

25/25 Aspen USA

Aspen leads a double life. On one hand, the little Colorado town with the big reputation is a hotbed for celebrities, monster homes and racy nightlife. On the other, it's a haven for people who cherish fresh air, spectacular scenery and the outdoor lifestyle. The common denominator is the mountains. Aspen Mountain, Snowmass, Buttermilk, Aspen Highlands: together, they form a winter playground that doesn't care if you're decked out in ski couture, or your boots are held together with duct tape.

Essentials

- 01 Some 336 trails on four mountains equal skier/boarder nirvana.
- 02 Beware the 2,420m altitude, which packs a punch (drinking lots of water can help).
- 03 Befriend a member of the elite Caribou Club and hobnob with the elite.
- 04 Tour the town in The Ultimate Taxi, a Yellow Cab cum nightclub wrapped up in blinking neon trim.
- 05 Limo down to dinner at six89 (aka locavore heaven) in Carbondale.

Guide/Info

Hotels

Independent and easy

Limelight Lodge
355 South Monarch Street
+ 1 970 925 3025
limelightlodge.com

Dependable chain

Hyatt Grand Aspen
415 East Dean Street
+ 1 970 429 9100
aspen.hyatt.com

Premium

The Little Nell
675 East Durant Avenue
+ 1 970 920 4600
thelittlenell.com

Dining

Fast breakfast

Victoria's Espresso & Wine Bar
312 South Mill Street
+ 1 970 920 3001
aspensespresso.com

Leisurely breakfast

Jacob's Corner, Hotel Jerome
330 East Main Street
+ 1 970 920 1000
hoteljerome.com

Breakfast on the piste

Gwyn's High Alpine
Top of Alpine Springs
Quad at Snowmass
+ 1 970 923 5188
aspensnowmass.com

Lunch with friends

Ajax Tavern
685 East Durant Avenue
+ 1 970 920 6334
thelittlenell.com

Deli to get picnic food

Specialty Foods of Aspen
601 East Hopkins Avenue
+ 1 970 544 6656

Lunch on the piste

Bonnie's
Above Lift 3 on Aspen Mountain
+ 1 970 925 1220

Sunset cocktail

Jimmy's
205 South Mill Street
+ 1 970 925 6020
jimmysaspen.com

Early bite

L'Hostaria
620 East Hyman Avenue
+ 1 970 925 9022
hostaria.com

Dinner for two

Montagna at The Little Nell
675 East Durant Avenue
+ 1 970 920 4600
thelittlenell.com

Dinner with friends

Brex
411 South Monarch Street
+ 1 970 925 2838
brexiaspen.com

Dinner on the piste

Lynn Britt Cabin
On Snowmass Mountain via Snowcat
+ 1 970 923 8715
aspensnowmass.com

Big dinner with friends

Brunelleschi's
205 South Mill Street
+ 1 970 544 4644

Drink after dinner

Cache Cache Bar
205 South Mill Street
+ 1 970 925 3835
cachecache.com

Late drinks

The Lounge at Social
304 East Hopkins Avenue
+ 1 970 925 9700
social-aspen.com

On the tiles

Club Chelsea
415 East Hyman Avenue
+ 1 970 920 0066

Reading

Explore Booksellers & Bistro
221 East Main Street
+ 1 970 925 5336
explorebooksellers.com

Equipment

Performance Ski
408 South Hunter Street
+ 1 970 925 8657

Shopping

Something you can't get anywhere else

Stetsons and boots by Kemo Sabe
434 East Cooper Avenue
+ 1 970 925 7878
kemosabe.com

Lost luggage – where to buy shirts, socks and underwear

Carl's Pharmacy
306 East Main Street
+ 1 970 925 3273

Something for the kids

Toys from Short Sport
613 East Cooper Avenue
shortsport.com

Something for someone you love

McHugh Antiques and Fine Jewels
607 East Cooper Avenue
+ 1 970 925 4212

Something for yourself

Cashmere from Gorsuch
611 East Dean Street
+ 1 970 920 9388
gorsuch.com

Two-hour tour

Take a walking tour of historic Victorian architecture in Aspen's West End.
+ 1 970 925 3721
aspenhistorysociety.com

Limousine/car

Smiddy Limousine
PO Box 8866
+ 1 970 925 7505
smiddylimo.com

Transport

Ski-pass information

A one-day adult lift ticket, which provides access to all four mountains, is \$96 (€73). A five-day adult peak season pass is \$430 (€330).

Bus

Free town shuttle covers most of the town and recreation access points.

Fitness

Good gym

The Aspen Club & Spa
1450 Ute Avenue
+ 1 866 484 8254
aspenclub.com

Good running route

Rio Grande Trail
Access the trail at the Mill Street bridge near Aspen Post Office.
aspenpitkin.com

Alternative diversion

Krabloonik
Dogsled Rides
4250 Divide Road, Snowmass Village
krabloonik.com

