

MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA, AN UNREAL WEST COAST WONDERLAND

Grab your Ikon Pass and head to Mammoth Lakes, it is easy to get to from D.C., New York or Boston

MAMMOTH LAKES, CA – Take 400 inches of powder plus 275 days of sunshine. Add in larger-than-life majestic natural beauty and you have an alpine destination that is almost too good to be true. As unreal as it seems, this is the remarkable reality of Mammoth Lakes. Surrounded by 2.2 million acres of breathtaking national forest, encompassing one of the biggest skiing and snowboarding resorts in California, Mammoth Lakes is truly a West Coast winter wonderland.



MAMMOTH LAKES, CA - You will find steep trails, great cruisers and everything in between at Mammoth Mountain in California. With a direct flight via United Airlines from Denver (DEN) to Bishop, Calif., (BIH), which is a short distance to Mammoth Lakes, you can easily get to this Unreal ski destination from major U.S. Eastern hub airports.

Photo courtesy of Mammoth Lakes Tourism

If you are skeptical of perfect snow-packed peaks just hours from sunny southern California beaches, Mammoth Lakes will make you a believer. The plentiful and near-perfect snow conditions are a result of the unique placement in the Sierra Nevada range. This is a prime location that catches big storms rolling in from the Pacific. These storms provide prolific heaps of snow, like last winter's 20-foot dump in December. There is no "Sierra Cement" here. It is not a problem at 11,053 feet in the sky. Up that high, you have entered the Legendary Sierra Snowpack. This refers to the copious collection of snow that puts these slopes in a league of their own. One trip down from the powdery peak and you will be hooked. It is love at first run for any serious skier or snowboarder.

If the Northeast's gray, clouded canopy is starting to wear you thin, try cruising down magical runs under a bluebird sky. Let the laid-back atmosphere and panoramic mountain views lift your spirits this ski season. If you are still not convinced, California's highest lifts should get the job done. At this elevation, the sky really does feel like the limit. Sporting a giant 3,100-foot vertical drop from the summit to the base lodge, this is not anywhere near your average bunny slope. Mammoth Mountain really lives up to its gargantuan name. With 28 lifts, 151 trails and 3,500 skiable acres of unique terrain, this immense snowscape is a required bucket list destination for any East Coast skier or snowboarder. Rip down a few runs while soaking up those sweet rays, and you will get it. And you will want more. Pro tip: Grab an Ikon Pass and you can get seasonal access to this unbelievable mountain paradise.

Looking for some off-mountain excursions? Explore 3 million acres of wide-open wilderness in this expansive outdoor playground. Embark on a guided snowmobile adventure. Slip on snowshoes and trek up to Minaret Vista for unreal views of the Mammoth Lakes signature skyline. Glide across over 140 miles of cross-country trails. On the other hand, just hold on tight for family-friendly tubing and sledding escapades. Whatever you are into, a multitude of winter activities ensures there is enough fun for everyone.

When it is time to take a break from snow-filled adventures, head to The Village at Mammoth, where relaxation and après-ski vibes are at their best. Sip a glass of wine at a local restaurant. Grab a margarita and settle in by the fire. Search for the perfect souvenir at one of the shops or enjoy live music as you sample the thriving bar scene with friends. There is so much to love in this mountain town, and thanks to the free shuttle service, it is super easy to take it all in. Just hop on the trolley, and head to one of the local breweries or distilleries.

Stop in at a cafe or coffee shop. Soak in the warm hues of a California sunset. A trip around town is definitely worth leaving the comfort of your hot tub, if only temporarily, and it is a perfectly casual way to end a thrilling and exciting day.

From the laid-back California vibe of the surrounding town to the countless snow-filled adventures, Mammoth Lakes is undeniably a wintery West Coast wonderland that you do not want to miss.

This ski season, experience the unreal majesty of Mammoth Lakes. When it comes to massive snowfalls coupled with magical bluebird days, this alpine destination really does serve up the best of both worlds. In addition, the High Sierra climate gives Mammoth Mountain one of the longest seasons in the country.

Some years, you can ski and snowboard from early November all the way to the middle of summer, giving you a huge window of opportunity to check this hidden mountain gem off your bucket list. It is time to pack your sunscreen, head west, and discover the unreal wonder.

What is the best part? Traveling to Mammoth Lakes from New York, Boston or D.C. is easier than you might think. Flight options from United Airlines get you to Bishop, Calif., (BIH) with just one connection. Bishop is a short distance from Mammoth Lakes. Moreover, you can fly nonstop on Advanced Airlines from Carlsbad and Los Angeles in less than an hour. Just grab a flight and you will be knee-deep in powder in no time. Find more info about flying to the area, as well as insider info on the best sights to see, places to eat and things to do once you arrive, at: visitmammoth.com. #KeepMammothUnreal

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GRAB YOUR IKON PASS and HEAD WEST to VISIT STEAMBOAT or MAMMOTH LAKES

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 windmill 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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