



Aspen Snowmass is known to be one of America's favourite resorts. With an average snow fall of 300 inches a year and four interlinking ski areas, it is no surprise that many travel from afar to visit this skiing paradise. The four separate mountains of Aspen, spread along the Roaring Fork Valley, offer some of the world's finest intermediate terrain. There are some great nursery slopes here too, and – for an American resort – lots more for advanced skiers and boarders.

Top Runs

- For beginners, Buttermilk would be the best mountain to begin with. It offers great, not too challenging black runs, the ideal place for novice off-piste skiers to experiment.
- If Buttermilk is too easy, then Aspen Highlands have superb green runs served by the Exhibition Chair. The highlands are virtually queue-free, even during peak season.
- Intermediates may also want to spend time above the Merry-Go-Round Restaurant around the Cloud 9 quad chair, on the Golden Horn.
- Aspen Snowmass is great for boarders as well, as it is free of drag-lifts. Buttermilk offers gentle carving runs and there are excellent terrain parks.



Best for Après Ski

- **Cloud Nine Alpine Bistro**
Is the iconic on-mountain, European-style bistro that transforms into a dance party every afternoon. Known for its champagne showers, lively music and incredible views of the Maroon Bells, it is a must-visit for those after a wild time.
- **Ajax Tavern**
Located at The Little Nell, this mountainside hub offers a full menu if you are hungry but is also a great place to grab a few drinks. This is one of the best patios in Aspen on a sunny day.
- **The Sundeck**
Located at the top of both the Tiehack Express and the Summit Express, relax with a beer or glass of wine and enjoy views overlooking Pyramid Peak and the ridge line of Aspen Highlands.

Recommended Restaurants

- **Cloud Nine Bistro**
The nearest thing to a cosy Alpine hut, this Austrian-themed bar is a great place to grab a small bite to eat before starting a night out.
- **Willow Creek Bistro**
The Willow Creek Bistro has the feel of a chic ski lodge, with elegant wood furnishings and stone walls. During daylight hours, diners in the Willow Creek Bistro can enjoy a spectacular vertical panorama at the base of Aspen Highlands ski area.
- **Element 47**
Artisan American cuisine paired with something special from their vast 15,000-bottle wine cellar.
- **Matsuhisa**
High-end Japanese restaurant, which offers a wide range of innovative fusion food in an intimate setting with highly attentive and knowledgeable service.