzzi tubs should do the trick. And while you're in relaxation mode try the lodge's sauna, indoor swimming pool and brew pub for a total elation vacation.

Other Lodging Options:

Zephyr Mountain Lodge, Bear Paw Inn, Wild Horse Inn

WHERE TO DINE

CASUAL DINING

- Carlos and Maria's
- De Antonio's Pizza
- Winter Park Pub

FINE DINING

- Fontenot's Seafood
- Tabernash Tavern
- Ranch House Restaurant



PHOTO BY DAVID PHELPS

39 Degrees Lounge at The Sky Hotel, Aspen

COLORADO'S HOTTEST 15 APRÈS SKI

Ajax Tavern, Aspen

Junk and Liquid Sky,
Aspen/Snowmass

39 Degrees, Aspen

Whale's Tail, Breckenridge

Endo's Adrenaline Café,
Copper Mountain

The Ice Bar,
Mt. Crested Butte

Butte 66, Mt. Crested Butte

The Office, Durango

X Café, Telluride

Hop Garden, Telluride

The Suede Bar at
Capella Telluride, Telluride

Garfinkel's, Vail

The Red Lion, Vail

Tap Room, Vail

Derailer Bar, Winter Park