

STEAMBOAT HAS NON-STOP FLIGHTS from 16 MAJOR AIRPORTS “FULL STEAM AHEAD” with ANOTHER BASE AREA GONDOLA & MORE

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 has nonstop flights from 16 airports across six airlines nationwide, quenching that thirst for convenient go-when-you-please travel everyone has 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 Washington D.C. Dulles 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



SKI TOWN USA - Steamboat Springs, Colo., has great lodging in the Western-style downtown area or at the nearby mountain village. In addition to the great skiing on the mountain, this full-service ski town is perfect for families, groups or a long weekend get-away with a few friends.

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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, please call Steamboat Central Reservations at 1-877-783-2628 (toll free). Reservations must be made 48 hours prior to departure. Rental cars are also available.

Wild Blue Takes off for 2022-23

A new, additional gondola named Wild Blue is added for 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. 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, operational this winter season, of the Wild Blue gondola will have 58 cabins to take skiers and riders from the base area to Greenhorn Ranch. For this ski season it will mostly be transporting ski school guests. However, section two is slated to be ready for next 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.

Previously, the Steamboat Gondola and Christie Peak Express were able to transport 6,800 people per hour. Now with the addition of Wild Blue, another 3,200 people will be transported per hour onto the mountain. This equates to a capacity increase of nearly 50 percent with 10,000 guests per hour being transported onto the mountain from the base area. Obviously, this capacity increase will allow for quicker accessibility to the upper mountain, but it will also provide a more efficient experience skiing lower mountain as well.



The Wild Blue gondola also features the biggest direct drive in the world with state-of-the-art technology to give passengers a top-notch ride. By installing a direct drive, which is a mechanical concept that came from the windmill industry, a traditional gearbox is unnecessary, ultimately making the operational side more efficient and simpler. 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 the 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. You will have a chance to see section one of Wild Blue this winter, but the real excitement will begin next season when the entire Wild Blue gondola is officially complete. With two gondolas and one high-speed quad running from Steamboat's base area, accessing Steamboat Resort will become highly efficient and provide a nice variety for all skiers and riders.

Skeeter's Rink

The centerpiece of the new Steamboat Square base area is Skeeter's Rink. The ice rink will be open for winter 2022-23 with on-ice fun. Skeeter's Park will have lawn games and events in the summer.

Food and Drink Hall

For 2022-23 look for another addition to the base area, The Range Food and Drink Hall. The Range has a collection of small stops to satisfy anyone in your group. The fun offerings include Sunshine Bowl Ramen, Pioneer Pie, Twister Tacos and Why Not Sweet Shop.

Better Access

The lifts and both gondolas are now easily access via a clear entrance with an escalator. It began operation in the 2021-22 winter season. No more steps before or after your day on the mountain. This was part of the initial phase of "Full Steam Ahead" projects at the resort.

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Wide Variety of Choices

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offer panoramic vistas. Bronze Tree combines awe-inspiring scenery and a ski-in/ walk-out location with easy access to both the slopes and mountain village. With both indoor and outdoor hot tubs, along with a sauna, sun deck, and fitness center, Bronze Tree caters to all guests' needs.

Enjoy the ultimate convenience of ski-in/ ski-out accommodations at Chateau Chamonix. This property sits directly on the slopes of

Steamboat's beautiful Mt Werner. You can start your day with complimentary hot coffee, cocoa and pastries in the lobby as the personal, on-slope ski valet has your skis ready and waiting for you on the snow.

The Chateau Chamonix features great amenities. You will enjoy an indoor/outdoor heated pool as well as outdoor hot tubs, a community sauna, and an exercise room. Easy access to Steamboat Village and town is provided via the complimentary winter shuttle service.

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