8 New Hotels for Winter Enthusiasts in the U.S. and Europe

For those looking to get away to the cold, new and reimagined hotels in New England, the Alps and beyond offer stylish accommodations near the snow.

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Interested in skiing? Snowshoeing? Tubing? Birding in the snow? From central Oregon to Vermont, and across the Atlantic to the Alps, a cross-section of new and reimagined hotels in the United States and Europe will offer travelers a stylish base for all kinds of cold-weather adventures. Here are eight standouts.

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Aspen Meadows Resort
Aspen Meadows Resort, designed by Herbert Bayer, is emerging from a multimillion-dollar revamp. Aspen Meadows Resort

Tucked into the grounds of the Aspen Institute, this Herbert Bayer-designed hotel has been a homage to Bauhaus utilitarianism since 1950. But even functionality can get fussy. The all-suite hotel is emerging from a multimillion-dollar revamp that suffused its 98 rooms with much-needed verve while remaining faithful to the less-is-more vision. To wit: Legacy furniture like Bertoia Bird and Diamond chairs have been refurbished; Eero Saarinen’s Knoll Tulip tables have been refinshed in blue lacquer; colorful cushions, cozy throw blankets and textured wood walls add warmth; hooks, benches and under-bed storage allow for gear stashing. And the location itself is enchanting: There are 40 sculpture-studded acres to explore by snowshoe (complimentary to guests), and the outdoor deck (tricked out with dining igloos during the winter) offers views of all four of Aspen’s mountains.

In Aspen, skiing may be the recreational juggernaut, but it’s just one of many wintry activities. Hiking is a year-round endeavor. You can affix stabilizers to your snow boots and trek the Hunter Creek Trail from downtown Aspen. There are 80 miles of cross-country ski and snowshoe trails that connect the communities of Aspen, Snowmass and Basalt. Daredevils can whip through frosty meadows to the Maroon Bells or over to Independence Pass via snowmobile with T Lazy 7 Ranch. Kids love the tubing areas at Elk Camp in Snowmass. Birders go gaga for nature walks through Aspen Center for Environmental Studies, a 22-acre wildlife preserve, to observe red-breasted nuthatches, black-billed magpies and other wildlife. For an adventurous evening, book a snowcat dinner at Lynn Britt Cabin or a horse-drawn sleigh ride to Pine Creek Cookhouse.

Aspen Meadows Resort; rates from around $620; view on Google Maps.