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A CANADIAN'S GUIDE
TO SKI VACATIONS
PLUS
WIN A SKI TRIP FOR 4



ONLY IN THE USA

SPECTACULAR SNOW, OUTSTANDING RESORTS,
UNBEATABLE HOSPITALITY

Forget what they tell you in the old Beach Boys' song...in the USA it's not all about surfing; it's about racing up the mountain to spend your day in an altogether cooler way.

The infrastructure is unquestionable. The lift systems are outstanding, accommodation is abundant and the high levels of hospitality on offer are unbeatable. Oh, and did we mention the snow? When it comes to average annual snowfall, some 12 US ski resorts sit in the top 20 in the world.

So no, not everybody's gone surfin' in the USA. You'll find plenty of cool cats on the slopes.

SKI COLORADO

The greatest thing about Breckenridge – apart from its 954 hectares of terrain for all ability levels – is that it was founded by gold miners back in the 1850s, so it's the real deal when it comes to old Wild

West towns. Aspen is famous for black-diamond terrain and incredible après ski scene, and Telluride – the town where Butch Cassidy robbed his very first bank – a free gondola connects this charming town with the European-style luxury of the Mountain Village.

SKI UTAH

Known for some of the best powder in the world, skiing Utah is an absolute no-brainer, because the close proximity of the resorts provides a great excuse for powder hounds to sample multiple ski areas during one vacation. Canyons Resort is one of the largest resorts in North America, and Park City Mountain Resort is consistently ranked in the top five best ski resorts in the United States.

SKI CALIFORNIA

California's ski resorts, especially those around Lake Tahoe, experience some of



Utah is particularly well-suited for family trips. The majority of its resorts are less than an hour from Salt Lake City International Airport, which means that you'll spend less time in the car with the kids and more time enjoying the powder.



A skier gains big air during the super pipe competition at Aspen's X-Games, Colorado.

the biggest snowfalls in the world. With almost 2,000 hectares of terrain to explore, Heavenly offers glorious tree-skiing. A Mecca for extreme skiers, Squaw Valley's terrain is spread over six impressive peaks, and living up to its name, Mammoth Mountain is simply huge, providing some 1,416 hectares of terrain.

SKI NEW YORK

Tucked away in the hills of Ellicottville, power hounds will be happy to discover Holiday Valley Resort, with its 58 slopes spread over four mountain faces. This friendly resort is known for its

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great selection of terrain, its lake-effect snowstorms and the fabulous après on offer in the fun little Village of Ellicottville. It boasts five terrain parks, several glades, a wonderful children's program, a mountain coaster and a tubing park.

SKI PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains are a great option for families in search of deep snow, short lines, fast lifts and impeccably groomed trails. The mountains are home to 146 slopes and trails for all abilities. Woodloch Resort, which is nestled in the mountains, is a great choice for families,

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as it has been owned and operated by the Kiesendahl family since 1958. This four-season resort has a host of activities on offer to entertain kids from the age of 2 to 92, from snow-tubing to snowmobiling.

HEAVENLY HIGHLIGHT

Credit cards at the ready...US ski resorts are pretty unbeatable when it comes to

some serious retail therapy. Shopping options in Aspen go way beyond those for designer-loving divas. Prada? Yes, of course. Consignment stores? Absolutely! Alternately, check out Park City's historic Main Street, which is lined with quaint shops and gorgeous galleries, or go bargain-hunting in the city's Tanger factory outlet centre.