

# North America: Enjoy the Top Ski Destinations

Skiers looking for a perfect winter holiday should try the following best ski destinations in North America. Pic one or try more of them – one thing is sure, your holiday will be remarkable.

## Aspen

This famous alpine town, surrounded by four distinct mountains, has a number of shopping malls and high-end restaurants. Snowboarders and skiers can explore the 5,300 acres of skiing area which includes double black diamond runs, superpipes and Treehouse (Kids Adventure Center) prior to retiring to one of the fireplace-lit lodges for hot toddies with others.



## Jackson Hole

The resort spreading across 2500 acres has a daunting reputation: serious skiers and snowboarders will come back to Jackson Hole despite the disclaimer at the aerial tram's base which states that they could suffer personal injury or even die if they make a mistake. Then, there is the famous Corbets Couloir chute. At the Grand Teton National Park, the extreme terrain offers daunting views of granite spires. The town is just 12 miles away from the resort.

## Crested Butte

The sleepy town of coal miners has evolved into a great ski resort in Colorado. Geographically, it is a little isolated, away from the resorts in more centralized and crowded locations, but it sports a free-wheeling and kind-hearted vibe. The average annual snowfall in this place is 25 feet and it offers lift access to extreme terrains more than that offered by any other resort in the state. You just spend a day in Crested Butte and you will feel as though you have discovered the best-kept secret of skiing.

## Whistler

It is definitely not right to consider Whistler in British Columbia as just a must-ski spot and resort. Actually, it is an experience. This place reports a snowfall of 462 inches annually and has over 200 runs, three glaciers, 16 alpine bowls and a village with great restaurants and night clubs. The 8,171 acres of ski area is spread across two mountains, Whistler and Blackcomb. The peaks of the mountains are linked via a Gondola with glass floor. Vancouver is just 2 hours away from this place.



## **Mount Bachelor**

The volcanic origin of Mount Bachelor enables it to offer a wide range of terrain spread over 3,700 acres. They include higher-elevation hike-in fun runs, rolling routes weaving down to the base and on-mountain activities such as dog-sledding and cross-country skiing. The best things about this ski destination are that it is just 21 miles away from the Benda town and the season lasts for up to 8 months. This means that you can ski the entire day and then drive down to the town and enjoy a drink in an award-winning microbrew pub.

## **Salt Lake City**

The metropolis Salt Lake City offers easy access to four of the world-renowned ski resorts. The big ones are the ski-only Altareside and Snowbird on Little Cottonwood ridges. The other resorts, family-friendly Brighton and Solitude, are in Big Cottonwood. They also deliver big thrills, but are less crowded. In each canyon, the amount of snow available is different because of a variable weather pattern.

## **Park City**

The three skiing and snowboarding resorts in Park City have different personalities. The Haute Deer Valley resort offers legitimate on-mountain dining experience, valet parking and a number of groomed runs. The Park City Mountain Resort boasts of an enormous half pipe, serious upper-mountain tree skiing and ski lift to the mountain town. The less crowded Canyons, the largest ski resort in the state, offers a wide variety of terrain as well as a ski village vibe with a glass-walled bar and a beach created at the slopes.



## **North Tahoe**

In North Tahoe, there are 11 resorts as well as towns. It is really difficult to just choose one. Alpine Meadows with 2,400 acres of skiable area offers the best lake views, whereas Sugar Bowl offers 102 different runs and a dedicated ski-snowboarder cross training course. Northstar California Resort is

known for the refined on–mountain dining, pedestrian village and ski–in/ski–out Ritz Carlton. However, Squaw Valley is the king of resorts in California.

### **Sun Valley**

This is the birthplace of skiing in the US and Sun Valley in Idaho founded in 1963 is the country’s oldest resort. The top–end village has an intoxicating European vibe. There are 92 runs across Dollar and Baldy mountains. The non–ski attractions offered include ice shows, ice skating, cross–country skiing, snowshoeing and those at Ketchum town.

### **South Tahoe**

The major aspects that draw crowds to the resorts with 4,800 acres of skiable area located in Lake Tahoe’s southern stretch are the scenic beauty, gambling and varied terrain. Further, kids and families come to Sierra–at–Tahoe to see Star Wars–themed learn–to–snowboard day camp. Meanwhile, experienced skiers can prove their mettle in Kirkwood’s exposed and challenging peaks.

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