

GET to UTAH'S "GREATEST SNOW ON EARTH" with 10 RESORTS LESS THAN an HOUR AWAY from SLC and ALL with GREAT SNOW in 2023

98 cities around the world fly non-stop to Salt Lake Airport, SLC, making travel to Utah's snow-filled resorts easy

As SKIER NEWS went to press in early January, Utah resorts were getting pounded with snow, see: skiutah.com

SALT LAKE CITY, UT – No one ever said that putting an entire family on a plane for a ski vacation was a small feat, but in terms of airport ease and resort proximity, Ski Utah will let someone else do the talking for them.

Travel + Leisure named Salt Lake City Airport the Best Airport in the U.S., based upon the fewest delays in the country. If you fly into Salt Lake City International Airport, you will rarely be delayed in making your powder day appointments.

Utah resorts continually land in the top spots in SKI magazine's Access Rankings. Based on these rankings, you will not be surprised to know that 10 resorts are just an hour's drive from the airport.

Is There Public Transit?

Yes, try the Utah Transit Authority Trip Planning Tool to help route you to your destination, be it a resort or the nearest stop to your hotel. To download the app visit: www.rideuta.com/rider-tools/trip-planner

One Click Trip Planner

Not sure what resort you should include in your trip, or where your base should be? Ski Utah has built a great trip suggestion tool that takes one click to get you going in the right direction. Log on to www.skiutah.com/trip-planner Less Hassle, More Time on Slopes: Utah's Easiest Ski Trip

What is the highlight of your ski vacation? It may be the skiing itself, it may be the mountain landscape, or it

may be relaxing moments shared with friends. However, it is a safe bet that time spent in transit does not make the cut as the most enjoyable component of your trip.

While most ski destinations require a dedicated slog to get to with multiple connecting flights, trains, buses, and hours in rental cars, Salt Lake cuts that hassle out of the equation. There are several excellent ski resorts less than 40 minutes from Salt Lake City International Airport, which means many people can catch a flight, grab a rental car or a shuttle and be on the slopes the same day.

Here are the three biggest ways Salt Lake City makes ski trips to Utah easier and more fun.

A Convenient Base Camp

On most ski vacations, you have to pick one resort and stick with it. Not so with Utah. Several resorts are all within 40 minutes of each other, so you can pick one, then try the rest. If you stay atop one of the canyons, it is easy to try a neighboring sister resort. Brighton is a mile from Solitude, and Alta is connected to Snowbird via a gate. Deer Valley Resort is similarly close to Park City Mountain, without the gate.

Located about 40 minutes from Salt Lake City, Ogden is steeped in frontier history and the site where the transcontinental railroad was completed in 1869. It is now a hub for winter sports in the Ogden Valley, where you will find Snowbasin, Powder Mountain and Nordic Valley. They are all less than 20 miles from the town and

feature more than 10,500 skiable acres. You have dozens of lodging options in the area ranging from boutique bed-and-breakfasts to family-friendly hotels.

So just choose a neighborhood and make merry. Or choose a hotel or rental home in Salt Lake and make a rental car your chariot, allowing you the opportunity to check out a different resort every day of the week, if you like.

More likely than not, you and your group will be best suited to one kind of resort, whether that is family-friendly, steep and deep, or mellow and rustic. The good news is, you can sample around and decide for yourself.

Ski All Day or Evening

All the resorts are open during the day, but there are also several options when it comes to night skiing. Nordic Valley features night skiing Monday through Saturday, with 100 percent of the mountain under the lights. In the Ogden Valley, you will also find night skiing at Powder Mountain.

Sundance Mountain Resort has night skiing on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday until 9 p.m.

Brighton Resort, near to Salt Lake City, has lighted ski runs at night, plus local ski buses to serve the resort throughout the day and evening. You can stick around for last chair and still catch a ride back in the toasty-warm bus. Brighton has the most night skiing in Utah with 22

trails on more than 200 lighted acres. Bundle up extra warm and experience the magic of skiing under the stars. It is generally less crowded, less expensive, and an excellent way to earn a 9 o'clock nacho platter.

Use the skiutah.com portal to check the resorts for updates or changes before you night ski.

The Biggest Base Area

In many parts of the country, your "resort base area" is limited to a ski village, and if you choose to stay at the base of a resort, you will enjoy that cozy village feel.

However, in Salt Lake City, Park City and Ogden, you have the option of staying right in town, within driving distance of the slopes, yet you can still enjoy the urban benefits of restaurants and entertainment.

Downtown Salt Lake, Main Street in Park City and 25th Street in Ogden are food-lovers' havens, with countless interesting and award-winning restaurants and bars to try out.

If you are attracted to the big-mountain feel of the Cottonwood Canyons, situate yourself in a hotel room or rental house right between the two and enjoy the increasingly ski-bum-friendly culture of the foothill suburb Cottonwood Heights. The Hog Wallow Pub and Porcupine Pub may not technically be ski resort bars, but you would not know it once you are inside, surrounded by fellow revelers in waterproof ski pants and puffy jackets.

City living is a boon for adult-only trips and family trips as well. You can break up a succession of ski days with a trip to the Natural History Museum, a sledding hill, skating rink, snowshoe hike, Clark Planetarium, City Creek Center shopping or a yoga studio. In addition, if your muscles are in need of post-ski recovery, there are excellent spas to pamper you.

All things considered, including their massive 2023 snowfall, flights, transportation, amenities, variety of resorts and terrain, make it your winter to Ski Utah.

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