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of heli-skiing.
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Tahoe Resort, **The Ritz-
Carlton Tahoe** (ritzcarlton.com).
It has 153 guest rooms,
suites and The Ritz-
Carlton Spa. The ultraluxe hotel
offers ski packages, including
Rejuvenate You. Valid
through 1/16, it includes overnight
room, a 50-minute
lunch and an hour-
long fitness class for two.
**Constellation Residences at
Northstar** (constellationatnorthstar.com)
is a whole-ownership
property set adjacent to,
amenities with, The
Lake Tahoe. Its 17
fully furnished two-,
three-bedroom residences
are available for vacation rental or
purchase (\$5,000 to \$2.3 million).
Being a coveted address on
the west side of Lake Tahoe, the
**Hyatt Lake Tahoe Resort,
Spa & Casino** (laketahoe.hyatt.com) is
undergoing a \$50-million overhaul to its 422
guest rooms and suites.

will undergo a \$300,000 face-lift,
and its legendary **Olympic
House** will reopen this winter
with upscale table-service
dining. To the first full season
of the **Rocker@Squaw** (a
comfort-food-with-a-
twist **Base Bar + K'Tchen**
will offer a stellar après-ski party
at the end of Olympic House).
The resort's only ski-in/ski-out
restaurant recently opened at
the resort's Funitel.
Look out for the new
Zephyr Lodge at
Squaw, which offers indoor
dining seating for 700—
plus 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.

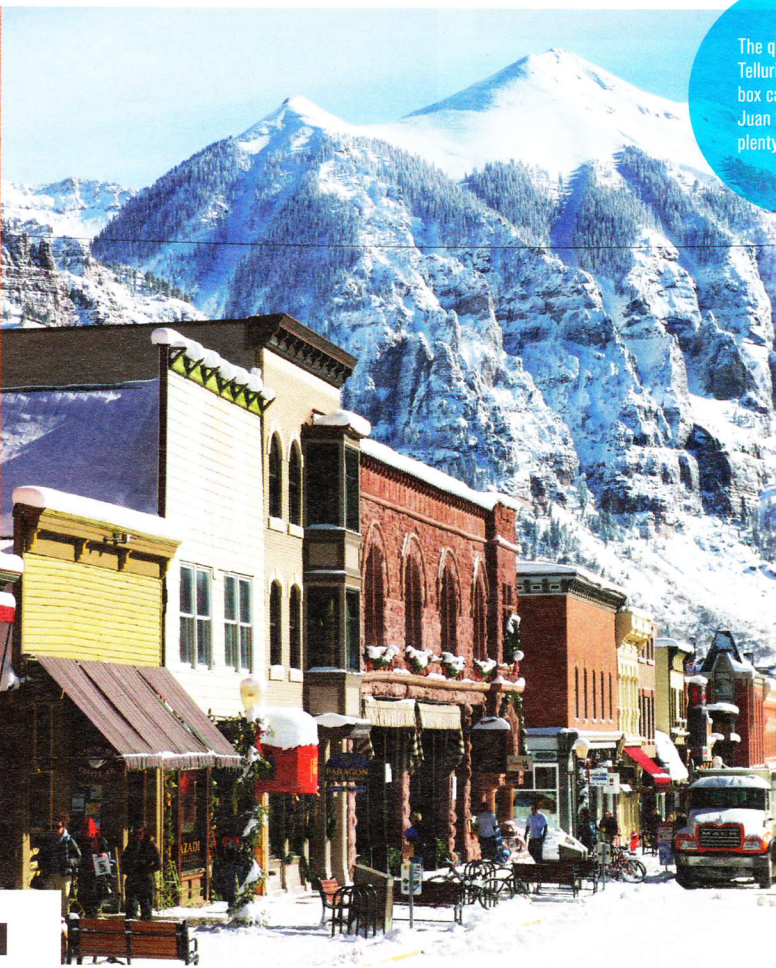


STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

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) kicks off celebrations for its 50th anniversary on Nov. 15 with the debut of a new gondola, **Vail Village**, to replace the **Bahn Express Lift** (BEX). This state-of-the-art 10-passenger gondola—less—is the first of its kind in the United States, and 70 passengers enjoy a 7-minute ride from the base of Vail to mid-Vail. Cushioned seats and Wi-Fi access also are available.

LODGING NEWS
 With its 100-room, full-service suite hotel and 36 private residences, **The Sebastian** (thesebastianvail.com) made a splash in Vail Valley's newest resort and residence community, featuring après-ski staples like **Frost Bar** and **Block 16**. The **Vintage Vail** four-room package includes two

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