

Home Runs

From new residence rentals to intimate boutique hotels, the finest ski-holiday accommodations are the ones hidden among the mountains.

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Stein Eriksen Residences in Deer Valley, Utah

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Washington School House in Park City

Located steps from Park City's historic Main Street, this 13-room landmark building, constructed in 1889, has the décor, ambience, and service to make one feel like it's their own private home—albeit fully staffed with an executive chef who will prepare personally curated dinners upon request. A design-driven renovation took place in December 2011, keeping intact the original quarried limestone exterior and historic living space with 16-foot ceilings. A heated pool terraced in the hillside features a fire pit made from the Olympic torch from the 2002 Games, and a secret back entrance off the slopes offers ski-in access when guests are done for the day. Alternatively, ski valet pickup and drop-off to Park City's main Town Lift chair a block away are at guests' beck and call, with boots, skis, and helmets dried and stored for the next day. Après-ski is a civilized affair by a cozy fire with cheese, charcuterie, crackers, fruits, and nuts, and of course hot chocolate refills. From \$450; washingtonschoolhouse.com



Snowpine Lodge in Alta

Considered a game-changer for the Alta ski area, the original 1941 Snowpine Lodge was restored from the ground up and reopened January 2019 on the site of the oldest building in Little Cottonwood Canyon, which dates back to the silver rush of the 1800s. It features 54 rooms and suites and 14 traditional, dorm-style bunk rooms. Its lively bar, The Gulch Pub, is a casual eatery offering craft cocktails and the place to be and be seen after a day on the mountain. The lodge's main dining room, Swen's Restaurant, features an open kitchen serving regionally sourced American cuisine. But the best feature is the hidden grotto turned into a unique extension of the full-service spa's steam room and sauna offerings.

This season, the lodge is partnering with Alta to host a four-night, three-day Alta Performance Ski Camp (from \$4,259) February 23–27, 2020, that will include instruction by the experts at the adjacent Alf Engen Ski School, lodging, daily breakfast and dinner at the hotel, lift passes, and demo ski rentals. After a full-day session, guests can soothe sore muscles in the lodge's slopeside heated pool and hot tubs while admiring the steep runs they just conquered. From \$329; snowpine.com



Stein Eriksen Residences in Deer Valley

The Forbes Five-Star Stein Eriksen Lodge has been one of the most famous luxury ski hotels on earth for more than 35 years—and deservedly so. Which is why when the owners built a nearby residential enclave, located a mile away in the same mid-mountain Deer Valley locale, they skimped on nothing, giving owners and renters a self-contained hotel-style experience. The 15 mountain homes (from \$4,800) and 39 condominiums (from \$2,000)—all ski-in/ski-out—have their own complete luxury spa; the 7880 Club restaurant, bar, and lounge; a gorgeous indoor/outdoor infinity pool deck with hot tubs and fire pits; a state-of-the-art fitness center; and locker rooms with a ski shop and ski valet. Homes range from 5,400 to 7,800 square feet with garages, game or fitness rooms, outdoor hot tubs, grills, and fire pits, while condos span from 2,100 to 5,000 feet; all residences boast elaborate gourmet kitchens, steam showers, and fireplaces. There are also three hotel-style rooms (from \$627). A handful of units are still for sale, with condos from \$3.2 million and homes from \$6.7 million. steinres.com ▶

