



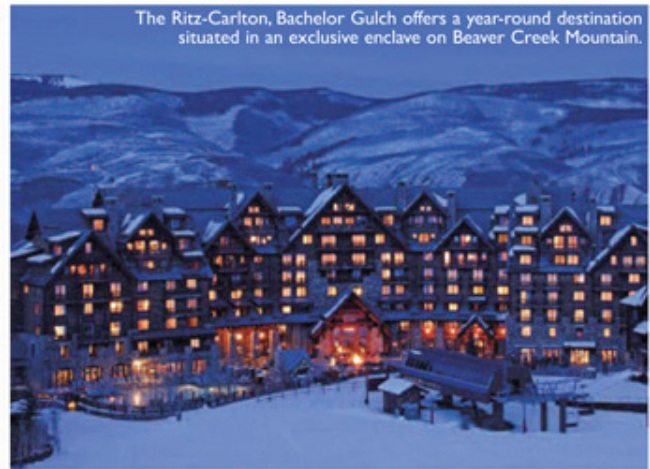
The Four Seasons Resort Vail, a contemporary landmark luxury hotel, graced with European flair.



Set in a sunken courtyard, the pool is heated all year round at the Four Seasons Resort.



Lindsey with her parents Cathy and David enjoying a day in the snow.



The Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch offers a year-round destination situated in an exclusive enclave on Beaver Creek Mountain.

The Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch, a true ski-in ski-out property, is perfect for those seeking a little more of a lodge feel. For ski enthusiasts, it's fantastic. The lifts are just feet away from the hotel, an equipment rental agency is located on property, and there's even a special service to warm guests' ski boots after a long day on the slopes.

The property caters to guests' every whim: a ski nanny will take children out on the slopes while parents spend some time alone, a champagne and oxygen bar greets skiers who might be feeling the altitude (and those who just enjoy champagne!), and daily live music around the fire pits creates the perfect après ski scene.

The town of Beaver Creek, easily accessible via complimentary shuttle, is right up the hill from the Ritz, offering great dining and shopping options for guests. However, many will find that the Ritz offers so much it's not even necessary to leave the property.

Beyond the complimentary breakfast that I can offer my clients, I'm also able to provide a \$100 resort credit per room, which can be put toward the amazing spa or one of the on-property restaurants, like Wolfgang Puck's Spago.

After seeing all of the happy skiers everywhere in Vail, I decided to try the sport for myself. I have personally dubbed myself the most ungraceful person I know, so I was a little concerned as I fumbled around in my ski

boots all the way to my adult ski school lesson. However, After getting acquainted with how skis work and the basics of operating them, I was mastering the bunny hill before lunchtime. I even walked away from the class as the only student who didn't fall once during the lesson. Maybe I was meant for the cold weather after all.

The sign of a good trip is when you're not ready to leave. After only five days in Vail, we wished we had booked an entire week to continue exploring the beautiful destination. The great thing about Colorado is that it's not only an amazing place to visit during the winter months. Summer is just as beautiful and as inviting for the adventure traveler or active family.

Our quick trip to Vail turned me into a winter weather enthusiast and I can't wait to check out more ski towns in the future. I always like when traveling teaches me a lesson and this time I learned just how much it pays off to step outside of my comfort zone! **svm**

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