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9 Best Mountain Towns in America

There are few vacations more head-clearing than a mountain getaway. Between the blasts of crisp alpine air and the breathtaking scenery—dense forests, towering peaks, and postcard-perfect main streets—a mountain escape promises a true recharge. Read on for 9 of this country's best.

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Sun Valley, ID

Sun Valley's origin story isn't tied to mining or laying railroad tracks. Rather, it's the birthplace of resort skiing in North America, following its 1936 founding by lifelong skier and Union Pacific Railroad chairman W. Averell Harriman. Snow-starved Hollywood celebrities (like Cary Grant and Earnest Hemingway) reinforced Sun Valley's rep as the place to see and be seen, and a whole new generation fell in love with the central Idaho region. Today's Sun Valley still delivers a singular skiing/snowboarding experience, now spread across two mountains broken into **Dollar Mountain**—the beginner's peak, and **Bald Mountain**— a 3,400-foot vertical drop with legions of intermediate and advanced runs. The resort itself is anchored by a Tyrolean-style pedestrian village with plenty of high-end dining, lodging, and après ski pursuits like ice skating.

Stay: [Knob Hill Inn](#)