

# 10 THINGS YOU MUST **KNOW BEFORE** *—travelling to—* **ASPEN**



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## WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO FLY INTO (AND OUT OF) ASPEN?

### We get asked this a lot and there are a number of factors to consider before booking your flights

If you're planning on flying to Aspen from Australia, your first port of call will usually be Los Angeles (LAX). Decision time - do you fly via Denver then onto Aspen or take the direct flight into Aspen?

After a long international flight you probably just want to get there, so the direct flight looks like the go. It's definitely the quickest and most enjoyable option but it's always weather dependent. If the weather is bad and planes aren't getting into Aspen you could (a) end up not leaving LAX, (b) end up being diverted to another airport, (c) end up in Denver.

The journey to Aspen isn't really the issue. If it's snowing in Aspen it may take you a little longer to get there... but that's why they invented bars, so chill out and think of all the fresh powder you'll soon be skiing.

The best way to get to Aspen depends on your answer to this question:

"Is it absolutely imperative that I get home on my scheduled departure flights?"

If your answer to this is YES, I must get home as planned, then booking Aspen to LAX (or other US city) could be risky. If you are scheduled on a late flight out of Aspen and it doesn't get out, you'll need to wait until the next day hoping that the weather improves.



## ASPEN - LAX

If you're scheduled on an earlier flight out of Aspen (direct to LAX for example) and the weather looks bad, then you can't just road it to Denver International Airport and change your ticket. Your domestic airline ticketing staff won't consider re-ticketing you until your scheduled flight from Aspen is 'officially' cancelled. This means you'll need to wait in Aspen until that happens before hitting the road. If the weather is seriously bad then you'll need to allow up to 6 hours to get to Denver by road.

## ASPEN - DENVER

If you're scheduled on a mid-afternoon flight out of Aspen to Denver and then have a connection from Denver to LAX for example, then you can get up in the morning, look outside and check the weather channel. If the weather is looking ominous then book a shuttle, hire a car - whatever it takes - but get out of Aspen and start heading to Denver International Airport.

If you get up early enough you'll have plenty of time to do this. And given you have a ticket from Denver to LAX, the airline staff will be happy to see you when you arrive at the service desk and you will be able to make your international connections.

Now if you fall into the popular category and actually enjoy skiing more than work (and don't absolutely HAVE to be back as planned), and you have a standard travel insurance policy (and an understanding boss) then the direct flight out of Aspen to LAX is great. Why?

Because it's up to the airline to get you out on the itinerary you originally booked. If that takes them 3 days then bummer. You'll need to go back into town and ski the next 3 days courtesy of your travel insurance. Not a bad option if you can get it.

## SO IN SUMMING UP ...

### "I HAVE TO BE BACK AS PLANNED"

Go via Denver in and out of Aspen. It's the safe option and in the vast majority of cases you will get home as planned.

### "I DON'T REALLY CARE, MY FLIGHT ITINERARY IS JUST A GUIDE AND I CAN GET HOME WHENEVER"

Book the direct flights from LAX (or connecting city) into and out of Aspen.





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## DON'T BELIEVE THE MYTH ABOUT ASPEN BEING TOO EXPENSIVE

### ...incredible and highly affordable ski resort

Since the day dot it seems every journalist that's ever written anything about Aspen didn't actually go there to do much skiing. They write about the movie stars, the rich and famous, the glitzy shops and extravagant restaurants. They keep re-hashing the same old stuff and in most cases they plug whoever it was that gave them the free trip. Rarely do they accurately represent the ski resort and town that we've grown to know intimately over the past 25 years.

It is true that some very wealthy people own homes in Aspen. It's also a fact that occasionally you'll see a well-known movie star walking around town or maybe even skiing past. Prada, Louis Vuitton, Burberry, Bvlgari etc. are all here. If you aren't on a budget and love to shop you'll have a ball. But if you are on a budget and love to ski, shop and eat out... you'll also have a ball!

The truly great thing about Aspen, and it has always been so, is that it caters brilliantly for every budget, every taste and most importantly every skier/rider type. Here is a town

where the fusion of sport, environment, culture, mountains, skiing, snowboarding, arts, food, restaurants, bars, music and shopping absolutely cater to everyone. We started skiing here in 1991 and in those days you could stay for \$40 a night - which back then included your lift ticket. It's not quite that cheap these days, but Aspen is no more expensive than most other US ski towns and it's not as costly as some.

The core product here is the skiing, the incredible snow, the mountains and the environment. Why this gets lost on the myriad of travel writers that venture here year after year is beyond us. We love the fact that Aspen is a vibrant ski town with great nightlife, bars, shopping and everything else but the fact is this is all peripheral to what is really just one incredible and highly affordable ski resort.

**Read on and you'll see why.**

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## HOW COLD WILL IT BE IN ASPEN?

Aspen Snowmass receives an average annual snowfall of 300 inches / 762 cm, and its fact that around 70% of this falls at night.

Ski Aspen operates its Aspen tours during January and February each year because we’ve found (over the past 25 years) this period to be most reliable in terms of snow quantity, quality and the day-to-day weather. The vast majority of our tour days are spent in glorious sunshine with great (and often epic) snow conditions on the ground. Take a few minutes to watch our videos and look through our photo galleries and you’ll see this to be the case.

Below is a chart showing the **average temperatures** you can expect in Aspen from December though April.

	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Average High	1 °C	2°C	3°C	7°C	10°C
Average	-5°C	-6°C	-5°C	-1°C	-1°C
Average Low	-13°C	-13°C	-12°C	-9°C	-9°C

**NOTE:**

And something to remember is this... skiing in -8°C in Aspen is generally far more comfortable than skiing in -1°C in Australia. This is because Colorado experiences a dry cold during the winter months - the result of its inland location and altitude. At Australian ski resorts we generally experience wet days that hover between -2°C to plus 5°C with wind. As our clothing gets wet we get colder and naturally become uncomfortable. You'll never get wet skiing in Aspen.



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## ASPEN IS ACTUALLY FOUR MOUNTAINS

### That's right, four mountains not one

Even the trademark name 'Aspen Snowmass' is slightly deceptive as it only mentions two of the four mountains that comprise Aspen. Four mountains and each is an entire ski resort in itself. Here you'll get away from crowded slopes and endless lift lines. Anywhere else, you'd need to go on four separate ski holidays.

#### ASPEN MOUNTAIN

Aspen Mountain - and its famous black-diamond terrain - has kept the town of Aspen on the map since 1947, serving up glades, bumps and steeps for anyone who dares to step off the lift. If the in-bound runs aren't enough, Aspen Mountain Powder Tours takes skiers and riders out of bounds for runs on the backside. More than 60 years later, the only changes you might notice are the new gondola, great Sundeck cuisine at the summit and Ajax Tavern at the base area for some of the best après in town.

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#### SNOWMASS

With a vertical drop of 1,343 metres and 1,267 hectares of terrain, the sheer volume of Snowmass demands repeat visits. After experiencing even a slice of all the cruisers, glades, steeps and terrain parks (via 21 lifts and 91 trails), we guarantee you'll be back for more. And it doesn't end there - Snowmass is also home to millions of dollars in improvements - Elk Camp Gondola, Sam's Smokehouse, Sneaky's Tavern, the Treehouse and the Sheer Bliss quad chairlift to name just a few.

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## ASPEN HIGHLANDS

Aspen Highlands, celebrating over 50 years as the locals' (and Ski Aspen guides') favourite, boasts breathtaking views of the surrounding Maroon Bells and an abundance of expert terrain and groomed cruisers. Hiking to the 3,777-metre summit of Highland Bowl – Colorado's ultimate in-bounds backcountry rush - takes about 30 minutes and rewards visitors with untracked descents. With the addition of the Deep Temerity lift and an extra 96 hectares of terrain over the last three seasons, Aspen Highlands offers some of the most challenging big-mountain terrain in North America.

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## BUTTERMILK

Famous as the home of the ESPN Winter X Games through 2018 and voted #1 by Transworld Snowboarding Magazine Reader's Poll for the best park and pipe 2009-2016. Buttermilk built its 50-year legacy on wide-open and gently rolling trails that cater to beginners and families. Keep an eye out for Olympians, Winter X Games champs and other park kids braving the new Olympic-calibre, 6.7 metre superpipe in the legendary terrain park.

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## OUR FAVOURITE RUNS ON EACH MOUNTAIN

### ASPEN MOUNTAIN

**Green:** There are no green runs on Aspen Mountain but 1 & 2 Leaf could well be. Take 1 & 2 Leaf down to Silver Dip then into Deer Park to the base of the Ajax Express Lift. This is the perfect warm up run.

**Blue:** So many to choose but Copper straight off the top and stay under the Gent's Ridge chair. Then veer left into Copper Bowl and all the way down to Kleenex Corner. Here most people will head down Upper Little Nell but take Tower Ten Road into Summer Road to give the legs a rest. The final stretch down Little Nell and you're all set to load back onto the Silver Queen Gondola.

**Black:** For the best views of Aspen available you can't go past Aztec. Great when its been groomed and more challenging when its bumped up. Be sure to stop at the top and don't forget your camera.

**Double Black:** Way too many to choose just one but we love Walsh's, Hyrup's and Kristi - especially in fresh snow. And when the snow is really on, anything skier's right off Gentleman's Ridge will have you coming back for more.

### SNOWMASS

**Green:** Take Max Park from the top of the Village Express all the way down to the base of the Big Burn chair.

**Blue:** Trying to pick just one here is impossible. Snowmass is famous for it's wide-open blue groomers so in no particular order... Dallas Freeway and Sneaky's off the top of the Big Burn chair. Naked lady off the Alpine Springs chair and Grey Wolf and Bull Run off the Elk Camp chair. In fresh snow the best blue run in Snowmass is Long Shot which you also access off the Elk Camp chair. Long Shot involves a short 5 - 10 minute hike to the top but its well worth the effort.

**Black:** Powerline Glades is our top pick. Great all the time and incredible in fresh powder. Showcase off the High Alpine chair is one of the best bump runs in Aspen.

**Double Black:** On a powder day, as the name suggests, head to Powderhorn off the backside of Sam's Knob. You could loop this run all day and you'll never get bored... but you will get tired! The Hanging Valley Glades is also a must ski but this is not a run, it's a huge area. Easy to access from the top of the Cirque lift or via a short walk from the top of the High Alpine chair.



## ASPEN HIGHLANDS

**Green:** Since 2017, there are now no 'green' runs listed on the Aspen Highlands trail map. That said, in our humble opinion, this nomination is closer to green than blue! Take Exhibition chair to the top and head past the Merry-Go-Round restaurant towards the Cloud Nine lift. Ski past the Cloud Nine lift load and Red Onion opens up. The perfect way to warm up on Highlands into Park Avenue and then down to the base of Exhibition chair.

**Blue:** We think the best 'blue bumps' in the world are on Scarlett's Run which you'll find off the top of the Cloud Nine chair. Meadows and Kandahar are also favourite blues on Aspen Highlands.

**Black:** Our favourite black run on Aspen Highlands, in fact in all of Aspen, is Canopy Cruiser. On the trail map it's marked double black but we don't think it quite deserves double black status. A little tricky to find the first time, take Loge Peak chair to the top then ski towards the Highland Bowl Snowcat. Head past the Snowcat load area to the left then turn right and follow the traverse for about 200 metres. Canopy Cruiser opens up before you and it's a leg burner all the way down to the Deep Temerity chair.

**Double Black:** Aspen Highlands is home to some of the finest double black terrain in North America. Everything off the Highland Bowl is epic and well worth the walk. If walking is not for you, drop straight into Whip's Veneration where the Snowcat drops you off. Steeplechase and Olympic Bowl areas offer fantastic double black terrain in all snow conditions.



## BUTTERMILK

**Green:** Buttermilk is the home of green runs in Aspen. We love warming up on Ridge into Homestead Road all the way to the base of the Summit Express chair.

**Blue:** Buckskin is accessed from the top of the Summit Express lift (or Upper Tiehack lift) and is a ripper. For a 'blue' cruise all the way from top to bottom take Friedl's off the Summit Express into No Problem into Lover's Lane. This leads to Midway Avenue then take Lower Savio into Columbine to the base. It might be Buttermilk but this is still a very long run and you'll be ready for the chair at the bottom.

**Black:** If you're a snowboarder then you'll live in the terrain parks. If you ski then start down Tiehack Parkway and try the steep groomers Racer's Edge and Javelin. Timber Doodle Glade is fantastic in fresh snow.

**Double Black:** Buttermilk has no double black runs.



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## WHERE TO EAT OUT IN ASPEN?

We've assembled a collection of our favourite restaurants and dining experiences in Aspen. Many eating establishments come and go in Aspen but all of these have stood the test of time.

### NEW YORK PIZZA \$

409 E. Hyman Ave, Aspen, CO 81611,  
970.920.3088

Ski bums and late-night revelers alike would surely perish without this Aspen institution. What's not to love about delicious, honkin' big slices served till 2:30am? For a "cheap" meal, order up a pie and a pitcher, but things really get hopping here when the bars close.



### HICKORY HOUSE \$\$

730 W. Main, Aspen, CO 81611,  
970.925.2313

Hickory House is family owned and operated. The best 'Ribs' in Aspen by a big margin, this is also a great breakfast venue with all the traditional American offerings on the menu. Since 1988, Hickory House has been crafting Baby Back Ribs, barbeque sauces and other recipes, perfecting ribs is like a science to these guys!



### AJAX TAVERN \$\$\$

685 E. Durant Ave, CO 81611,  
970.920.6334

The traditional down-to-earth restaurant and Aspen icon of nearly 25 years still showcasing its red-and-white-checked tablecloth décor. Thick homemade soups, juicy burgers and thick chili are on the menu, as well as fresh fish, ribs and bbq chicken. Everything goes with beer.





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## HOPS CULTURE \$\$

414 E. Hyman Ave, Aspen, CO 81611,  
970.925.4677

Since opening a few summers ago, HOPS Culture has been, well, hopping! Aspen's long-awaited "craft beer-focused restaurant" on the Hyman Avenue pedestrian mall is where to go when you're craving a cold one. With 30 beers on tap and 200 by the bottle (including limited releases and everything from pale ales to rye), 15 wines, and 12 craft spirits (Moscow Mules are the house special, and come in six different variations), it's easy to see why beer aficionados flock here. The food is simple, upscale pub grub: salads, roast half-chicken, "melts," and variations on mac & cheese. The downstairs bar space is industrial-cool, but the 11-bench beer garden in the mall's park-like centre strip has already established itself as the place to be on a summer's day.



## L'HOSTARIA \$\$\$

620 E. Hyman, Aspen, CO 81611,  
970.925.9022

You'll hear, "best Italian place in town" when you ask any local. Intimate setting, as-authentic-as-Aspen-can-get menu. Owner Tiziano Gortan strolls the restaurant looking to pour the next glass of Tuscan; Chef Ruben is laughing at a table that claims they're full from the carpaccio. The bar area keeps it informal with a tasty, economic bar menu that draws locals, but the serene seated area serves up the best pasta and wine to schmooze the night away.



## WILD FIG \$\$\$

315 E. Hyman, Aspen, CO 81611,  
970.925.5160

Right in the heart of Aspen is Wild Fig, a dining spot with all the charm and energy of a European brasserie. Rich Mediterranean spices infuse classic preparations of the finest ingredients. Fresh seafood and traditionally cured meats star in dishes large and small. The worldly wine list offers selections from ripe and rich to sassy and spicy. The Wild Fig is open for lunch and dinner during the summer, when its patio offers the best al fresco dining in Aspen. During winter you'll love the Mediterranean warmth and ambience.





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## MEAT AND CHEESE \$\$\$

319 E. Hopkins Ave, Aspen, CO 81611,  
970.710.7120

This long-awaited restaurant and farm shop from award-winning cheesemaker Wendy Mitchell of Basalt's Avalanche Cheese Company has become a local's favorite for lunch or dinner since opening in October 2014 (it's also in our most delicious cheese dishes in ski country. It's more than just the great price point: the food is simply delicious. The signature "boards" of charcuterie (including Avalanche's own goat and pork salumi), cheese, rotisserie chicken, and porchetta are delicious, ditto the locally-sourced "world farmhouse" cuisine from chef David Wang and crew. Don't miss Hooch, a downstairs bar from the same team serving up tapas, cocktails, and desserts.



## PINIONS \$\$\$\$

105 S. Mill St, Aspen, CO 81611,  
970.920.2021

Piñons is consistently known as the best in Aspen; the most coveted reservation for 28 years. It is their constant renovation of the physical space and infusion of the newest and most innovative cuisine that keeps Piñons at the forefront. In the highly competitive Aspen dining scene, Piñons always was and still is touted as the undisputed best. Piñons has received many renowned awards but cherishes most the recognition by locals as the #1 dining experience in Aspen.



## CACHE CACHE \$\$\$\$

205 (#106) S. Mill St, Aspen, CO 81611,  
970.925.3835

Great vibe, friendly staff and personal attention really make you feel welcome here. A wine cellar with over 6000 bottles means you should find something you'll like and a food menu the owners called 'Country French'. Some of the chef's favourite dishes include veal sweetbreads, black mussels with Pernod in a lobster broth, seared Hudson Valley foie gras, homemade country terrine, osso bucco with Marsala sauce and pork tenderloin with garlic whipped potatoes. Cache Cache is a fantastic dining experience that's not intimidating or pretentious.





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## ASPEN NIGHTLIFE

Bars & nightclubs come and go in Aspen. One season it's there, the next season it's not. We've kept this list fairly concise, as we're confident these venues will still be around for years to come.

### ERIC'S \$\$

315 E. Hyman, Aspen, CO 81611,  
970.920.6707

The classic 'locals' bar but everyone is welcome. Comfortable couches, vibrant bar and pool tables. Gets active from 9.00 p.m. and is a great meeting place. Head past the pool tables and you'll find the famous Aspen Cigar Bar. The only licensed venue in Aspen where you can smoke indoors.



### J-BAR \$\$

330 E Main St, Aspen, CO 81611,  
970-920-1000

Locals and visitors alike love the J-Bar. The words classic and iconic don't even start to do this place justice. Aspen's J-Bar (short for "Jerome Bar") remains the town's social hot spot, with it's lively yet casual atmosphere. Ski bums, socialites, cowboys and luminaries – from members of the Tenth Mountain Division to the late Hunter S. Thompson – gather at this authentic bar for a hint of the Old West. Sit down, relax and enjoy a beer, vintage-inspired cocktail and light dining fare at the best bar in Aspen. Open daily from 11:30am to 1am.



### BELLY UP ASPEN \$\$\$

450 S. Galena, Aspen, CO 81611,  
970.544.9800

Live bands, live bands, live bands, live bands. Aspen's premier venue for live acts. Recent acts to appear at Belly Up include: America, The Killers, Chainsmokers, Deadmau5, Big Boi, Angus & Julia Stone, Jane's Addiction, LeAnn Rimes, Flaming Lips, Ziggy Marley, Gipsy Kings, Michael Franti, Garbage, Buddy Guy, Steve Aoki and Spoon.



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## SKI TRANSFER

We know this sounds too simple to be the subject of its own ‘Top Ten Things You Need To Know’ but read on.

So we’ve already learnt that Aspen has four incredible mountains that in effect are separate ski resorts in their own right. To get around from mountain to mountain everyone uses the extremely efficient and **FREE** bus network with its hub right opposite Rubey Park in the heart of downtown.

Most visitors to Aspen will plan to ski each mountain, usually more than once. Aspen Mountain is an easy walk from most accommodations in Aspen and the others (Aspen Highlands, Snowmass and Buttermilk) are accessed via the free bus network. All the buses have external ski racks so it’s not an onerous task transporting your skis or snowboard to and from the mountains each day. fordable ski resort.

**BUT...** if you really want to feel like you’re on holiday then be sure, at least once, to check your skis into the ski transfer station located at the base of each mountain.

For \$10.00 a time, they’ll store and transfer your skis overnight to the mountain you nominate. You can then go and enjoy some après, go shopping downtown, whatever you choose, without having to lug around your skis. The next morning simply collect your skis from directly opposite the base lift at the mountain you’re skiing.

**AND...** if all that didn’t sound fantastic enough, how about the fact that this service is **FREE** if you rent your gear from Four Mountain Sports. Four Mountain Sports have eight stores located throughout the resort with at least one at each mountain.

**This is way too easy and very addictive. Many Ski Aspen guests elect to purchase this service for the entire time they’re in town.**



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## SOME LOCAL SECRETS

### BAR MEALS

The vast majority of restaurants in Aspen provide the option of bar meals, which as the name suggests, involves being seated at the bar (or tall tables opposite) and ordering from a specially designed bar menu. Prices are cheaper than if you elect for full table service and this works well if you'd like to be in and out quickly. Plenty of Aspen's high-end restaurants are famous for the quality of their much cheaper bar meals. The bar meal experience at L'Hostaria and Cache Cache is a must.

### YOU DON'T NEED A CAR IN ASPEN

We mentioned earlier the free bus network that operates in Aspen and it works fantastically well. Buses operate frequently to all important and relevant locations around the town and valley, not just the four mountains. That said, if you're staying in downtown Aspen then most shops, restaurants, bars, supermarkets and the gondola won't be more than a 5-minute walk from anywhere.

If you are flying into Aspen airport, it will cost you around \$40 for a taxi to your accommodation in Aspen or around \$60 if you are staying at Snowmass. You can catch the free bus from directly opposite the arrivals terminal but this will be a little tricky if you have lots of luggage. But once you're checked in and unpacked, the bus network will take you wherever you need to go.

TIP: Almost all Snowmass properties offer complimentary transportation to/from Aspen Airport and most Aspen properties do the same. Be sure to check your accommodation "inclusions" before arranging your Aspen Airport transfers.

### FREE COFFEE, DRINKS, MUFFINS AND SUNSCREEN (EVEN A BEER OR WINE!)

You know you're not skiing in Australia when you start getting things for free. Each morning, regardless of which mountain you're skiing at, you'll be greeted by a cheery resort ambassador who'll offer you a free coffee (no limit) and maybe a muffin. On the mountain this extends to hot cider, water, sunscreen and muesli bars - so make sure you have plenty of room in your pockets. **Ski Aspen** tours take this one step further with plenty of après events that include free beer, wine, soft drinks and food.

### GLENWOOD SPRINGS FOR A DAY OFF

Most of our tours are 15 nights and 16 days in duration. We do a lot of skiing and guarantee our guests will get all the miles they can possibly handle - even with a couple of days off. One of the best ways to spend a day off-snow is to hire a car or jump on the bus and head down valley to Glenwood Springs. By car it takes around 45 minutes.

In Glenwood Springs you'll find some great bargains at places like the Sunlight Mountain Ski Shop, Summit Canyon Mountaineering, Target, Walmart and a variety of shopping malls. Plenty of great deals on ski equipment and clothing and generally cheaper than you'll find in Aspen.

After shopping, enjoy a relaxing lunch at Doc Holliday's Saloon for a real Midwest American experience then head to the Glenwood Hot Springs for a soak in the famous mineral bathes established in 1888. Our returning guests always manage a visit to Glenwood Springs and consistently rate it as a great way to spend a free day off-snow. The hot springs provide for a relaxing afternoon and our people always return loaded up with bargains.



IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE BEST WAY TO HOLIDAY IN ASPEN YOU'VE FOUND IT

My name is Nick Farr and I'm the Founder and Director of **Ski Aspen**. In 2018, I was fortunate to clock up my 26th season in Aspen - and many of our guides aren't far behind. The Ski Aspen team possess an intimate knowledge of Aspen built primarily on years and years of skiing and living here. We've been guiding skiers here since 1995 and enjoy a fantastic relationship with the Aspen Skiing Company who have grown with and supported us over the journey.

Our tours have evolved slowly over the years into the product they are today. The result of the constant feedback we seek from our guests, much of what we do and how we do it is the result of listening to our people and introducing their suggestions. It is a fact that some of our guests have joined us in Aspen in excess of 10 times, and many more are in the 5 - 10 tour bracket. Rarely does someone join a Ski Aspen tour just once.

Whilst skiing is and will always remain our core product, our tours strive to provide much more. From the moment you arrive in Aspen you'll be greeted by our friendly team and be made to feel incredibly welcome. You'll soon meet all our staff and your fellow guests and before long will be out on the snow and enjoying the incredible skiing conditions Aspen is famous for.

We are a social group with lots of après activities scheduled throughout your time with us. Our tours are perfect for singles, couples and partners who ski at different levels. We work very hard to ensure our guests enjoy the best possible snow holiday experience and this involves much more than just getting out skiing each day. The reality is the skiing conditions in Aspen are consistently fantastic and on this front we feel incredibly

lucky. It's all the peripheral things that turn a good ski holiday into a great one and our formula revolves around this. Our guides work for us because not only are they fanatical about skiing, they genuinely love introducing and sharing the magic of Aspen and its four mountains with our guests. And our guides don't front up each day then disappear when the skiing is done.

We'll often enjoy après activities together not to mention cocktail parties, dinners out, video analysis sessions and our schnapps bars on the snow are the stuff of legend.

If Aspen is on your radar and you'd like to join a fun group - on and off the snow - that really knows this town, then send us an email or give us a call.

**We'd love to have you join us.**

**NICK FARR | Founder & Director**