

STEAMBOAT HAS NON-STOP FLIGHTS from 16 AIRPORTS & “FULL STEAM AHEAD” with SECOND, BASE AREA GONDOLA

STEAMBOAT, CO – Winter travel to Steamboat Springs has never been easier. The Yampa Valley Regional Airport (HDN) sits 25 miles from Steamboat Ski Resort and welcomes guests from six major carriers.

This winter, Steamboat welcomes nonstop flights from 16 airports with six airlines nationwide, quenching that thirst for convenient go-when-you-please travel we have been craving.

Daily nonstop flights are arriving from Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Houston and Los Angeles. Additional hubs, such as Boston, Dallas Love Field, Fort Lauderdale, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Nashville, Newark, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle and D.C.’s Dulles airport are offering select weekend and weekday flights, setting you up for an extended weekend or quiet weekday stay.

United Airlines, Delta, Southwest, JetBlue, American and Alaska Airlines are on board and ready to deliver you, your family and your gear to the slopes of Steamboat. The addition of Southwest flights from Nashville (new in 2022) and connecting flights from hundreds more make getting to Steamboat a snap.

Nonstop access from 16 major airports across the U.S. makes Steamboat one of the most easily accessed resorts in the Rocky Mountains. Flights are available for purchase on respective airline websites and packages are available at Steamboat.com/flights or by calling Steamboat Central Reservations® at 1-800-922-2722.

Once you land, the welcoming Yampa Valley Regional Airport is very simple to navigate. It takes only a few short minutes to walk through the terminal to your shuttle. Book a ride with GO Alpine Airport Shuttle for service from Hayden to Steamboat Ski Resort. Storm Mountain Express also provides service from the airport to Steamboat.

To book a shuttle to or from Yampa Valley Regional Airport/Hayden and schedule a pick up time, call Steamboat Central Reservations at 1-877-783-2628 (toll free). Reservations must be made 48 hours prior to departure. Rental cars are available with Hertz, Avis and Budget.

Full Steam Ahead on Base Area Remodel

An additional gondola named Wild Blue will run this ski season from the Steamboat base area to Greenhorn Ranch. The new ski school headquarters is now located in the previous Bashor Basin area. This is part of Steamboat’s massive base area and mountain upgrades, which began in the spring of 2022. Ultimately, once complete with both the upper and lower sections in the 2023-24 season, Wild Blue will transport skiers and riders from the Steamboat base area to the top of Sunshine Peak at an impressive speed, taking only 12 and a half minutes. Scenic, fast, efficient and smooth, the Wild Blue gondola is an exciting addition to Steamboat Resort.

The lower section of the Wild Blue gondola will have 58 cabins to take skiers and riders from the base area to Greenhorn Ranch as part of the ski school. For this ski season, this will be the only section running, mostly transporting ski school guests. Section two is slated to be ready for next ski season and will be running with an additional 113 cabins to transport guests to the top of Sunshine Peak. Overall, Wild Blue will have 171 cabins, each with a capacity of 10 people per cabin. Ski racks will be on the exterior just like the Steamboat Gondola that will still be in place and running from the base area to the top of Thunderhead.

The Wild Blue gondola features the biggest direct drive in the world with state-of-the-art technology. By installing a direct drive, which is a mechanical concept that came from the wind-mill industry, a traditional gearbox is not necessary, making the operational side more efficient and simpler. Section one will feature a 2-ring direct drive and section two will feature a 5-ring direct drive. These two sections will be able to run independent of one another, or together, making it highly functional and adaptable. By eliminating the gearbox all together, the direct drive will provide skiers and riders with a smooth, fast and highly efficient ride, which is especially exciting when Champagne Powder® is falling.

With so many improvements happening as part of Full Steam Ahead at Steamboat Resort, the addition of the Wild Blue gondola is certainly one of the most visible and most exciting. Last winter Steamboat built an escalator in the redesigned base area and new gondola entrance.

Steamboat Ski Resort is earning bragging rights for the great changes to their base area and more. They have a skating rink, food court and much more planned and already happening.

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