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Our top five picks. Plus, a look into luxury ski resort creators, Zacamoco



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Best Ski Resorts

To many of us, there are few things in the world that are more exhilarating or enlivening than hitting the slopes where the virgin powder lies thickly just waiting for someone to rip it up on the latest snowboard or pair of skis. If one of the best things about winter is the snow, the second best thing would have to be the stunning variety of luxury ski properties found around the very best ski runs and ski fields worldwide. And you don't even have to ski to enjoy our top picks either.



Amangani, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, USA

Situated 2,135 metres above sea level and with the dramatic Teton's Range as your backdrop, how can a stay at Amangani be anything other than truly spectacular? Everything about the property embraces the spirit of the west - from the floor to ceiling columns of Oklahoma sandstone and ceilings and walls of Pacific redwood to the chairs of rattan and woven cowhide. Each of the 40 suites includes special touches such as fireplace, window-side daybed and deep-soaking tub. And with the nearest ski-field only a short 20-minute drive away, this is the perfect spot to indulge in true luxury with a dash... or dollop of skiing.

www.amangani.com

Lumière Telluride, Telluride, Colorado, USA

A small, boutique property found on the slopes of Telluride's Mountain Village, this is without a doubt one of the most romantic and intimate settings you could ever hope for. It's the touches like being personally met and escorted to your suite where a cosy fire awaits, complimentary breakfast in bed, wireless Internet access and a pantry stocking service, on top of a ski in/ski out location that makes it so hot, hot, hot and irresistible! With a range of accommodation types, from studio through to four-bedroom penthouse, everything has been thought off... right down to the warm cookies that await your return from the slopes.

www.lumierehotels.com/telluride

Copperhill Mountain Lodge, Åre, Sweden

Only opened in 2008, this Design Hotel was created by well-known architect Peter Bohlin and everything about it screams STYLE! Built high up on the eastern slope of Mt Åreskutan along the tree line, guests enjoy glorious views from most parts of the hotel when they aren't out enjoying the many activities on offer such as heli-skiing, dog sledding or ice driving. With only 112 rooms ranging from doubles to eight-bed suites, Copperhill has a feeling of exclusiveness that is complemented by the hotel's own lift, in-house Copperhill Ski Club and convenient ski in/ski out location.

www.copperhill.se

Quay West Resort & Spa Falls Creek, Australia

There hasn't always been a huge amount of choice when it came to cutting edge ski properties in Australia. That all changed with the arrival of Huski in 2005, followed by Silverski in 2007 and now Quay West Resort & Spa Falls Creek. Apart from the stunning design concept, the resort is the only property in Australia that boasts drive in/drive out and ski in/ski out. Made up of 63 stylishly furnished one, two, three and four bedroom apartments, this fully 5-star resort will pander to your whole being with fantastic skiing, stunning outlooks from the hot tubs on the balconies and a world class spa that has international influences from Japan, Turkey and various Nordic countries. It's a right little ripper!

www.mirvachotels.com/quay-west-resort-spa-falls-creek

Release, Lake Wanaka, New Zealand

Although not a resort or a small boutique property, we could not resist adding this little beauty to our top five. Architecturally designed to take full advantage of New Zealand's native bush and breathtaking lake and mountain views, this is the perfect escape no matter what time of year. The entire space embraces everything Kiwi from the sustainable and eco-friendly approach to the original, handcrafted furniture. Your stay also includes a concierge service that can easily and effortlessly arrange activities such as heli-skiing, spa treatments, personal trainers and private chefs. A wonderfully decadent home away from home with Treble Cone, Cardrona, Snow Farm and Snow Park ski areas on your doorstep.

www.releasenz.com ★

Clockwise from top left: Amangani; Lumière; Copperhill Mountain Lodge; Release; Quay West Resort & Spa Falls Creek

