

CRESTED BUTTE LODGING HAS AWESOME PLACES to STAY

CRESTED BUTTE, CO – Many people travel far and wide to discover the bounty of beauty that is Crested Butte in every season. With so many things to do in Crested Butte, and even more places to stay, choosing might be the hardest part. From rustic retreats to hot tub havens, Crested Butte Lodging is there to help you sort through the variety of options and find just the right experience for your trip.

1. Ski-in/Ski-Out at Axtel Condominiums
Living up to the definition of ski-in/ski-out, Axtel Condos are conveniently located in Village Center and sit at the base of the Silver Queen lift, a high-speed chairlift that rises to the longest runs resort-wide. Each one- to three-bedroom unit comes furnished with a wood-burning fireplace, private balcony, kitchen and a common area to store your skis and gear. After a full day on the slopes, grab a cold one from the Avalanche Bar and Grill, the Avy as locals know it, and finish up with a dip in Axtel's outdoor hot tub.

2. Black Bear Lodge, a Rustic Retreat
With its exposed lodgepole beams, an imposing stone fireplace, stone-flanked surfaces and jetted master bath, Black Bear Lodge delivers rustic mountain luxury. Each two-, three- or four-bedroom Gold Plus-rated condominium includes access to a large outdoor hot tub and its stunning down-valley views. Walk along the heated sidewalk as you make your way to the nearby West Wall lift. On the other hand, for the driving inclined, the heated underground garage keeps your vehicle free of ice and snow and ready for trips to the quaint Victorian town of Crested Butte.

3. Columbine: Great Views Atop Mt. CB
Warning: This property is not for the faint-hearted. Perched higher on the mountain than any other resort on this list, Columbine boasts commanding views of the town and valley, and unrivaled slope-side access to skiing, hiking and biking trails. Condos vary in size and range from one to three bedrooms; some even include a charming loft with additional beds. Each unit features a wood-burning fireplace and full kitchen, while each rental includes access to the shared sauna, steam room, gas grill and outdoor hot tub, perfect for

clear-night soaks watching the lights of historic Crested Butte sparkle and compete with the shimmer of an endless diamond sky.

4. Central Slopeside Locale at Buttes
If you are hoping to strap on your gear, walk out the door and commence open-air activity in three minutes or less, look no further than Buttes. Offering one- to three-bedroom condos, each with its own private entry and balcony, fireplace and in-unit washer/dryer, this ski-in/ski-out sanctuary also serves as an excellent basecamp for all things Crested Butte. On the mountain, you can select from the two express quad chairlifts, Red Lady or Silver Queen; which one will be lucky enough to carry you up, up and away? On your return to the base, stop by The Bakery/Brown Labrador Pub for \$1 pizza slices and a bevy of drink specials. You cannot get more central than this.

5. Panoramas Aplenty at Wood Creek Lodge
Blooming wildflowers in the summer, rich red and gold foliage in fall and snow-capped summits in the winter, Crested Butte's bounty of beauty is visible round-the-clock to guests of Wood Creek Lodge. Offering modern amenities and a private balcony to marvel at the mighty view, each unit also comes equipped with a full kitchen and wood-burning fireplace. In true Colorado fashion, spend some time roasting marshmallows by the new fire pit or take a dip in the open-air hot tub. The West Wall and Peachtree lifts are just 50 yards out.

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COLORADO SKI COUNTRY USA CONTINUES to ENHANCE the GUEST EXPERIENCE

This is the second of two reports regarding the 2016-17 season improvements at CSCUSA member resorts. The first half can be read at www.skiernews.net/Oct-2016-Colo.pdf.

DENVER, CO – Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA) member resorts are dedicated to providing a guest experience that sets the standard in ski vacations, from friendly employees providing personal interactions and a welcoming spirit, to unmatched guest services including top of the line amenities, customized programs and innovative activities.

CSCUSA resorts regularly invest to improve facilities and enhance the guest experience both on and off the mountain. For the 2016-17 season, guests will find new dining options, new chairlifts and new terrain enhancements, as well as other improvements that will elevate the premier skiing and snowboarding experience at CSCUSA resorts.

Below is a summary of the many upgrades at some of these resorts that guests will enjoy during the 2016-17 ski season.

Ski Cooper (near Leadville, Colo.)

This season Cooper unveiled a new mountaintop yurt lodge, a comfortable place to kick back for a break, complete with food and beverage and a large deck with stunning panoramic mountain views.

Other ski area improvements included a new Pistenbully 400 slope groomer to continue to provide the softest and smoothest snow around. There are also new administrative offices at the mountain and a new point-of-sale system in food and beverage and the retail shop.

For more information, visit www.skicooper.com

Copper Mountain

Copper's new bar and entertainment hot spot in the resort's Center Village is named On the Rockies. Just steps from the American Eagle chairlift, On the Rockies specializes in craft whiskeys from Colorado and beyond as well as craft beer. It also features a full menu of sandwiches, salads and other American fare.

A second, new eatery, Eagle BBQ, offers a variety of barbecue options in a Colorado-themed atmosphere in Center Village's Copper Junction building. The restaurant's patio is as close to the snow as possible, making it a perfect après location. This new facility opened in November 2016.

For 2016-17, Copper offers a new option for those looking for luxury accommodations during their visit. White River Luxury Rentals will allow guests to book units through the White River Luxury Rentals website.

For more information, visit www.coppercolorado.com

Monarch Mountain (at Monarch Pass, near Salida, Colo.)

Monarch added three designated uphill travel routes that will allow guests to trek from the base area to the top of the

Continental Divide. Guests must register at the information desk to receive the complimentary uphill travel ticket.

Also new this season, Monarch has one, all-mountain point-of-sale system, Siriusware. This allows guests to log in online and reload their ticket products, skipping the ticket windows and increasing convenience.

For more information, visit www.skimonarch.com

Purgatory

New this season guests will notice the Columbine beginner area was expanded and re-graded to improve the area where beginners learn to ski and snowboard. In addition, the Snow Coaster Tubing Hill was relocated, redesigned and enhanced for a better user experience and a hazard tree mitigation project vastly improves the health of the forest and enhances tree skiing at the resort.

A modernized rope tow, the new T-3 surface lift, now transports skiers on the backside of the mountain heading west to the Legends Lift 8 high-speed detachable-quad chairlift, which debuted last winter. The T-3 lift will also connect a new trail to the Legends Lift 8. The Legends Bypass, which opened last winter as an alternative way down to Lift 8, was widened and re-graded.

For more information, visit www.skipurg.com

Telluride

The beloved Telluride Mountain Village Gondola system celebrates its 20th anniversary in December. A celebration with a series of events and a festive gala taking place during the anniversary month, while a number of events will be celebrating the Gondola and its contribution to the region throughout the season.

Telluride's newest restaurant, Altezza at the Peaks, offers incredible views. Altezza, which means "height" in Italian, offers an Italian-inspired menu, with a variety of main courses such as traditional pastas and Colorado-inspired dishes. To broaden the overall resort experience, Telluride added a number of ongoing, free, family-friendly events to take place when the lifts stop turning, including a kids' zone, a holiday prelude and movie series, other movie nights, and live music in the mountain village.

Skiers and riders have new transportation options with Allegiant Airlines adding flights between Montrose/Telluride and Denver. The seasonal flights will operate twice weekly and fly nonstop between Montrose Regional Airport (MTJ) and DIA (DEN) with one-way fares as low as \$44.

For more information, visit www.tellurideskiresort.com

Winter Park

The Winter Park Express ski train returns, restoring passenger rail service from Denver's Union Station to the slopes of Winter Park with service beginning Saturday, Jan. 7, and con-

tinuing every weekend and holiday Monday through Sunday, March 26. This service is the only one of its kind in the United States and a unique way to visit Winter Park.

Winter Park added four new state-of-the-art snowcats that are used year-round to trim the trees and bushes in the summer that have the tendency to peek through the snow in the winter. In winter, at peak output, the resort will be able to groom almost 1,000 acres, which is a lot of corduroy.

For more information, visit www.winterparkresort.com.

Wolf Creek (at Wolf Creek Pass, near Pagosa Springs, Colo.)

Wolf Creek Ski Area debuted a new lift for the 2016-17 ski season, the Lynx Lift, which connects the existing base area to a new teaching area. The top of the Lynx Lift terminal building houses a ski school greeting area facility designed for greater customer service for beginner skiers.

A portion of the Tranquility Parking Lot was paved and other damaged areas were repaired with 2,600 tons of asphalt. The ski and snowboard rentals have increased their fleet for this season with new demos, sport and standard models from some of the best manufacturers in the industry. Guests will find cosmetic improvements to the base area buildings as well as the Bonanza Lift.

This season marks the 40th year Wolf Creek Ski Area has been owned and operated by the Pitcher family, which is committed to operating a sustainable ski area with a low-density skiing experience that remains affordable to the public.

Other improvements include an upgrade in the food and beverage department from traditional cash registers to a point-of-sale system. Improvements to the online reservation system allow guests to book ski school lessons and access to the entire rental fleet. Radio telemetry for activating avalanche control exploders along the Knife Ridge out of the Horseshoe Bowl were added in spring 2016. In addition, maintenance on the D. Boyce Poma Lift keeps this piece of Wolf Creek history operating. For more information, visit www.wolfcreekski.com

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