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# STOKED FOR POWDER

## The Top Ten Ski Resorts in North America

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Got a hankering to hit the slopes? Here's an enticing list of winter destinations where you can swallow powder, flaunt your tight nylon ski pants or partake in lesbigay festivities. Whether you like your mountains smooth and easy or wild and bumpy, use our Top Ten list to find a locale that "peaks" your interest.

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### STEAMBOAT SKI RESORT, COLORADO

Odd, but true...you're among the country's most fervent ski bums and snowboard fanatics (Steamboat is the virtual breeding grounds for Olympic skiers, snowboarders and ski jumpers), but it's one of the best places to bring non-skiing friends. So while you're hitting the slopes – all six peaks and 3,000 acres – send your buddies off to ride a hot air balloon over the valley, horseback ride or dogsled through a wilderness area, or snowshoe around a peak. At dusk, swap your tales of adventure at Strawberry Hot Springs, soaking and one-upping each other at this mellow hillside oasis. [www.steamboat.com](http://www.steamboat.com)





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VAIL MOUNTAIN

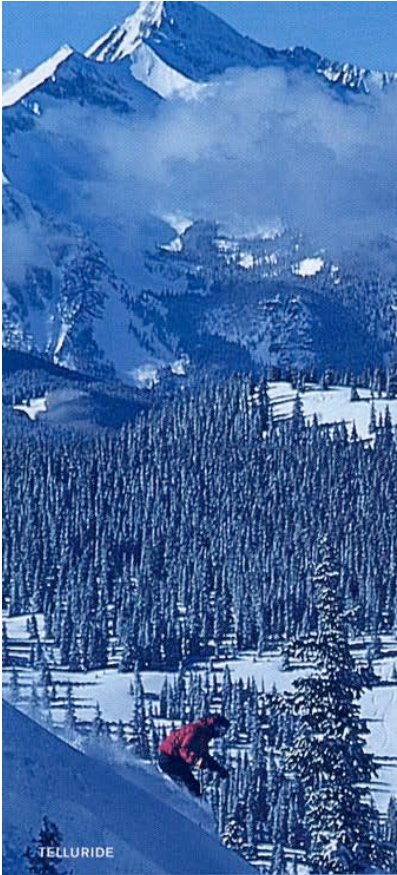
### JACKSON HOLE MOUNTAIN RESORT, WYOMING

If there's one resort with true girl power, this is it (don't worry, boys; you're welcome too). With a slew of ski and snowboard clinics for women and a bastion of historical women "firsts" in the town of Jackson – including the first government in history to allow women to vote (1869) – babes and dykes alike will groove on the equality vibe. Besides all that feminine energy, Jackson Hole is a remote and distinctive ski destination for men and women alike, offering one of the lowest skier densities in the country, excellent backcountry action, and a great place to spot elk, bison and moose. Jackson Hole's aerial tram transports skiers and riders from bottom (6,311 feet) to top (10,450 feet) in 12 minutes – up, up and away! [www.jacksonhole.com](http://www.jacksonhole.com)

### VAIL MOUNTAIN, COLORADO

We'd be foolish to leave out this central Rockies resort from our Top Ten List. After all, Vail Mountain has been ranked numero uno for three years straight in SKI magazine's reader polls. But with an average of just two skiers per acre, you'll be hard pressed to notice the popularity. Spend a day, spend a week, spend a month exploring Vail's 193 runs, spotting Fortune 500 kingpins or gawking at infamous Hollywood celebrities. If you're fretting about missing Mardi Gras in New Orleans, this is the place to hang in the Rocky Mountains from February 5-8. Vail's Mardi Gras celebration includes costumes, a parade, street parties, Cajun cuisine and a King & Queen's Ball. Break out the lipstick and feathers, boys and girls! [www.vail.snow.com](http://www.vail.snow.com)





TELLURIDE

STEAMBOAT



STOWE MOUNTAIN

### TELLURIDE SKI RESORT, COLORADO

Skis, snowboards and ski bikes have replaced the pick axes of miners who once searched the San Juan Mountains for gold and silver, but the pioneering spirit of Telluride's townies still rings true. A good 45-minutes from the nearest stoplight, Telluride's isolated paradise offers equal helpings of beginner, intermediate and advanced skiing – a great combo for groups of friends at varying levels. The 12,260-foot summit offers inspiring views and camera-phone ops. Snowboarders will groove on a new and improved terrain park with plenty of rainbow, A-frame, fun box and tabletop jibs. [www.tellurideskiresort.com](http://www.tellurideskiresort.com)

### BIG SKY RESORT, MONTANA

You can play beat-the-clock or stop-and-gape while skiing down Big Sky's six-mile-long run on the south face of Lone Mountain. Whatever your pleasure, the skiing and riding in this slice of southwestern Montana, just north of Yellowstone, rates very high with its near-daily dump of fresh powder. Looking for flashy nightlife? This ain't the place. Big Sky is 350 miles from any metropolis so plan to create your own mayhem. Or, join the locals for an array of kooky events from a crash-test Dummy Jump (Feb. 12) and Dirt Bag Day (March 5), to a boat luge championship where competitors navigate kayaks and rafts down a mountain course (March 20). [www.bigskyresort.com](http://www.bigskyresort.com)

### WHISTLER BLACKCOMB SKI RESORT, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

If a good six hours of daylight skiing and boarding atop two mountains and three glaciers just leaves you wanting more, check out the brand-spanking-new Superpipe on Blackcomb Mountain – now illuminated for nighttime fun and sport. Whistler Blackcomb has 8,100 skiable acres on which to frolic and 33 lifts to transport you to the top. From January 30 to February 6, you'll find plenty of buddies to romp in the snow with during "Altitude 2005" gay and lesbian ski and snowboard festival. The annual event heats up Whistler with theme parties, DJs, and a generous heaping of Canadian hospitality. [www.whistlerblackcomb.com](http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com)

### LAKE TAHOE, NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA

Return home with a tan (310 days of sunshine/year) and a Sherpa's haul of vacation stories after skiing the bejesus out of Lake Tahoe's six resorts. From the divine slopes of Heavenly to Squaw Valley's primo chairlifts and views, Tahoe's 17,520 skiable acres that encircle North America's largest alpine lake are nothing to snub. Don't miss Lake Tahoe's gay and lesbian ski week, dubbed WinterFest, March 6-13, for nightly dance parties, comedy shows, a private boat cruise, morning "chow" sessions, and plenty of skiing and boarding in this scenic slice of the Southwest. [www.skilaketahoe.com](http://www.skilaketahoe.com)

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## ASPEN/SNOWMASS, COLORADO

Let it rip! From the 11,212-foot peak of Aspen Mountain, skiers can shout out their loudest wolf howls and then fly down double-blacks. On the famed tree runs, look for handcrafted shrines to dead idols John Denver, Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe and Jimi Hendrix. Of the four sister resorts (Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass), the Highlands challenges experts, while 35 percent of Buttermilk's slopes are dedicated to beginners. Snowmass is gargantuan (second largest ski resort in the United States) boasting the highest vertical rise of any ski area in the country. Check out the Aspen Gay and Lesbian Ski Week, January 16-23 ([www.gayskiweek.com](http://www.gayskiweek.com)) for seven days of costume competitions, DJs, a 700-person pool party, and a Gay and Lesbian Film Fest. [www.aspensnowmass.com](http://www.aspensnowmass.com)

## MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN, CALIFORNIA

Where else can you ski through the month of June? At Mammoth Mountain, on the eastern edge of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, an average of 32 feet of snow a year guarantees a long and luscious ski season. One year the mountain was skiable until August 13. Elevation 2005 gay and lesbian ski week ([www.elevation-mammoth.com](http://www.elevation-mammoth.com)), March 9-13, focuses on après ski social gatherings (no shower needed), nighttime DJ events, and special girl and boy parties at in-town bars. No shortage of trouble to be had after a day of skiing and riding down Mammoth's 150-some trails. [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com)

## STOWE MOUNTAIN RESORT, VERMONT

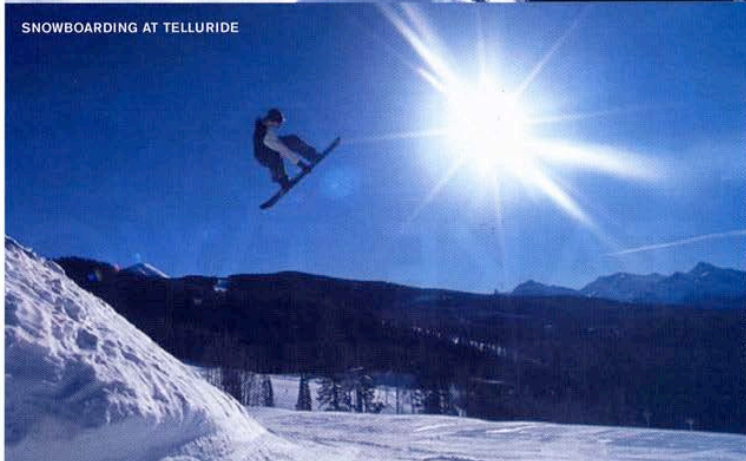
If you're interested in skiing east of the Mississippi River, check out Vermont, specifically Stowe Mountain Resort. You'll zoom down Mt. Mansfield, Vermont's tallest peak, on everything from double-black diamonds to dreamily sweet green circles. Sure, the resort is smaller than the famed Killington, but you still have 39 miles of skiing, a choice of 48 trails, and the world's fastest eight-passenger gondola to whisk you to the top. Residents have been tooting their own horns since Stowe, just 45 miles south of the Quebec border, was selected as one of the top ski towns in America by the snow-loving folks at Skiing magazine. [www.stowe.com](http://www.stowe.com)



ASPEN



STEEP DESCENT AT JACKSON HOLE



SNOWBOARDING AT TELLURIDE