

# TRAVEL



THE WEST'S  
SURPRISING NEW  
WINE HOT SPOT

WHY OLD MAUI  
STILL HAS OUR  
HEARTS

A FAMILY  
AFAR GOES  
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BEAVER CREEK



## THE NEED FOR SKI

From vintage ski wear and secret barbecue pop-ups to free lift tickets and omakase-style stays, welcome to ski season 2017. ▶

# Ski News

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## MOUNTAIN UPDATES

Carve some turns with an Olympic athlete at Utah's **DEER VALLEY RESORT** through their Ski with a Champion program, a half- or full-day session with the likes of Heidi Voelker, Shannon Bahrke, and Trace Worthington. Inspired by snowboarder madman Travis Rice's legendary backcountry events, **MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN** is tricking out their powder playground, Hemlock Ridge, with jumps and platforms, creating a new, free ski experience. Exchange your boarding pass for a complimentary lift ticket at **SNOWBASIN RESORT** (Tuesday–Thursday) when you fly into Salt Lake City on Alaska Airlines this season. After an under-two-hour direct flight, San Diegans have 24 hours to claim their Fly Alaska, Ski Free pass and then explore the alpine beauty of Snowbasin, known for its empty slopes, luxe lodges, and impressive 3,000 vertical feet of skiing.



SNOWBASIN

## CHIC CHALETs AND CURATED STAYS

For those seeking some serious solitude, **GAME CREEK CHALET** sits at 10,500 feet atop Vail Mountain, Colorado. A private snowcat delivers you to Vail's only on-mountain chalet, a four-bedroom Euro-style retreat with indulgences like private chef meals, personal mountain guides, and moonlit hot tubbing. Tucked into the aspen groves at Beaver Creek, **TRAPPERS CABIN** redefines rustic elegance with their White Glove Winter package—including helicopter arrival, a personal ski ambassador, five-star chef meals, first mountain access before the lifts open, Helly Hansen apparel, spa treatments, sleigh rides, snowshoeing, and more. The **VICEROY SNOWMASS** takes the Japanese concept of *omakase* ("I'll leave it to you") to new heights by creating itineraries for guests, with personalized surprises and bucket-list experiences like hot air ballooning, dogsledding, ice karting, chef dinners, Champagne sleigh rides, paragliding, and more.

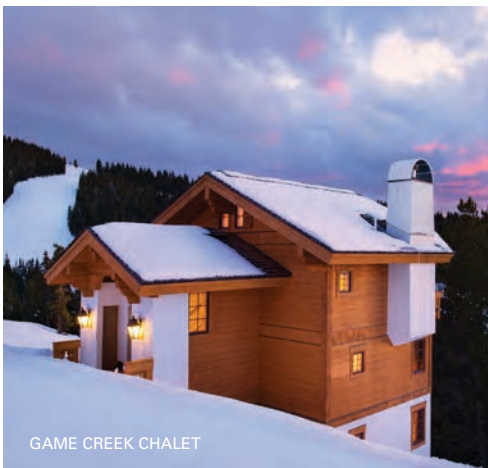
## WHAT'S TRENDING

Look for throwback themes throughout snow country.

**PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT** hosts Spring Grub each March, including jam bands and a pond-skiing contest where participants dress up in '80s gear, headbands, and neon.

The **PARK HYATT BEAVER CREEK** has a Spyder Closet—literally a closet bursting with vintage ski wear for guests to borrow if they want to sport that retro ski-bunny look on the slopes or fireside.

Mom-and-pop resorts have gained popularity in contrast to the mega-resorts, with skiers and boarders heading to Utah outposts like **SUNDANCE MOUNTAIN RESORT**, **EAGLE POINT**, **BRIAN HEAD**, and **POWDER MOUNTAIN** for a taste of low-fi, old-school alpine fun. Progressive cuisine is also in vogue as **NORTHSTAR SKI RESORT** in Lake Tahoe has a mid-mountain food truck and a gourmet french fry cabana with craft beers, while **FOUR SEASONS VAIL** is launching secret barbecue pop-ups for VIPs with decadent dishes like maple bacon-wrapped Kobe dogs topped with bleu cheese slaw, followed by ski sessions with the resort's general manager.



GAME CREEK CHALET

## APRÈS SKI EXTRAVAGANCE

Après has evolved way beyond plastic-cup beers, Jagermeister shots, and Greg Stump ski flicks. At the swanky **AMANGANI** in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, guests can indulge in their Après-Ski Soiree, an interactive tasting experience with farm-to-table bites and a mixology class on handcrafted, ingredient-driven cocktails. The **WALDORF ASTORIA PARK CITY**'s Become the Brewmaster is a behind-the-scenes exclusive tour and tasting at Park City Brewery, the newest suds-centric social hub in the Utah ski town. **MONTAGE DEER VALLEY** hosts The Après Lounge and Beach Club from their lofty Wasatch mountain perch, where guests chill in a slopeside yurt lounge with luxe decor by Gorsuch and bubbles by Veuve Clicquot. After a day on the slopes at **BRECKENRIDGE SKI RESORT**, Colorado skiers can acclimatize to 10,000 feet and experience a Rocky Mountain high at the new O2 Lounge.



MONTAGE DEER VALLEY