

Altitude Slickness Across the American West, it's high season for a fresh kind of glamorous yet rugged winter experience, from Michelin-starred restaurants to a new alpine club.



LUXE LODGES IN UTAH

Snowpine Lodge

At a time when most ski resorts are falling under corporate umbrellas, Alta, near Salt Lake City, remains independently owned. It's also one of the few resorts that ban snowboards, which has long pleased serious skiers. The debut of Snowpine Lodge this January marks the town's first luxury resort and coincides with the launch of an adjacent lift, making it the only ski-in, ski-out lodge in the area. Don't let the timber-clad exterior fool you; the 59-room property comes stacked with amenities like a slopeside heated pool, a full spa, an oxygen bar, and a movie theater. Rooms from \$129; snowpine.com.

Compass Rose Lodge

Despite having more skiable area than any other resort in the country, Powder Mountain has always been overshadowed by nearby Park City. A lack of snowmaking capabilities and dated infrastructure hasn't helped, though it does mean fewer crowds and excellent backcountry terrain. Now, the new Compass Rose Lodge,



From left: A firepit at Caldera House in Jackson Hole, Wyoming; High West Distillery at the Lodge at Blue Sky, near Park City, Utah.