



Telluride, Colorado

The very best in skiing, activities and dining

Tucked away in the southwest corner of Colorado and surrounded by the mighty peaks of the San Juan Mountains, Telluride is a perfect winter vacation spot. Its prime location affords one thing no ski area entrepreneur ever had to buy or develop - unrivaled scenery. Because of this, the town has always taken top honors in ski magazine surveys for its 360-degree views and towering mountainscapes.

People can't seem to say enough about this beautiful destination. It truly is a unique community of people who are, quite frankly, "crazy" about Telluride. Residents adore the mountains, the people, the visitors, and the free-thinking lifestyle -- mostly because it's their own. There really is nothing like Telluride anywhere in the nation. Dogs have parking spots, bicycles are the standard form of transportation, and there are so many summer festivals that they even have a "Nothing Festival" to celebrate, well -- nothing!

Skiing and Snowboarding

Ultimate Escapes, a luxury destination club, has five residences located in Telluride, and members love to spend the winter months taking on the town's world class slopes. Telluride receives more than 300 inches of snow each year and offers more than 2,000 skiable acres for any skier; from beginner to Olympic athlete. Lift lines are nearly non-existent, which allows visitors to make most of their time on these stellar slopes. www.ultimatescapes.com

Average Snowfall and Terrain

Normally there's no or little snow from June thru September. The big snow months include October through May with the heaviest in March at 32.9 inches.

Telluride offers the best of all worlds with 22 percent beginner terrain, 38 percent intermediate, as well as the

best black diamonds in the country. And thanks to the Grand Opening of Prospect Bowl, there are now over 1,700 acres of "must ski" terrain for every type of skier from beginner to extreme. Here are some mountain facts for the avid and semi-avid skiers:

Ski-able Terrain: 1,700 Acres (680 hectares)

Longest Run: 4.6 Miles (7.4 km) -- "Gallopig Goose"

Total Trails: 84

Trail Difficulty: 24% Beginner, 38% Intermediate, 38% Advanced / Expert

Total Lifts: 16 Total: 2 high-speed gondolas, 7 high-speed quads, 2 triples, 2 doubles, 2 surface lifts and 1 magic carpet

Vertical Drop: 3,530 feet (1,078 m)

Lift Capacity: 21,186 skiers per hour

Average Annual Snowfall: 309 inches (789 cm)

Local Activities

Heli-Skiing

Helicopter skiing is the ultimate thrill for intermediate to advanced skiers and snowboarders. With Telluride Helitrex you can ski untracked powder in small custom groups on some of the highest helicopter-accessed terrain in the world. "The undiscovered jewel of destination heli-skiing," Telluride Helitrex offers more blue-sky powder skiing and the lowest guest-to-guide ratio in North America. www.helitrex.net

Snowmobile Adventures

While cruising through white-blanketed meadows and forests, soaking up amazing views as you go; you'll have the opportunity to take a firsthand look at what established Telluride in the first place: mining. Dave's Snowmobile Tours and Telluride Snowmobile Adventures offer guests a glimpse of Telluride's mining legacy while traveling over mountain passes and through deserted

ghost towns. The historic ghost town of Alta Lakes is a favorite destination among guests. Dave's Snowmobile Tours www.telluridetours.com Telluride Snowmobile Adventures www.telluridesnowmobile.net

San Juan Outdoor School

Telluride's premier source for mountain adventures, the San Juan Outdoor School, offers adventures in rock climbing, mountaineering, ice climbing, nature hiking, backpacking, backcountry skiing, avalanche education and snowshoeing. With the guidance of expert instructors and naturalists, participants in their programs gain an appreciation for the rich natural and cultural history of the majestic San Juan Mountains. www.tellurideadventures.com

Ice Skating

It's the classic winter setting. With a crackling fire to keep you warm, and gorgeous starlit night above, you skate across the glassy ice without a care in the world. Telluridians remember that setting, and



the tradition lives on in both historic Telluride and Mountain Village. Skaters waltz by day and night in Telluride Town Park or in Mountain Village. The town provides a warming hut with a fireplace for toasty toes, while the Mountain Village pond plays seasonal music under the stars.

Glider Rides

Getting air is the obvious goal for many snow riders, but how about gliding through the air hundreds of feet above the slopes in a glider plane, with only the wind thermals to keep you afloat? Telluride Soaring offers thrills galore with exhilarating sailplane rides throughout the winter from the Telluride Airport.

Dog Sledding

With a dozen dashing sled dogs in the lead, guests can experience a true Alaskan adventure. Half-day, full-day and overnight sled dog trips are offered through Winter Moon Sled Dog Adventures.

Horseback Riding

Guests who prefer cowboy boots to ski boots should visit Telluride's favorite cowboy Roudy Roudebush at Telluride Horseback. www.ridewithroudy.com

Hot Air Balloon Rides

A rousing way to start the day! Take a hot balloon ride in the perfect setting - the mountain valley of Ridgeway, just 38 miles away. Rise early for this one, and enjoy awesome views of the San Juans in the crisp, fresh morning air. www.sanjaun-balloon.com

Average Temperature

Telluride average temperatures range from a low of 21 degrees in January to a around 59 degrees in June,

July and August.

Wining and Dining

Telluride and the nearby resort village of Mountain Village are not just for hiking and skiing - they are also home to over 50 worldly restaurants and bars. In fact, there are more "good restaurants per person than any resort in the Rockies," says the Chicago Tribune. Whether you're out for a night on the town, a quick bite or a romantic setting, you're sure to find the right fix for your palate in Telluride.

Telluride residents -- including Tom Cruise, Katie Holmes, and Jerry Seinfeld - love the town's restaurants as do members of Ultimate Escapes.





Top five restaurant favorites:

1. Allred's – Fine dining located at the top of San Sophia Gondola: Perched 10,550 feet above sea level, Allred's Restaurant has received stellar reviews from Wine Spectator, Ski Magazine, USA Today, Gourmet Magazine and Esquire. Chef Erich Owen's innovative culinary techniques, combined with the spectacular setting of the restaurant, creates an incredible dining experience. www.allredsrestaurant.com.

2. The Bluepoint – A block from the base of the gondola, The Bluepoint is a hip, chic seafood and steak house with the laid back feel of the Rocky Mountains. After dinner, guests head down to the Noir

Bar, for a swanky martini amid leather sofas, faux fur bench seats, leopard-spotted carpet and a fireplace. www.thebluepointgrill.net

3. The Cosmopolitan – Fine dining with a Wine Bar: Located in the Hotel Columbia at the base of the gondola in town, Cosmo serves

cuisine with a rich mix of regional ingredients and international flavors. With 20 years of innovative food preparation and restaurant experience, Executive Chef Chad Scothorn's recommended dishes include the barbecued salmon with crispy corn-potato ravioli, and the grilled dry-aged rib-eye served with chive-horseradish mashed potatoes. The Cosmopolitan's Tasting Cellar offers guests an intimate six-course dinner in their wine cellar. The wine list -- there are more than 200 wines -- has received the "Award of Excellence" from Wine Spectator magazine. www.cosmotelluride.com

4. La Marmotte – French Cuisine: Telluride's favorite La Marmotte features fine French cuisine in a rustic coun-

try setting. Formerly an icehouse in the mining days, the changing menu offers a selection of dishes with French and international influences. www.lamarmotte.com

5. Eagles Bar & Grille - This busy restaurant/bar is a favorite gathering spot for locals, who get there in time for the happy-hour drink specials and grab a chair near the floor-to-ceiling windows that look out onto Colorado Avenue. Dinner entrees run the gamut from an 8-ounce filet mignon with burgundy demi-glace and garlic mashed potatoes to pad Thai rice noodles in a spicy peanut, ginger and garlic sauce. Brick-oven pizzas -- including Thai chicken, barbecued chicken, and goat cheese -- are available all day.



This quaint and charming town has stayed true to its natural beauty and history -- there is not one commercial chain located in town, all businesses are locally owned. Whatever activities or dining your plan when visiting Telluride, it is sure to be a unique experience.

In Telluride, there are few rules; essentially, anything is possible. Contrast, innovation, individualism, and aristocracy live in maniacal harmony. Once you get into the Telluride groove, you will not want to leave!

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