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Top 10 Series: Top 10 Ski Resorts and Lodges

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Our team are constantly creating and researching ideas that represent ‘the best of the best’ so with the ski season fast approaching we thought a top 10 of the best ski resorts might be of interest.

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Fairmont Chateau Whistler Whistler, British Columbia, Canada

The Accommodation: spectacular Fairmont Chateau Whistler resort rests at the base of breathtaking Blackcomb Mountain just on the edge of the main village which offers everything snowboarders and skiers crave: cafés, international stores, and more than a hundred restaurants that cater to all tastes.

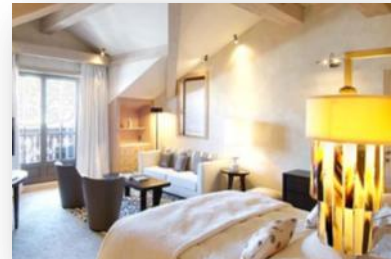
The Skiing: Host of the 2010 Winter Olympics and consistently ranked number one ski resort in North American, Whistler is hard to beat. Sitting side by side Whistler and Blackcomb Mountain each boast over 100 runs and are blessed with 10 metres of snow in an average season.



Cheval Blanc Courcheval, France

The Accommodation: In the Alps' most exclusive ski resort, Courchevel 1850, the most exclusive hotel is the Cheval Blanc. An haute-couture property whose website admits that it is 'over the top', The 34 rooms and suites are ostentatiously decorated in a mélange of textures: rich velvet, deep faux-fur rugs and throws, crisp taffeta, sleek animal hide and leather.

The Skiing: Courchevel is one of the resorts making up the 3 Valleys ski area with 600km of piste, and offers amazing skiing for all abilities. The perfectly groomed pistes into resort are excellent for beginners whilst intermediates and advanced will be spoilt for choice.



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Riffelalp Resort Zermatt, Switzerland

The Accommodation: The Riffelalp Resort is the highest Alpine resort in Europe. Just above Zermatt, the hotel offers 65 double rooms, five suites, plus two apartments with all conveniences. Most rooms have balconies with breathtaking views of the Matterhorn.

The Skiing: Picturesque Zermatt is Switzerland’s best ski resort, better than the neighboring Gstaad or St. Moritz. A remarkably peaceful carfree getaway, Zermatt holds the world’s second biggest lift-served vertical drop and has huge snowfalls, thanks to its altitude.



Deer Valley Resort Park City, Utah

The Accommodation: The plush lodge is a full-service, four-diamond hotel with a health spa, ski valets, heated outdoor pool, hot tub, steam room, sauna, fitness center, and award winning restaurants.

The Skiing: Park City’s reputation for great skiing helped make the area a host venue for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. The resort, with 19 lifts, limits lift-ticket sales to avoid long waits in line. There are runs for all levels with 1,750 acres (709 hectares) of Rocky Mountain powder.



The Fairmont Banff Springs Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada

The Accommodation: Styled after a Scottish castle, this hotel packs a punch in terms of hospitality and scenery. It has been a symbol of Rocky Mountain magnificence for more than a century. And it’s within driving distance of the four skiing areas within the park. In addition, guests can try cross-country skiing, play golf, and unwind in Willow Stream, a world class European-style spa.

The Skiing: Canada’s oldest national park, Banff, offers some of the best downhill skiing in the heart of the North American Rockies. The four areas are Mount Norquay, Sunshine Village, Lake Louise Ski Area, and Nakiska, which was designed for the alpine events of the 1988 Winter Olympics.



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Le Hameau-Albert Chamonix, Mont-Blanc, France

The Accommodation: Le Hameau-Albert is a terrific place to go after working up an appetite on the slopes, because the elegant hotel offers amazing food and is located within a few minutes of the center of town. The architecture is a fun fusion of Old World tradition and modern style.

The Skiing: Chamonix ranks among the top contenders for the title of “world’s most famous ski resort.” It is at the foot of Mont-Blanc, the highest peak in the Alps. The resort town is renowned for having a lift-served vertical drop of 9,209 feet (2,809 meters), as well as having one of the world’s longest ski runs: the 13.7-mile-long Vallée Blanche.



Green Mountain Inn Stowe, Vermont

The Accommodation: For more than 150 years, the Green Mountain Inn has offered lovely accommodation. Guests now have their choice of lodgings in the inn itself or in town houses. There is a heated pool and health club, as well as two restaurants. Every afternoon the innkeepers provide hot tea and freshly baked cookies for guests.

The Skiing: One of the most renowned resorts on the ski map, Stowe sports a New England tradition and the biggest vertical drop in the area. The two ski areas are Mount Mansfield and Spruce Peak. The latter actually backs onto Smugglers’ Notch’s terrain.



Fairmont Tremblant Mont Tremblant, Quebec, Canada

The Accommodation: With a ski lift right at the door, it’s clear that the Fairmont intends to serve skiers. The hotel has 314 guest rooms and 62 suites. There is a spa, several restaurants, and an arcade of shops and boutiques in the pedestrian-only village.

The Skiing: Tremblant is one of the better known resorts in eastern Canada, about an hour from Montreal. Open since 1939, the mountain has four distinct slopes laced with 94 runs. The resort operates 19 lifts.



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Cristallo Hotel Spa & Golf Cortina d’Ampezzo, Italy

The Accommodation: Cristallo Hotel Spa & Golf, the first 5-star luxury hotel in the Dolomites, offers great views and a free, scheduled shuttle to/from the centre of Cortina. Cristallo Hotel has a great wellness centre, where you can enjoy exclusive facilities, dedicated beauty treatments, and an indoor heated pool. Rooms come with unique design and panoramic views of the Ampezzo Valley and Dolomite Mountains.

The Skiing: Cortina was the site of the Olympic Games in 1956. Cortina d’Ampezzo, surrounded by the craggy Dolomite Mountains, is a prime run on any thrill seeker’s European winter itinerary. The central village has 52 lifts and 87 miles (140 kilometers) of groomed runs. The Cortina Center can arrange bobsledding, snow rafting and high-speed tobogganing. The crowd in this stylish old resort dresses impeccably well.



The St. Regis Resort Aspen, Colorado

The Accommodation: In true St. Regis fashion, this resort is a perfect place for winter skiing, summer sports, and the arts. The hotel has 179 guest rooms and suites, a heated outdoor pool, and a fitness center. The new Remède Spa offers 15 separate rooms and an exquisite menu of massage therapy and other body treatments.

The Skiing: Aspen’s four mountains are world-famous, with terrains that can accommodate skiers of all abilities. The resort is also a great choice for experts, who can access hundreds of acres of terrain off the backside of the mountain.

