

# 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 \$189 (aka locavore heaven) in Carbondale.

## Guide/Info

### Hotels

#### Independent and easy

**Limelight Lodge**  
355 South Monarch Street  
+ 1 970 925 3025  
[limelightlodge.com](http://limelightlodge.com)

#### Dependable chain

**Hyatt Grand Aspen**  
415 East Dean Street  
+ 1 970 429 9100  
[aspen.hyatt.com](http://aspen.hyatt.com)

#### Premium

**The Little Nell**  
675 East Durant Avenue  
+ 1 970 920 4600  
[thelittlenell.com](http://thelittlenell.com)

### Dining

#### Fast breakfast

**Victoria's Espresso & Wine Bar**  
510 East Durett  
+ 1 970 920 3001  
[aspensespresso.com](http://aspensespresso.com)

#### Leisurely breakfast

**Jacob's Corner, Hotel Jerome**  
330 East Main Street  
+ 1 970 920 1000  
[hoteljerome.com](http://hoteljerome.com)

#### Breakfast on the piste

**Gwyn's High Alpine**  
Top of Alpine Springs  
Snowmass Village  
+ 1 970 923 5188  
[gwynshighalpine.com](http://gwynshighalpine.com)

#### Lunch with friends

**Ajax Tavern**  
675 East Durant Avenue  
+ 1 970 920 6334  
[thelittlenell.com](http://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 4280

#### Sunset cocktail

**Jimmy's**  
205 South Mill Street  
+ 1 970 925 6020  
[jimmysaspen.com](http://jimmysaspen.com)

### Early bite

**L'Hostaria**  
620 East Hyman Avenue  
+ 1 970 925 9022  
[hostaria.com](http://hostaria.com)

### Dinner for two

**Montagna at The Little Nell**  
675 East Durant Avenue  
+ 1 970 920 4600  
[thelittlenell.com](http://thelittlenell.com)

### Dinner with friends

**Brexii**  
411 South Monarch Street  
+ 1 970 925 2838  
[brexiaspen.com](http://brexiaspen.com)

### Dinner on the piste

**Lynn Britt Cabin**  
On Snowmass Mountain via Snowcat  
+ 1 970 923 8715  
[aspensnowmass.com](http://aspensnowmass.com)

### Big dinner with friends

**Brunelleschi's**  
205 South Mill Street  
+ 1 970 544 4644  
[zgpizza.com](http://zgpizza.com)

### Drink after dinner

**Cache Cache Bar**  
205 South Mill Street  
+ 1 970 925 3835  
[cachecache.com](http://cachecache.com)

### Late drinks

**The Lounge at Social**  
304 East Hopkins Avenue  
+ 1 970 925 9700  
[social-aspen.com](http://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](http://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](http://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  
+ 1 970 920 3195

#### 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](http://gorsuch.com)

### Two-hour tour

Take a walking tour of historic Victorian architecture in Aspen's West End.  
620 West Bleeker Street  
+ 1 970 925 3721  
[aspenhistorysociety.com](http://aspenhistorysociety.com)

### Limousine/car

**Smiddy Limousine**  
PO Box 8866  
+ 1 970 925 7505  
[smiddylimoaspen.com](http://smiddylimoaspen.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](http://aspenclub.com)

#### Good running route

**Rio Grande Trail**  
Access the trail at the Mill Street bridge near Aspen Post Office.  
[aspenpitkin.com](http://aspenpitkin.com)

### Alternative diversion

**Krabloonik**  
Dogsled Rides  
4250 Divide Road, Snowmass Village  
+ 1 970 923 3953  
[krabloonik.com](http://krabloonik.com)



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