

PURGATORY RESORT: A COLORADO SKI RESORT for FAMILIES, BEGINNERS and BIG MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE

DURANGO, CO – At Purgatory Resort, you will find an authentic Colorado ski experience where family-friendly fun meets big-mountain adventure. Nestled in the San Juan Mountains near Durango, this Colorado ski resort combines a welcoming atmosphere with terrain and activities that appeal to families, beginners and powder chasers alike.

A Reputation Stacking Up

Purgatory has been steadily earning recognition in the ski world. OnTheSnow users recently voted it the best ski resort for beginners in North America. That speaks directly to how newcomers and families experience the mountain and illustrates that learning to ski at Purgatory is approachable and rewarding.

Durango itself has also gained notice as one of Colorado's most appealing ski towns, and Purgatory plays a central role in that reputation. Together, they create a destination that combines great skiing with a vibrant community and year-round attractions.

Terrain, Powder and Adventure

Purgatory offers more than 1,600 acres of varied terrain, from wide-open groomers to glades and challenging tree runs. The mountain averages 260 inches of snow each year, providing consistent powder days.

One of the factors that makes Purgatory unique is its backcountry access. With 35,000 acres of guided terrain, Purgatory Snowcat Adventures is the largest snowcat skiing operation in Colorado. Skiers and riders can explore bowls, glades, and untouched powder with experienced guides leading the way.



DURANGO CO — Purgatory Resort is where families come to learn, explore, and enjoy authentic Colorado skiing, surrounded by some of the best views in the Rockies. Named Best Ski Area for Beginners in North America (OnTheSnow Visitors' Choice Awards), Purgatory offers uncrowded slopes, an unpretentious vibe, and convenient access to historic Durango. Best of all, lift tickets start at \$9 and kids 12 and under ski free, no strings attached. Visit: purgatory.ski

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Family Ski Vacations in Colorado

Few resorts make skiing as accessible for families as Purgatory does. The Kids Ski Free program, one of the best family ski deals in Colorado. Children 12 and under ski free every day, with no blackout dates or fine print.

Wide beginner areas, gentle slopes and progression-friendly lifts give kids and first-timers confidence while keeping the experience fun.

Skiing is only part of the story. Purgatory also offers tubing hills, snowshoe adventures, and other winter activities that make the resort fun for everyone. Even if skiing or snowboarding is not your thing, there are plenty of ways to enjoy the mountain and the snow.

Durango: The Perfect Base

A trip to Purgatory is not just about skiing. Only 25 minutes away, Durango offers restaurants, breweries, shops and history that make the trip feel like a full Colorado ski vacation. Guests can ride the historic Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, soak in the Durango Hot Springs, or enjoy the lively downtown after a day on the mountain.

This blend of mountain adventure and small-city charm makes Purgatory more than just a ski resort. It is a complete Colorado experience.

Slopeside Lodging at Purgatory Resort

When the lifts close, Purgatory makes it easy to stay close to the action. Lodging in the base area includes ski-in/ski-out condos, townhomes and private homes, as well as units with fireplaces and mountain views. Guests who want to be near dining and activities can stay within walking distance of restaurants, shops and après-ski fun.

Purgatory also partners with lodging providers in nearby Durango to offer a wider range of accommodations, often with the best rates and packages. Whether staying slopeside or in town, guests can count on comfort, convenience and options to fit every trip.

Why Purgatory, Why Now

Ski vacations in Colorado have become more expensive, and many resorts lean heavily on exclusivity and price. Purgatory offers something different. It delivers quality skiing, approachable pricing and a sense of welcome that is hard to find at larger mountains.

With recognition as the best ski resort for beginners, one of the largest snowcat operations in the country, family-first perks, slopeside lodging and activities for non-skiers, Purgatory is carving out a unique place among Colorado ski resorts. It is not about being the flashiest destination. It is about being the kind of mountain people return to year after year.

If you want a ski vacation that blends adventure, comfort and authenticity, Purgatory Resort should be at the top of your list.

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