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# Top 6 winter getaway destinations

Whether you’re a ski bunny or snowbird, we rounded up the ultimate locales to escape the Canadian winter.

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The Aspen Highlands ski area.

We’ve arrived at that stretch of winter, post holidays, where snow is no longer magical and festive and frosty conjures all sorts of imagery except for that of a loveable snowman. It’s cold in Canada, and there are still several more months until the first bud of spring. So the best way to deal is to pack up your skis—or bathing suit, whichever you fancy—and escape for the ultimate winter retreat. We compiled a travel guide of our favourite cold and warm [weather locales to escape winter](#) here at home, even if only temporarily.

## COLD WEATHER WINTER GETAWAYS



**Winter getaway destination:** [Aspen](#)  
**In the mood for:** A luxe ski weekend  
**What to pack:** Look fashionable on the slopes with an all-in-one ski suit and [Chanel](#) ski goggles when on the slopes; plus lots of knits, cashmere and fur wraps (both real and faux) for après-ski lounging.  
**Where to stay:** The St. Regis Aspen Resort or The Little Nell, both renowned in Colorado Ski Country. And if skiing isn’t your thing, you can totally indulge in soothing, [winter-escape spa treatments](#) totally worthy of the majestic setting you’re immersed in.

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**Winter getaway destination:** [Québec City](#)  
**In the mood for:** A romantic winter escape  
**What to pack:** Layers are your friends here. Think [cozy sweaters](#), knit scarves and [knee-high boots](#) for traversing the cobblestone streets of this heritage city.  
**Where to stay:** The [Auberge Saint-Antoine](#), a quaint retreat from the snowy outdoors situated in the city’s Old Port neighbourhood, also a UNESCO World Heritage site. Or you could plan your stay at the world-famous Ice Hotel, if you’re brave enough.

**Winter getaway destination:** [Salzburg, Austria](#)  
**In the mood for:** A storybook European retreat  
**What to pack:** An oversized coat for [strolling the winter markets](#) around the Cathedral of Salzburg, and a bathing suit, for taking a dip in the warm-water pool floating in Lake Wolfgang.  
**Where to stay:** The Hotel Wolf-Dietrich, surrounded by the rolling hills and mountains that provided the mountainous backdrop to 1965 film version of *The Sound of Music*. Or the castle Hotel Schloss Fuschl Resort and Spa, a former hunting lodge for the Archbishop of Salzburg, nestled on the Lake Fuschl (and an outdoor hot tub with a view of Alps).

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