

SNAPSHOT: ASPEN

Hearst Design Group's Features Director, Vicky Lowry, just came back from a weekend of skiing in Aspen, Colorado. This quintessential Rocky Mountains town—a silver mining enclave in the 1800s—draws actors and athletes, financiers and fashionistas who go there for the fabulous fresh air, dramatic landscape, and all the luxuries of the good life at high altitude. Here, see Vicky's favorite places to explore, chill, sleep, shop, and eat.

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The exterior of the Viceroy

EXPLORE

The scene at Snowmass Village—one of three ski resorts in the Aspen area—grows more lively every year, especially since the recent opening of the Kelly Wearstler-decorated Viceroy hotel, and this winter's debut of the 254-room Westin. I like to spend a day at Snowmass skiing the wide groomed trails (there's also snowshoeing and cross-country skiing), and then have lunch on the slopes, at the new, ultra-modern Elk Camp restaurant, whose walls are lined with art installations from the Aspen Art Museum. Don't miss the homemade potato chips.

AspenSnowmass.com



The bar at the Wildwood

CHILL

For drinks, this winter's hot spot for après-ski is the retro-cool bar at the [Wildwood](#), an old, down-at-the-heels ski lodge that's just been vividly and whimsically rejuvenated with a 1960s vibe by [Carlton DeWoody](#) of the New York design firm Reunion.