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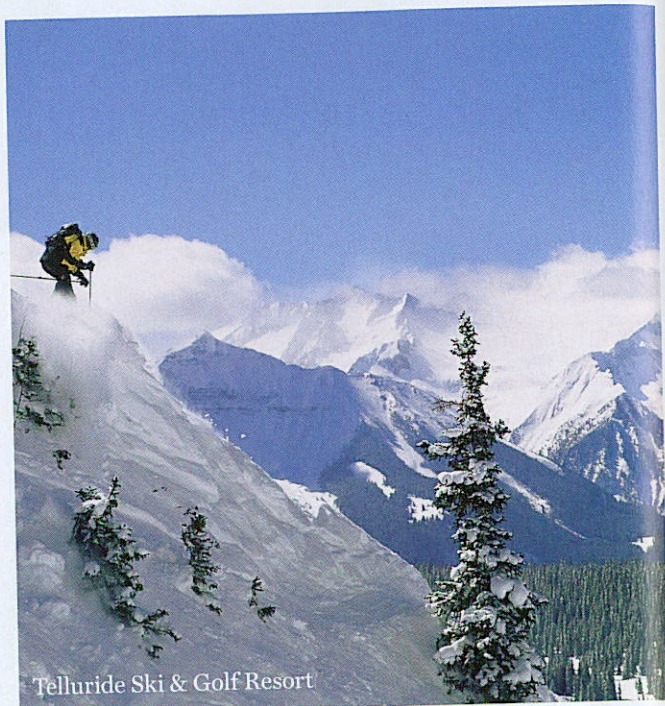
## COLORADO

**Telluride Ski & Golf Resort**  
 Mountain Village Boulevard  
 866-8581  
[tellurideski.com](http://tellurideski.com)

Immerse yourself at a resort of incomparable mountain beauty where pristine slopes are spread out under a blue sky. You're thinking of Telluride. Located at 8,750 feet and surrounded by 14,000-foot peaks, Telluride boasts some of the country's most spectacular scenery and blends historic charm with modern amenities. Quaint bakeries, and local watering holes with cozy patios, five-star restaurants, sophisticated shops, and luxurious spas. Telluride's average 300 inches of snow each year means that you're sure to find fantastic conditions on the 1,700 skiable acres, where the trails are never-ending. This year, take it to the next level with Jonny's spring ski camp. For Platinum luxury lodging and concierge service, call 866-888-7197. Direct flights available daily during ski season from Houston and Dallas on Delta and American.

**Winter Park Resort**  
 Winter Park Drive  
 970-862-8094  
[winterparkresort.com](http://winterparkresort.com)

As soon as you arrive, you'll begin to understand what makes Winter Park special. Whether you drive over Marshall Pass, or chug by train through the historic Tunnel, you'll soon know that this is where winter comes alive. Here crystal snowflakes fall on eager skiers and snowboarders perfectly situated for the snow lover in you. Winter Park has been a Colorado favorite for 68 years, and this year there's even more to tempt you. An effort of love has resulted in a new lift on the back of the Parsenn Bowl, providing new access to more than 10,000 acres of steep, deep, tree-gladed terrain and seven new trails. This isn't just a ski and snowboard resort—it's a place to stay home all winter long.



Telluride Ski & Golf Resort

**One Steamboat Place**  
 Steamboat Springs  
 970-866-5994  
[timberscompany.com](http://timberscompany.com)  
[onesteamboatplace.com](http://onesteamboatplace.com)

The über-luxurious One Steamboat Place, a Signature Development of the Timbers Company, will be located at the base of the gondola, the best ski-in/ski-out location in "Ski Town USA," famous for its champagne powder. One Steamboat Place homeowners will enjoy a wealth of five-star amenities, including membership at the exclusive Catamount Ranch & Club, with its Tom Weiskopf golf course and private lake for fly-fishing and waterskiing. Reservations are being taken for whole-ownership terms in the 26 luxury penthouse residences, which exude contemporary elegance. Prices range from \$2.5 million to \$4.5 million. Future releases include residential partner interests in four-bedroom residences, from \$400,000 to \$650,000 for one-eighth shares. Construction starts next spring. One Steamboat Place is a member of the Timbers Collection, a portfolio of luxury properties worldwide.

## NEW MEXICO

**New Mexico Tourism Department**  
 Santa Fe  
 800-545-2070  
[newmexico.org](http://newmexico.org)

New Mexico is a land of enchantment, where light powder falls on ski slopes laid out over 13,000-foot peaks and cross-country ski trails wind through dense aspen and conifer forests. The state's nine ski areas, which stretch from