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Winter Vacations in the U.S. to Inspire Your Next Trip



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In search of fresh vacation ideas for winter? These are our top recommendations for a cold season vacations in the U.S.

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The best [winter vacations](#) in the U.S. are of course subjective depending on your travel palette. Are you someone who wants to be on the slopes for eight hours a day in the winter? Or do your ideal [winter vacation ideas](#) involve a rooftop pool and a perfectly crafted mai tai? While, of course, the allure of [skiing in the Italian Dolomites](#) and migrating to a [Maldives beach](#) is real in the winter, it's also a considerable time commitment and schlep. And the truth is, winter vacations in the U.S. can also offer unimaginable heights of luxury and new experiences for the curious traveler. If you're looking for a getaway within the 50 states this year, here are some of the best winter vacations in the U.S.:

Westerly, Rhode Island



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Snowy New England is fairytale-like in the winter. While Rhode Island isn't the first destination that comes to mind when brainstorming winter vacation ideas, exploring coastal New England as the cold settles over the Atlantic is well worth it. [Ocean House](#) in Westerly, Rhode Island is curating phenomenally luxe winter programming—namely, their [Fondue Village](#) in collaboration with Veuve Clicquot and Columbia. The fondue village will feature three ski gondolas outfitted with instagrammable design and heated floors. The menu, of course, includes Swiss cheese fondue and Veuve Clicquot champagne pairings—and guests can borrow white Columbia Titanium coats to keep toasty throughout the experience. Ocean House also offers holiday events for the whole family—like a high tea with baby penguins guaranteed to melt your heart.