

THE INN at CRESTED BUTTE OFFERS COZY BOUTIQUE ELEGANCE in DOWNTOWN

CRESTED BUTTE, CO – The Inn at Crested Butte is a newly renovated, 17-room boutique hotel in downtown Crested Butte, Colo. Conveniently located near shopping, fine dining, and world-class skiing, The Inn at Crested Butte is the epitome of mountain charm and casual elegance. Offering an unparalleled level of service and a luxurious experience in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, the Inn invites you to stay with them for a magical ski vacation.

Guestrooms at The Inn are inviting and are a welcoming retreat after a day on the slopes. Tastefully appointed, all guestrooms and suites feature beautiful furnishings and luxurious bedding.

The guestrooms offer a cozy experience, while ensuring that their guests are completely comfortable. Amenities featured in all of the 17 rooms and suites include flat screen television, clock radio with iPod connection, 400-thread count sheets, down comforter, coffee maker and Wolfgang Puck Signature coffees, mini fridge, plush bath robes, spa toiletries, hair dryer, and complimentary high speed wireless internet access.

Accommodations at The Inn at Crested Butte include stylish king and queen rooms as well as two suites that have oversized soaking tubs. Several guestrooms open onto a covered bal-

cony and offer another location from which guests can relax and enjoy the views of Crested Butte Mountain.

It is of the utmost importance to the staff at The Inn that their guests have a relaxing experience as well as all of the comforts of home. Therefore, The Inn is pleased to offer a delicious complimentary continental breakfast, served daily, complete with delicious freshly baked homemade breads.

After a long day of skiing, as guests return to The Inn, they are welcomed with hot chocolate, tea, and freshly baked cookies. A soak in the Jacuzzi is always the perfect way to end a day in the snow. In addition, The Inn hosts a complimentary wine tasting every afternoon. Guests can enjoy a glass of wine by the fire in the living room or in the comfort of their guestroom. By request, The Inn offers a complimentary nightly turn down service with baked treats.

Concierge services are always available to guests. The knowledgeable and friendly staff will be delighted to assist guests in making plans while you are on vacation in Crested Butte.

Please visit their website at www.innatcrestedbutte.net to view the ski packages and promotions or call 1-877-343-2111.

THE NORDIC INN IS CRESTED BUTTE'S FRIENDLY LODGE at THE SKI AREA

MT. CRESTED BUTTE, CO – A charming Scandinavian-style lodge, the Nordic Inn offers comfortable Crested Butte lodging within easy walking distance of the ski lifts and two miles from the historic mining town. This lodge is your best bet on the mountain for vacation rentals, convenience and personalized service. It truly feels like your home away from home (except that you will not have to do the breakfast dishes). The Nordic Inn features comfortable accommodations, many amenities and a great location.

Located near the base of Crested Butte Mountain Resort, this lodge is real treat in both summer and winter. The friendly tradition of the Nordic Inn has been ongoing since the beginning of skiing in Colorado. Mt. Crested Butte's friendly little family-owned lodge has been operating since 1964. Beautiful renovations make this one-of-a-kind lodge a must-stay property. Your kind host will personally make sure your stay is unforgettable.

Start each morning in the breakfast room with a continental breakfast that will keep you playing well into the lunch hour. After a day of playing hard, enjoy a roaring fire, play games or just take advantage of the beautiful views of Mt. Crested Butte. You will feel at home in the comfortable lobby featuring a large Norwegian fireplace, games, puzzles and library.

The bright, cheery lodge rooms can accommodate up to eight people. They all have private baths, cable television, phones and daily maid service. Included is use of the hot tub and the generous continental breakfast. Some units have kitchenettes.

Crested Butte is the place for the perfect winter vacation if you are into real people, authentic Victorian and Western towns, and genuine hospitality. You will find skiing for all skill levels on excellent mountain terrain. In addition, there is snowshoeing in the moon light, dog sledding through a glistening forest, snowmobiling on well marked trails, Nordic Skiing on groomed and marked trails, ice fishing on pristine lakes, ice skating on the town rink, ice climbing on nearby falls, hot air balloon rides over the spectacular scenery and so much more.

There are special events for the holidays and, of course, the popular Country in the Rockies festival. For more information on these and the many other events happening in Crested Butte this winter, see the calendar on the Nordic Inn website. With a wide range of activities, you can do it all in Crested Butte.

In the summer, Crested Butte shines. Activities include mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding, white water rafting and fly-fishing. In addition, shopping in town is always a treat. The Fourth of July celebration is a genuine small-town celebration mixed with mountain humor. Later in July, the town celebrates the riot of natural colors on the mountains with the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival.

When you are ready to be treated with good, old-fashioned hospitality, call the Nordic Inn at 1-800-542-7669, visit their website at www.nordicinn.com, or link to them via an easily found link on the homepage of www.skiernews.com

EXPERIENCE CRESTED BUTTE with CRESTED BUTTE LODGING

CRESTED BUTTE, CO – Adventurers looking for an off-the-beaten-path Colorado getaway with all the frills of a major resort should head to Crested Butte, an historic town tucked away in the Colorado Rockies Elk Mountain Range. With its affordable accommodations, gourmet restaurants, cozy pubs, and eclectic shops, Crested Butte attracts a devoted legion of repeat visitors year-round. Few places on earth offer such a remarkable combination of breathtaking beauty, diversity of activities and genuinely friendly people. Often referred to as "The Last Great Colorado Ski Town," Crested Butte boasts delightful Victorian charm and excellent slopes.

EXPERIENCE WINTER

Winters in Crested Butte are a skier's and paradise. If you like short lift lines and un-crowded ski terrain, you will love Crested Butte. Winter fun includes alpine skiing and snowboarding, sledding and tubing at the base of the ski mountain, Nordic skiing, telemark skiing, ice-skating, sleigh rides, snowmobiling, dog sledding, and more.

MANY FLIGHTS TO CHOOSE FROM

Getting to Crested Butte is easier than ever, thanks to direct flights into Gunnison/Crested Butte airport from Denver, Salt Lake City, and Atlanta.

EXPERIENCE THE CUISINE

Crested Butte boasts an astounding array of gourmet restaurants, with menus offering everything from classic

American comfort food to upscale Pacific Rim cuisine. Ski resorts that are not as down-to-earth charge astronomical prices, even for burgers, but in Crested Butte, a great meal in fine surroundings will not set you back a mortgage payment. In addition to its swanky establishments, Crested Butte offers several family-style restaurants and takeouts with wallet-friendly fare, from deli sandwiches to veggie burritos. Paradise Café, located mid-Elk Avenue, is a local's favorite, offering huge breakfasts and a come-as-you-are atmosphere. The Secret Stash, located at the far west end of Elk Avenue and set in an historic mining cabin, serves gourmet pizza created by the chef/owner. Le Bosquet's contemporary French menu offers kid friendly choices and a delicious variety of desserts guaranteed to break your diet. It is located on 6th and Belleview, near the grocery store.

EXPERIENCE THE SHOPPING

Shoppers will find plenty of treasures in Crested Butte's quaint shops and boutiques. Stores in the town's National Historic District and slope-side shopping areas offer a wide range of finds, from fine jewelry and Western collectibles, to backpacking gear and one-of-a-kind ceramic pieces. Condo dwellers can stock up on beer, wine, deli meats, and snacks at Clark's Market and Mountain Earth Whole Foods Grocer. Do not miss these boutiques. Lavish, a sister store to the trendy Milky Way boutique, specializes in fashion accessories for women, including jewelry, handbags, belts, hats and more. Shop for silver and gold jewelry at

Zacchariah Zypys and Ice Mountain. Both offer lapis lazuli, a rare gem mined in only three locations worldwide, one of which is near Crested Butte.

LODGING OPTIONS

Crested Butte Lodging & Property Management offers an extensive selection of base area lodging. Choose from over 200 condominiums including townhomes, private homes and hotel rooms in ski-in ski-out and base area locations, each equipped with all the comforts and luxuries of home. Floor plans are available in a variety of sizes and configurations to suit every budget and preference. Most complexes include access to hot tub and saunas and, of course, have fantastic mountain views.

Crested Butte Lodging & Property Management is committed to providing you the best service possible. They will assist in making all your travel arrangements, including lodging, air, airport transfers, lift tickets and equipment rentals. Once you are there, the front desk staff will be happy to assist with restaurant and activity recommendations and much more.

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CRESTED BUTTE HAS MANY IMPROVEMENTS for 2009-10

MT. CRESTED BUTTE, CO – Over \$315 million has been invested in on- and off-mountain improvements and amenities at Crested Butte Mountain Resort since Tim and Diane Mueller purchased the ski area in 2004. Under the new ownership of CNL lifestyle properties, with the Mueller's still at the operational helm, the 2009-10 season is no exception. The Muellers remain committed to evolving the resort in a responsible manner that answers the needs of a growing community and an increasing number of visitors, while respecting the surrounding native environment. With this in mind, CBMR remains focused on improving the overall guest experience, and the resort has big plans that are sure to inspire adventure.

Improvements at CBMR for the coming winter season include a complete remodel of the beloved Ice Bar on-mountain restaurant and the addition of a new base area Adventure Park, complete with year-round synthetic ice rink. Additional improvements include bungee trampolines and a climbing wall, installation of a lift-served tubing hill, the addition of a new combined beginner learning area for children and adults and upgrades to the Outpost Building Day Lodge.

THE ICE BAR REMODEL

The Ice Bar restaurant remodel nearly doubled the size of the existing space, increasing the capacity to 63 in the dining room, 12-15 in the lounge and 20 at the outside bar. The existing deck has also been expanded. The new design of the restaurant features a simple, subtle and understated feel with rustic undertones and an intimate setting. Serving gourmet lunches of upscale regional American Cuisine with French influences and exotic drinks at a bar made completely out of ice, CBMR's Ice Bar is a one-of-a-kind on-mountain experience. Sip on a specialty beverage at the end of the day on the large sunny deck, and enjoy the beau-

tiful vistas. The Ice Bar is located on the mountain at the base of the Twister Lift and is open for lunch and evening Last Tracks dinners – a gourmet meal followed by skiing or riding down the mountain after dark. Sleigh ride Dinners run out of the Ice Bar this coming season. Reservations are required for Last Tracks and Sleigh ride dinners and recommended for lunch.

THE ADVENTURE PARK

New this year, CBMR introduces the base area Adventure Park, complete with year-round ice-skating, bungee trampolines and a climbing wall. The skating rink is made from Super-Glide® synthetic ice and represents the first synthetic ice-skating facility in Colorado. Super-Glide synthetic ice is a high-tech skating surface created by skaters. The rink was recycled from the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, where it was part of a display on climate change. The bungee trampolines provide a turbo-charged, gravity-defying ride up to 30 feet in the air, while the Climbing Pinnacle features a 28-foot, 6-route tower with auto-belay. The Adventure Park will be open year-round.

LIFT SERVED TUBING HILL

In addition, the resort added a lift-served tubing hill to the Adventure Park scene for winter. The hill is located on warming house hill in front of the Crested Mountain condominium complex, in the area previously occupied by the adult learning area, which has moved to the same location as the children's learning area. The Tubing Hill has been re-graded and features a new tow lift and multiple tubing lanes.

BEGINNER LEARN TO SKI & SNOWBOARD

The Ski and Ride School boasts a new beginner learning area for the upcoming season. The current kids' area has

been re-graded and expanded to include beginners of all ages. Both adult and children's ski school lessons will operate out of the same area, making the morning drop-off seamless and stress-free.

THE OUTPOST BUILDING

The Outpost Building, located at the base of CBMR, has been upgraded with new paint, expanded restrooms and interior enhancements. The Outpost Building serves as a base area warming hut and gathering place.

Improvements over the past five years since the Muellers initially took ownership of CBMR in 2004 are numerous. They include a new base area village called Mountaineer Square, new lodging (Elevation Hotel & Spa, Lodge at Mountaineer Square), Teo 2 and Teo 2.5 ski area expansions in the Teo Bowl area and expanded DC Terrain Park. Also included are snow igloos (solid snow structures) set up in the kids' play area outside of Camp CB and as cocktail hotspots near the Ice Bar restaurant, new snow-making and grooming, a lift system expansion, as well as the Treasury Center remodel. Additional improvements include a new children's facility called Camp CB, the addition of the Outpost Building Day Lodge and the introduction of the Mountain Sports Team accessible to a wide variety of athletes from kids enjoying local recreational programs to driven student athletes.

For more info, log on to Crested Butte via an easily found link on the homepage of www.skiernews.com or please log on directly to www.skicb.com

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