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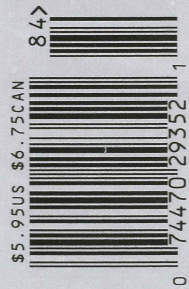
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{ BEST PLACES TO } SKI-IN/SKI-OUT

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Best chance of getting first chair? Staying slopeside or as close to it as you can get. Here's a look at some of our favorite ski-in/ski-out lodging options. By no means is the list definitive, but it's a good start! If you're feeling like a good ski/snowsports tour this winter, here are some places to hit.

1 SLEEP NEXT TO BIG RED
CALDERA HOUSE,
JACKSON HOLE MOUNTAIN
RESORT, JACKSON, WY

Next to the iconic Tram at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort is the latest ski-in/ski-out playground. Equal parts private ski club and bespoke hotel, this unique combination gives friends and families easy access to some of the West's deepest and best terrain. Whether you're a local, guest, or member, this location is sure to become a vibrant and luxurious hub at JHMR. Let's talk accommodations first. Carney Logan Burke and Commune Design created the exceptional atmosphere inside the eight residential condos, where luxury interiors are fashionably casual, yet scene-stealing details from Heath Ceramics and George Nakashima create timeless, clean layers. It's a space that just begs for some après entertaining. Next up, amenities. Old Yellowstone Garage (the restaurant and bar helmed by chef Paulie O'Connor), ski and car valets, two ski shops (Mudroom and Nomad Sports), and... wait for it... show-stopping member lockers with year-round storage. The spa, gym, yoga room, and club lounge are patiently awaiting your arrival. You'll call it home—they call it "The House." calderahouse.com

2 TAKE THE HAUTE ROUTE
BELL LAKE YURT,
BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE
NATIONAL FOREST,
NEAR BOZEMAN, MT

Are you that experienced backcountry skier or rider who wants a winter adventure spanning four days and three nights in Montana's wild Tobacco Root Range? Then this true ski-in/ski-out exploration is for you. Big Sky Mountain Guides' new Haute Route (French for 'high route') is the winter destination for those who want big days and big lines before returning to the Bell Lake Yurt each night, where Montana Alpine Adventures provides yummy meals and spirits while you prep for the next day's glorious views and descents. Here are some numbers to get you off the couch and near those wolverine and lynx! 7,000 feet (vert per day); 15 miles (traverse per day); 10,600 feet (up to in altitude), and yet the comfy, well-stocked 20-foot yurt is just 90 minutes from Yellowstone International Airport in Bozeman. Add the final 4,000-ft. descent off Hollowtop Mountain to your list of dreamy descents before rewarding yourself with that craft beer at the Pony Bar on the final day. Isn't it time you did something this fun?

belllakeyurt.com

3 SKI AND SOAK
DUNTON TOWN HOUSE AND
DUNTON HOT SPRINGS,
TELLURIDE & DUNTON, CO

The San Juan Mountains and Dunton Town House and Hot Springs are a match made in heaven. And their Ski and Soak package, which begins at the historic and freshly decorated Dunton Town House located just a few strides from the gondola, is your starting point for four nights and two days of skiing (plus continental breakfasts) at Telluride Mountain Resort. Then head to the hot springs for backcountry skiing and snowshoeing from their exclusive location where well-appointed log cabins, regional cuisine, and memorable massages are yours for the next three nights. The terrain is gentle or giant depending on your liking (for some extra Benjamins they'll arrange heli-skiing with Telluride Helitrax). Ditch the cell phone (it won't work there anyway) in favor of nightly soaks in the bathhouse or outside under the sparkling night sky. Relax because transfers between Montrose, Durango, and Cortez airports to both locations are included plus all meals and beverages at DHS (yes, alcohol too) and unlimited use of equipment. You'll leave with two complimentary Dunton hand-knit hats to commemorate your ski-in/ski-out experience. duntonhotsprings.com



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