

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 WestWall 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 WestWall and Peachtree lifts are just 50 yards out.

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COLORADO SKI COUNTRY USA ENHANCES the GUEST EXPERIENCE for 2016-17

This is the first of two reports regarding the 2016-17 season with improvements at CSCUSA member resorts. The second half will appear in our Dec-Jan edition.

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 these resorts that guests will enjoy during the 2016-17 ski season.

Arapahoe Basin
To celebrate A-Basin's 70th Anniversary, the resort made significant investments into improving the base area, including renovating buildings, improving walkways and ramps, upgrading skier services, expanding Arapahoe Sports, and providing better outdoor seating and viewing areas for the main stage.

A-Basin also updated all of its webcams, installing new cams last season in the base area and facing the Pali area terrain. In addition, the resort invested in a partnership with Prism for the Divide Cam, situated at the summit.

For more information, visit www.arapahoebasin.com

Aspen Snowmass
Aspen Snowmass underwent significant renovations in anticipation of the 2016-17 season, including an extensive remodel at Gwyn's High Alpine Restaurant that expanded the building's capacity from 350 to 800 as well as adding a bar complete with a large wood-burning fire and big-screen televisions. Additionally, the cafeteria now has a "market" setup that improves access to food.

Lynn Britt Cabin, debuted in the spring of 2016, introduced L-B-C Après, a lively après party at the quaint cabin featuring \$6 Woody Creek Distillers Gin & Juice Cocktails alongside après food specials starting at \$5.

Aspen will host the 2017 Audi FIS Ski World Cup Finals March 15-17, 2017, marking the first time the event has been held in the U.S. in 20 years. The races feature the best men's and women's alpine skiing athletes in the world competing in downhill, super-G, giant slalom, slalom and nation's team event.

For more information, visit www.aspensnowmass.com.

Copper Mountain
Copper's new bar and entertainment hotspot 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.

Recently Copper's Green Team secured a grant from the State of Colorado and installed four Level 2 electric car charging spaces. This lets vehicles charge in 4-8 hours. Located at the entrance of the Beeler parking lot in Copper's Center Village, the Chargepoint interface allows users to schedule appointment times through a smart phone app, free of charge.

For more info, visit www.coppercolorado.com

Crested Butte
For 2016-17, Crested Butte Mountain Resort features a new coffee shop, Coal Breaker Coffee, named after the Ruby-Anthracite mine and hiking trail. Coal Breaker is located in the Treasury Center building in the base area and offers made-to-order crepes, breakfast sandwiches, espresso and hand scooped ice cream.

Another feature new for 2016-17 is a quarter million dollar, state-of-the-art Montana Crystal Glide Finish automated tuning machine, which provides speedy and accurate tuning of skis and snowboards.

A new program at the resort this season, Women's Tips on Tuesdays, is a half-day women specific ski school led by Crested Butte's top female pros. It concludes with a glass of wine.

For more information, visit www.skicb.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 alter-

native way down to Lift 8, was widened and re-graded.

Purgatory installed new point-of-sale software that makes it easier for consumers who make purchases throughout the resort, providing them with faster transactions at the Ticket Office, Snow Sports School, rentals, retail and restaurants.

In the fall, Purgatory opened a new convenient retail, rental and repair services shop in Durango at 2615 Main Ave. The remodel provides a new storefront for outdoor recreation apparel, gear, rentals, repair services, ticket/pass purchases, as well as the resort's reservation center. For more information, visit www.skipurg.com

Steamboat
For 2016-17, Steamboat replaced its Elkhead fixed-grip quad with a Doppelmayr high-speed detachable quad, cutting ride times by more than half. Safety bars were also added to the new lift. The increased speed and capacity of the new Elkhead lift is expected to improve substantially the guest experience in the popular Sunshine and Priest Creek areas of the mountain, especially at lunchtime and at end-of-day egress.

Steamboat's new mountain coaster will operate year-round in the vicinity of Christie Peak Express lift. The mountain coaster allows guests to ride a gravity driven sled up the mountain and then slide down the rails while controlling the sled.

New flights from San Diego offer travelers a chance to experience Steamboat's legendary Champagne Powder® with a direct flight from San Diego International Airport (SAN) to Steamboat/Hayden Airport (HDN). Alaska Airlines will fly the route twice a week from Dec. 17, 2016, to March 25, 2017.

The resort partnered with Marmot on a new concept store located on the corner of 7th Street and Lincoln Avenue in historic downtown Steamboat. The new 1,800-square-foot branded retail space will focus extensively on outerwear, apparel and accessories from the award-winning, high-performance company.

For more information, visit www.steamboat.com
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