



Steamboat

# SkiTown USA

## Best of the Boat

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## Hang Your Hat

When you're ready to move in—or just feel like you've arrived—check into one of these luxury digs.

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### › One Steamboat Place

**Overview:** Open since January 2010, this deluxe, ski-in development is the first new construction at Steamboat's base area in years. Its Gondola Square location is primo and puts owners within a one-minute walk to the eight-passenger gondola; after skiing, you glide right up to the OSP entrance, where a valet collects your skis and tunes them upon request. Every walkway—from the surrounding brick patios to the cement balconies—is heated, so the only snow you tread is on the slopes.

**Aesthetics:** Decor is vaguely Western—expect paintings of cowboy boots and spurs—but instead of elk-antler lamps, you'll see hammered steel fixtures, reclaimed wood-plank flooring, pony-hide bar stools, and pebbles (instead of tile) in the baths. Residence entrances are so tall and broad they recall barn doors. The lobby's centerpiece is an enormous chandelier made of amber-colored, blown-glass trout that swim in a graceful, lighted vortex.

**Perks:** No amenity is overlooked. The wine room includes a cellar where owners store their own bottles (and enjoy decanter service); the enormous spa comprises a steam room, outdoor hot tubs, and heated pool; the fitness facility boasts state-of-the-art Technogym equipment; the family room serves up Wii, big-screen movies, and even a few low-tech board games.

**Our Take:** There's little not to like. By exuding genuine warmth, the staff manages to give OSP a true Steamboat feel. The bartender remembers you requested Albariño the night before, and the doorman chats about your ski day well after formalities have been met.

**Stats:** Thirty-eight of the three- and four-bedroom condos are offered whole ownership; the other 42 are available through Private Residence Club purchase. The penthouse goes for \$4.7 million—a relative bargain when compared to equivalent properties at other resorts.

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