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Tahoe Resort, **The Ritz-  
Carlton Lake Tahoe** (ritzcarlton.com)  
has 153 guest rooms,  
suites and The Ritz-  
Carlton Club. The ultraluxe hotel  
offers new packages, including  
**Rejuvenate You**. Valid  
through 12/16, it includes overnight  
accommodations, a 50-minute  
spa treatment, lunch and an hour-  
long fitness class for two.  
**Constellation Residences at  
Northstar** (constellationatnorthstar.com)  
is a new whole-ownership  
property set adjacent to,  
with amenities with, The  
Ritz-Carlton Lake Tahoe. Its 17  
condos, fully furnished two-,  
three- and four-bedroom residences  
are available for vacation rental or  
purchase (\$25,000 to \$2.3 million).  
Having a coveted address on  
the west side of Lake Tahoe, the  
**Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort,  
Spa & Casino** (laketahoe.hyatt.com)  
undergoes a \$300,000 face-lift,  
and will reopen this winter  
with upscale table-service  
dining. Also the first full season  
of dining for **Rocker@Squaw** (a  
comfort-food-with-a-twist  
at **T Base Bar + K'Tchen**  
for a stellar après-ski party  
at the base of Olympic House).  
The resort's only ski-in/ski-out  
lift also recently opened at  
the resort's Funitel.  
It's a turn for the new  
**Zephyr Lodge** at  
Squaw—which offers indoor  
dining with seating for 700—  
and gourmet pizza  
and sandwiches.



Aspen/Snowmass  
offers incredible  
terrain that's perfect  
for thrill-seekers  
of all abilities.

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## ASPEN/SNOWMASS

### MOUNTAIN UPDATE

**Aspen Skiing Company's** (aspensnowmass.com) \$26 million investment in capital improvements includes the new \$7 million **Tiehack Express** quad lift at **Buttermilk**. Now the stand-in for the Eagle Hill and Upper Tiehack lifts, this high-speed hoist also acts as a porthole to new gladed terrain for intermediate and advanced skiers. The investment also includes the addition of 237 skiable acres at **Aspen Highlands**.

### LODGING NEWS

The Silvertree Hotel and Conference Center's multimillion-dollar transformation into the new **Westin Snowmass Resort** (westinsnowmass.com), sited in the center of

Snowmass Village, features room upgrades; **The Snowmass Kitchen** restaurant, with seating for 233; and a first-class spa and fitness facility.

**The Little Nell** (thelittlenell.com), Aspen's only five-star, five-diamond hotel offering ski-in/ski-out access to **Aspen Mountain**, elevates winter stays with the **Ultimate Ski Free** package, featuring one full-day private lesson, premium ski rentals, a pair of lift tickets per day (valid at Aspen Mountain, Snowmass, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk), transportation to all four mountains and first tracks on Aspen Mountain.

**The Sky Hotel** (theskyhotel.com), a boutique property at the base of Aspen Mountain's gondola, emerges with renovations to guest rooms, the interior corridors and the pool. Recalling the retro vibe of a





Expect an opulent stay at The St. Regis Aspen Resort.

'70s ski lodge, the hotel plays host to the slopes' chicest set.

#### APRÈS-SKI

**Aspen Skiing Company** has completed the first phase of **Elk Camp Restaurant** (asccatering.com) at Snowmass. The \$15 million undertaking will seat up to 300 guests.

Midmountain at Aspen Highlands, the **Merry-Go-Round Restaurant's** nearly \$6 million refurbishment complements its menu of pizza and pasta. It joins the new stand-alone restaurant and bar, **Ranger Station**, and a New Belgium-themed bar, situated inside the newly remodeled **Wildwood Snowmass** hotel.

The Little Nell's revamped Montagna restaurant—opening as **Element 47** on Nov. 22—promises to be a happening spot with its glass wine wall, contemporary furnishings and Colorado-focused menu. Also on tap is **The Oasis**, a Veuve Clicquot mobile bar on Aspen Mountain—complete with Champagne and caviar.

In addition to the \$40 million redesign, resulting in a new catering venue, **Chefs Club by FOOD & WINE** debuted in June at **The St. Regis Aspen Resort** (stregisaspen.com).

#### FLIGHT INTEL

American Airlines recently announced nonstop flights to **Aspen/Pitkin County Airport** (aspenairport.com) from Los Angeles and Dallas, and even more hops from Houston. United Airlines also added four daily flights from Chicago and two from San Francisco.



## STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

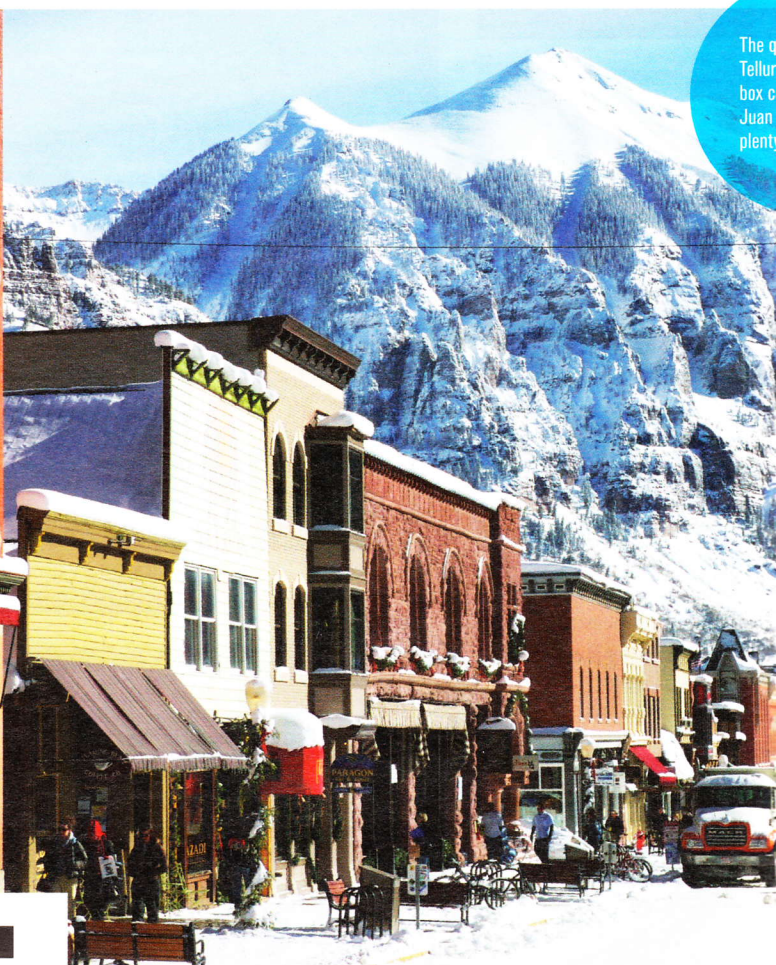
#### MOUNTAIN UPDATE

**Steamboat Ski Resort** (steamboat.com) is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, with a festive lineup planned for the weekend of Jan. 12. The ski resort also has partnered with Rossignol to create the only **Rossignol Experience Center** in Colorado, which—through ski rentals and progression programs—enables beginning skiers to quickly learn the sport.

## WINTER PARK

#### APRÈS-SKI

Strike first at **Winter Park's** (winterparkresort.com) new upscale cinema and bowling area, **The Foundry Cinema and Bowl** (foundry-wp.com). This eight-lane venue trades in plastic bowling chairs for leather couches, and arcade staples for billiards tables, shuffleboard and two movie theaters with plush perches.



## TELLURIDE

#### LODGING NEWS

A new division from **Telluride Alpine Lodging** (telluridelodging.com) instills a true sense of luxury with its posh portfolio of homes, including **Riverfront Estate** (a six-bedroom residence in Historic Telluride's Depot District).

#### APRÈS-SKI

Enjoy French country fare—and unparalleled views—at **Telluride Ski Resort's** (tellurideskiresort.com) new restaurant, **Bon Vivant**. Relax on the mountainside patio at the new **Tomboy Tavern**, and try some of the 30-plus Colorado beers on tap. Other newbies, **Zest** and **Flavor**, offer fresh, seasonal cuisine.

A trio of new retail outposts in Mountain Village—**Mountain Standard Time Telluride**, **Alpenglow Beauty** and **Heritage Apparel**—have given the hub its nickname, The Mountain Village Fashion District.

## VAIL

#### MOUNTAIN UPDATE

**Vail** (vail.com) kicked off its 50th anniversary celebrations for its 50th anniversary on Nov. 12 with the debut of a new Vail Village, to replace the old Bahn Express Lift. This state-of-the-art 10-passenger gondola—less—is the first of its kind in the United States, and passengers enjoy a view from the base of Vail mid-Vail. Cushioning the ride, Wi-Fi access also is available.

#### LODGING NEWS

With its 100-room suite hotel and 36 residences, **The Sebastian Vail** (thesebastianvail.com) made a splash in Vail Valley's newest resort and residence featuring après-ski hole **Frost Bar** and star **Block 16**. The **Vintage Vail** four-package includes a

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