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Montage Deer Valley

Seeking a winter wonderland of snow? Itching to strap on the ski and snowboard boots? These resorts are tailor-made to ensure each of its guest's every expectation is exceeded and vacation is merry and bright, especially during ski season now through April.



Montage Deer Valley

Reminiscent of the great mountain lodges of the West, Montage Deer Valley is a refined mountain craftsman resort promising a classic on-mountain getaway for all seasons in the year-round community of Park City. Guests enjoy a coveted location atop Empire Pass, unrivaled ski-in/ski-out access, the 35,000-sq.-ft. alpine-inspired Spa Montage (the largest spa in Utah!) and amazing year-round activities including hiking, biking, golf and fly-fishing. The resort is also less than 10 minutes from Main Street, with an abundance of shopping and dining opportunities, as well as cultural events and festivals through the summer season. Families staying at Montage Deer Valley can gather for nature-inspired activities year-round, such as family yoga, guided nature hikes and fly-casting lessons, as well as horse-drawn sleigh rides, blanket picnics and outdoor concerts. Nightly s'mores around the fire pit are a Montage specialty in every season with mallows that range from vanilla to peppermint to strawberry. For a change of pace, take family night indoors and bond over darts, billiards, bowling and arcade games on-site at Daly's. In 2020, Montage Deer Valley will be celebrating a decade of Montage Memories with its 10-year anniversary. montagehotels.com/deervalley.

From the family-friendly Christmas Eve Magic event (when guests can head to "Santa's Workshop" in the 5th Floor Salon for cookie-decorating, wish list-writing and a twilight search of the sky for Santa's sleigh) to a New Year's Eve soirée in the ballroom featuring butler-passed hors d'oeuvres, a multi-course dinner with wine pairings and a night of dancing, Montage Deer Valley is as full of holiday fun as it is luxury. Plus, this season welcomes Montage Deer Valley's very first Santa Suite in partnership with Studio McGee. The one-bedroom suite features a decked-out tree, a gingerbread house kit, custom stockings, cookies and much more, capped off with a note from Santa himself.

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Four Seasons Resort Vail

Nestled at the base of one of the world's premier mountain resorts in the heart of Vail Village within walking distance of more than 100 restaurant and nightlife locales, Four Seasons welcomes trailblazers from near and far to enjoy limitless adventure on Vail Mountain's 5,289 acres of skiable terrain, complemented by off-mountain après-inspired experiences. Currently, the resort—with 121 rooms including 24 suites and 14 two-to-six bedroom private residences—is undergoing a phased resort enhancement project, which includes a refresh and remodel of hotel guest rooms, suites and corridors; conversion and remodeling of several private residences; refreshed meeting space; and a fully redesigned lobby. Upon completion of the enhancement project next year, the Four Seasons Resort Vail will be positioned as an undeniable leader among luxury mountain resorts. fourseasons.com/vail.

Each year, the resort transforms a portion of the resort into WhoVail, a re-imagining of one of the homes from Whoville from "The Grinch." Whimsical and colorful, the massive gingerbread house stands at 140 feet and requires more than 120 pounds of frosting to bring it to life.



Madeline Hotel & Residences, Auberge Resorts Collection

Ideally situated in the heart of Mountain Village, which is the storied ski resort town located at 9,545 feet in Southwest Colorado near Telluride, this intimate alpine resort features just 83 rooms and suites and 71 residences and is surrounded on three sides by the dramatic 14,000-ft. peaks of the San Juan Mountains. Known as among the best ski-in/ski-out access points in town, Madeline features a slope-side ski valet, which offers seamless service and state-of-the-art equipment. In addition, the resort boasts a 4,000-sq.-ft. Sky Terrace with a heated outdoor swimming pool, hot tubs, fire pits and al fresco lounge; The Madeline Ice Rink; the 1,444-sq.-ft. M Lounge featuring a game room, outdoor fire tables and an indoor/outdoor bar; an alpine-inspired spa and salon, along with yoga, Pilates and a personal training studio; as well as an outpost of Dylan's Candy Bar. auburgeresorts.com/madeline.

This winter, the resort will play host to a roster of thrilling adventures and activities like Heli-skiing the San Juan Mountains, snowmobiling through Telluride, fat tire biking Bridal Veil Falls, snowshoeing and ice skating at Madeline's own rink.

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The Lodge at Edgewood Tahoe

The Lodge at Edgewood Tahoe, both the 2019 Preferred Hotels & Resorts Hotel of the Year and the 2018 Travel + Leisure Top Resort Hotel in the United States, is located in South Lake Tahoe just steps from the famed Heavenly Mountain and Heavenly Village. A relative newcomer to the area, it opened to international fanfare in 2017. A winning combination of casual comforts and classic refinement, the 235-acre, LEED-certified lakefront resort—with the area's only private beach—offers 154 luxury guestrooms and suites, an 18-hole championship golf course, a spa with treatments that use gemstones (yes, really), a full salon, three acclaimed restaurants, nightly s'mores, daily yoga programming, intricate stone fire pits, a coffee bar and refreshing après-sleep cart with a freshly brewed Naturopathica tea of the day infused with healing tinctures, aromatic rose geranium soothing mist and more goodies meant to peacefully awaken the senses. edgewoodtahoe.com.

Relieve muscles from a day on Heavenly Mountain's renowned slopes with Spa Edgewood's new Warming CBD Massage. The escape begins with a hypnotic aromatic inhalation, followed by a moist-heat treatment and an intentional full-body massage with our warming CBD and ginger oil. Apressure point foot massage activates a mind-body connection to reduce stress and promote mental clarity. It is topped off with an infusing Stress Tea with CBD Elixir to elevate guests to a blissful state of calm.



Gravity Haus

Gravity Haus is made for the modern adventurer. Replacing the former Village Hotel at the base of Breckenridge Ski Resort's Peak Nine, the renovated and tech-forward ski-in/ski-out boutique property debuts December 2019 with 60 distinctly-curated rooms. Featuring a modern alpine design, accommodations include private queen and king suites and combination suites featuring both bunks and private sleeping areas for families and groups. Designed to activate a community of like-minded outdoor enthusiasts year round, Gravity Haus offers ongoing insider experiences ranging from outdoor excursions to social programming. On-site amenities include the Dryland Fitness and Sports Recovery Center; Backcountry Discovery Center; StarterHaus, a new co-working space by Jim Deters; farm-to-cup Unravel Coffee; nourishing dining at Cabin Juice; and a Japanese onsen, which is a bathhouse featuring four hot tubs, one cold tub and a dry sauna. gravityhaus.com.

The resort's Backcountry Discovery Center, powered by the National Forest Foundation, will effortlessly guide guests through intimate, world-class adventures with internationally renowned experts and the most technologically advanced gear on the market.

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Vail Marriott Mountain Resort

The Vail Marriott Mountain Resort, 150 feet from Vail's Eagle Bahn Gondola, recently unveiled a multi-million transformation for the ages notably including wholly refreshed guestrooms, suites and condos with new beds, artwork, lighting, flooring and amenities including a Nespresso coffee machine, deluxe bedding, marble bathrooms and other thoughtful perks. The heated outdoor pool overlooks Vail Mountain, and bike rentals on property make quick jaunts to the nearby Lionshead Village, which is completely closed off to cars and buses, or Arrabelle Square and its outdoor ice rink, shops and restaurants even more convenient. For those who prefer to stay on property après-ski, enjoy a heated outdoor pool, hot tub, fire pits overlooking Vail Mountain, the award-winning Golden Leaf Spa and multiple on-site dining options. [marriott.com](https://www.marriott.com).

Guests who book the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort x Icelantic Skis package now through April will have the chance to demo select Icelantic All-Mountain and Backcountry Touring skis, enjoy overnight accommodations in a Junior Timberline Suite, and even purchase Icelantic Skis and have them delivered to their home.



Waldorf Astoria Park City

It's easy to see why dozens upon dozens of travel and luxury market giants from Forbes to Condé Nast to Travel + Leisure have heaped awards on Waldorf Astoria Park City. Not only does it have a ski valet and slope-side access to Park City Mountain, the largest ski resort in the country, it also offers 159 newly refreshed (and some pet-friendly) rooms, suites and private residences, each boasting new furnishings and décor, fireplaces and Waldorf signature bedding. The suites, in fact, even have full-sized kitchens with Viking appliances, plus washers and dryers. Beyond that, its spectacular 16,000-sq.-ft. Waldorf Astoria Spa offers therapeutic and beauty treatments as well as classes including Pilates and yoga, and its signature restaurant, Powder, delights in providing sustainable, local and seasonal dishes at breakfast, lunch and dinner. There are fire pits, a heated pool, hot tubs, including an adults-only hot tub, to boot. [waldorfastoriaparkcity.com](https://www.waldorfastoriaparkcity.com)

Pack your ski and snowboard gear because when you book a minimum three-night stay between now and Dec. 25, 2019 or between Feb. 24, 2020 and April 12, 2020, you are eligible to receive a \$300 Delta Air Lines electronic gift card.

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Four Seasons Resort Jackson Hole

This five-star slope-side resort—just miles from Grand Teton National Park—is surrounded by some of the most rugged peaks and celebrated ski runs in the nation. Teton Village's only true ski-in/ski-out option, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort's gondolas and tram are located just out the property's back doors on the ski hill, and there is a ski concierge at one's service from morning until night. In addition, an in-house team of naturalists are always on hand to assist in planning and leading stargazing trips and wildlife safaris when guests aren't busy skiing and snowboarding. The resort has three dining options, each with grand views of the nearby snow-capped mountains, in Westbank Grill, The Handle Bar by Michael Mina and Ascent Lounge, as well as warming fire pits, a heated pool and hot tubs. fourseasons.com/jacksonhole.

Four Seasons Resort and Residences Jackson Hole announces its latest slope-side sensation, Fahrenheit 47, named for the ideal Champagne temperature. This igloo-shaped bar will transform the pool deck into a winter wonderland experience of chic luxury, serving bubbly by the glass with an elevated après chill.



Sun Valley Resort

Established in 1936 as America's first destination ski resort, today Sun Valley Resort remains as one of the only privately-owned major ski resorts in the United States. As stunning as it is special, the resort recently completed a renovation of its European-inspired Sun Valley Inn and a rebuild of the Warm Springs Day Lodge at the base of Bald Mountain after a 2018 fire. Soon, it will complete its Bald Mountain Expansion, which will result in a new chairlift and another 380 acres of skiable terrain to the existing 2,054 acres by late winter or early spring. Beyond downhill skiing and snowboarding, don't miss the more than 20 groomed miles of cross-country ski, snowshoe and skate trails for skiers of all levels. sunvalley.com

The exciting Bald Mountain Expansion area will be available for a sneak preview this winter. Groups of advanced skiers, weather permitting, are able to take informative tours given by Sun Valley's Ski Patrol and SnowSports instructors starting in late December.



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The Lodge at Vail, A RockResort

A grand alpine ski lodge with charm, character and a host of modern amenities, The Lodge at Vail is tucked into the base of Vail Mountain and offers dog-friendly accommodations, a heated pool and hot tubs, a ski valet, outdoor and cultural activities and two of Vail's most popular eateries in Cucina and Elway's Vail. It also gives guests seeking added luxury the perfect option with its opulent, expansive chalets. Ranging from one to six bedrooms, these hideaways offer private elevators, fireplaces, 24-hour luxury concierge services, game rooms, full gourmet kitchens, in-room dining, access to the new 11,000-sq.-ft. RockResorts Spa and fitness center, complimentary ski valet and storage at The Vail Mountain Club. lodgetovail.rockresorts.com.

During the 2019-2020 winter season, The Lodge at Vail will feature the area's only Float Tank, which is available to book for one-hour sessions to help guests alleviate muscular pains from a day on the mountain, in addition to trouble sleeping and much more.



Grand Hyatt Vail

This past summer marked the opening of Grand Hyatt Vail, making it the second Grand Hyatt hotel in Colorado and the first in a U.S. mountain resort destination. The 285-room, ski-in/ski-out resort sits at the base of the iconic Vail Mountain on the banks of Gore Creek and offers guests their own ski lift, Chair 20, for convenient access to world-class skiing and snowboarding. Located in the heart of Vail Valley within the Cascade Village neighborhood, the hotel features bold, vibrant architecture inspired by its scenic locale and welcoming service, and the hotel's contemporary guestrooms and common areas offer guests an elevated modern retreat with clean lines, gentle curves and subdued patterns with rich wood, stone and leather textures. The hotel's artwork and unique interior design touchpoints pay homage to The Southern Ute Native American tribe through local artists and artisans. The property also features Vail Residences at Cascade Village, comprised of 84 multimillion-dollar rental homes and condominiums which will be managed by Hyatt. hyatt.com.

Celebrate the holiday season in the heart of the Rocky Mountains with Grand Tidings at the luxury Grand Hyatt Vail Dec. 20, 2019 to Jan. 5, 2020. The property will offer specialty tastings, festive Champagne experiences, wine and spirits events, ice skating, holiday dinners at Gessner, New Year's Eve celebrations, exceptional entertainment and more. Room rates start at \$299 per night during the Grand Tidings holiday celebration.



Coming Soon: Montage Big Sky

Set to open in 2021, Montage Big Sky will be the destination's first ultra-luxury resort—elevating mountain living to its highest standard. Centrally located within Big Sky's 3,530-acre Spanish Peaks enclave, Montage Big Sky will feature 150 guestrooms and suites and 39 Montage Residences with a mountain modern design inspired by the natural setting including regional woods and stones. Resort amenities include a locally inspired restaurant, lobby bar and lounge, market, outdoor grill, gastro pub and recreation room with bowling alley, indoor lap pool, family swimming pool, fitness center, signature Spa Montage, ski lockers and skier services and 12,870 square feet of event space. montagehotels.com.