



BEST FOR NIGHTLIFE

TELLURIDE

Shoehorned into a box canyon in the San Juan mountains, Telluride doesn't just provide 2,000 acres (8km²) of piste – split helpfully between intermediate-friendly groomers and experts-only backcountry steeps – it's a charming Victorian mining town packed with quirky bars and gourmet restaurants. Locals like Kristen "Supergirl" Permakoff, ski and snowboard instructor, are spoilt for choice. "For the best drink in town it's a toss-up between the Chop House Flatliner or There Bar's Grapefruit Martini," she says, "both are totally awesome." tellurideskiresort.com



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BEST FOR HIDDEN POWDER

WINTER PARK RESORT

Founded in 1939 as a winter park for Denver residents, Winter Park Resort is a popular weekend bolthole, 90 minutes' drive from town, that's grown into a world-class resort. "Winter Park is so big that even on the busiest weekends you can find secluded spots with great snow," says John Glancey, a former ski patroller who has lived here for 22 years. "My favourite is Eagle Wind. Located on the back of Mary Jane, it's tucked far enough back that you can always find powder stashes."

winterparkresort.com



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While you're in... Denver



STAY

Crawford Hotel

For a classic slice of all-American railroad chic, pitch up at this hotel, part of the renovated Union Station complex. Comfort meets proximity as the train from Denver Airport will drop you mere steps from the hotel reception.

thecrawfordhotel.com



EAT

Mercantile

Eat in or take away at this market-restaurant hybrid, where global light bites are the name of the game. From Vietnamese banh mi to quinoa salad and falafel flatbreads with Icelandic skyr, everything is well-made, fresh and delicious.

mercantiledenver.com



DRINK

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We suspect the cocktail list at this speakeasy – with names like "Bears, Beets, Battlestar Galactica" and "I'd Like to Thank Meryl Streep" – is a joke at the expense of punters. But while you may feel silly ordering them, the drinks are top-notch (and that's all that matters). williamsandgraham.com