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On the SKI SCENE

When you live slopeside, cutting fresh tracks on an untouched ski run is a daily occurrence. Here, we reveal 10 of the top ski-in/ski-out communities in the West—for true powder-hounds only.

By Colleen Ringer

Martis Camp

AT A GLANCE

APRÈS SKI: The 50,000-sq.-ft. Camp Lodge will house a spa, a fitness center and lap pools. There will also be a tennis facility and 20 miles of trails within the community.

OWNERSHIP: The 653 homesites measure between one and four acres, and are priced from approximately \$500,000 to \$2 million.

MARTIS CAMP LAKE TAHOE, CALIF.

This gated community in North Lake Tahoe is as much ski-in/ski-out as it is golf-in/golf-out. Not only do residents have private access to Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort via Lookout Mountain, but they can also spend their summers swinging away on the Tom Fazio championship course or the Dick Bailey-designed 18-hole putting course.

And whether the day is spent playing in the snow or the sunshine, Martis Camp dwellers will want to include some time at the Family Barn. The 18,000-sq.-ft. facility will include bowling lanes, a basketball court, a movie theater and an old-fashioned soda fountain. “We wanted to have a relaxed place where you could get a burger, fries and a malt,” says Brian Hull, director of sales for the community. “I can see a lot of families using that after skiing.” 800.721.9005, www.martiscamp.com.



One Steamboat Place



ONE STEAMBOAT PLACE STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLO.

Both full- and part-time skiers will find a home here. Scheduled to open next fall, One Steamboat Place offers whole and fractional ownership for those who not only want to live gondola-side, but also prefer to have access to resort-worthy amenities such as concierge service, daily housekeeping and private chefs. And once residents have had their fill of snowflakes, they can take advantage of the Timbers Reciprocity Program, which allows dwellers to swap weeks at properties in sun-soaked places like Tuscany, Cabo San Lucas, St. Thomas and Scottsdale.

It might be hard to get sick of snow in a place like this though. Steamboat, known to many as Ski Town, U.S.A., is famous for its tree skiing and the number of Olympians it has produced—69 and counting. Plus, the 164 trails and six peaks are enough to keep skiers of all skill levels busy for the duration of the season, and then some. **866.599.4626, www.onesteamboatplace.com.**

AT A GLANCE

APRÈS SKI: One Steamboat Place will house a spa with six treatment rooms, fitness facilities and an owners' wine cellar. There's also an option for membership at nearby Catamount Ranch & Club, which boasts a private lake and an 18-hole Tom Weiskopf course. **OWNERSHIP:** Full-ownership residences, including penthouses, cost between \$3.7 and \$4.5 million, while a one-eighth fraction starts at \$625,000 (one-twelfths from \$350,000).

AT A GLANCE

APRÈS SKI: The base area, which is being revitalized, will include numerous dining options, including The Sweet Life. This 50's-style diner is the spot for all your ice cream needs. **OWNERSHIP:** Each residence will be equipped with a full kitchen and living room. Prices start at \$3.1 million.

THE LITTLE NELL RESIDENCES SNOWMASS, COLO.

When complete, these 30 residences will be the perfect example of what you get when you combine modern style with a mountain setting. Designed by David Easton, the interiors will welcome owners with a warm color palette featuring oranges and browns; oak, limestone and granite will also play central style roles.

The project's poshness goes beyond its good looks though. Dwellers can also expect five-star amenities, such as 24-hour in-residence dining, a private owners' lounge, concierge service, ski lockers and ski valets. (The Viceroy Snowmass is another project going up as part of the Snowmass base area's new revamp. Residences here range from \$570,000 to more than \$4 million.)

As far as the ski experience goes, Snowmass has always been considered a family-friendly mountain with a variety of terrain. And with the addition of the Treehouse Kids' Adventure Center—a "Ritz for kids" as some call it—it is even more of a winter playground for the little ones. The facility houses themed rooms for different age groups, as well as a rock-climbing wall. **877.923.0742, www.snowmassliving.com.**