

## LIFESTYLE

# Plan the Perfect Ski Trip With Our Aspen Luxury Travel Guide

Get the inside track on Aspen's winter highs — from elite slopes to après-ski hotspots and beyond.



In the lineup of Rocky's ski resort towns, Aspen has long reigned supreme at the icy nexus of extreme winter sports meeting the posh life. Tucked in the Roaring Fork Valley, Aspen is an all-season showstopper — think summers bursting with polychrome, falls ablaze in oranges and reds, and winters turning into a snow-clad sanctum.

At the heart of our Aspen luxury travel guide is a particularly noteworthy development: **Hero's**, a grand expanse of untracked territory on the east side. Its debut marks a significant addition to Aspen's storied runs. This bold venture introduces a new, swift-moving quad lift and expands the ski-able terrain by an impressive 153 acres. Indeed, it's a chess play against the ever-looming challenge of climate change, stretching out the ski-ability of Aspen's mountains.

If anything, it's proof of Aspen's forward-looking spirit—the destination has never been so electric, with more swanky stays, buzzing eateries, and a chock-full calendar of cultural events. If anyone can support that claim, it's Carol Hooper, chef concierge at The Little Nell for nearly two decades, who spoke with Editorialist to help curate the singular pre-arrival guide you need this season. (And we have more [holiday travel](#) ideas no matter what your plans.)

## Where to Stay: Slopeside, or Downtown



Aspen Meadows' Modernist Design Mirrors The TWA Hotel. Courtesy Of Aspen Meadows

Situated on the Aspen Institute's 40-acre campus, the renovation of the [Aspen Meadows Resort](#) has wrapped just in time for the upcoming winter season. Situated on the Aspen Institute's 40-acre campus, this mega-modernist retreat pays homage to its 1960s heritage. Suomi Design Works, the masterminds behind JFK Airport's TWA Hotel redesign, led the transformation.

The resort now boasts 98 suites decked out in natural textures and a Bayer-inspired palette inspired by the Bauhaus movement. Think practical yet sleek upgrades like sturdy terrazzo floors and smart kitchenettes for long-term stays. Vintage design buffs will appreciate the meticulously restored Saarinen tables and Bertoia chairs, seamlessly integrated with Suomi's modern custom pieces, including platform beds and avant-garde light fixtures.