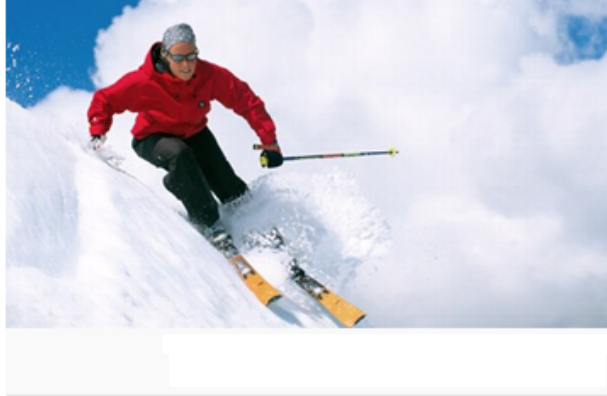


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Travel: Spring's In The Air, But Deals Are On The Slopes



Don't trade your ski gear for resort wear just yet. There's still a few weeks of ski season left and the deals are abundant. Warmer-than-usual weather in much of the country means many travelers have beaches, not snow, on the brain. And that translates into plenty of availability and wide-open trails for spring vacations.

In **Colorado**, the **Westin Riverfront Resort and Spa at Beaver Creek Mountain** will launch a 31 percent off the best available rate deal Wednesday March 14, in conjunction with the 31 days left of ski season (Beaver Creek closes for skiing on April 15). The deal will be offered on the resort's Facebook page and has to be booked before Friday, March 16, at 5 p.m.

In **Aspen**, skiandsnowdeals.com is highlighting a "Kids Stay and Eat Free" deal for April. It must be booked by March 16. Children ages 7-12 will ski, stay and eat for free with comparable adult four-or-more day lift ticket and lodging purchases. The package also includes one group ski or snowboard lesson. Lift tickets are good at Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk, and Snowmass resorts.

In **Sun Valley, Idaho**, the Spring Ski Package includes one night's lodging and one lift ticket per person, double occupancy, for \$79 per person (\$123 single occupancy). The package begins April 1 and runs until the last day of the ski season: April 8 for Dollar Mountain and April 15 for Bald Mountain. Accommodations are Sun Valley Lodge or the Sun Valley Inn. Sun Valley closes for skiing April 15.

In **McCall, Idaho**, the **Shore Lodge** Spring Ski Package is priced from \$179 per night, including weekends. It includes accommodations for two and two lift tickets to Brundage Mountain. The lodge Shore Lodge has a Ski Concierge to help with arrangements and storing of skis, plus the resort offers free transportation to and from the ski area.

In **Oregon**, Mt. Bachelor ski resort offers **free lift tickets** for kids up to 18 years old, setting it apart from kids ski free deals that typically cut off at age 12. Parent must purchase an adult multi-day ticket. The mountain is projected to be open for skiing until May 27.