

EATER SKI

# Mapping the 25 Best Après-Ski Spots in North America

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- BEAVER CREEK
- BRECKENRIDGE
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- LAKE TAHOE

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We certainly hope you already know this, but just in case: "Après-ski" is the French term for "after skiing." According to good ol' [Merriam-Webster](#), its first known use was in 1951 and today, the term is as much of a part of mountain-town culture as skiing itself. From a spring break style bash served up daily at [Heavenly](#) to a sleek smoking lounge at [The Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch](#) – and all of the classics in between – we've picked our favorite places to master the art of après. And when you hit one of 'em after a **perfect powder day with the perfect crew at the perfect time** – there's nothing better in our world. It is our honor and duty to present you with the official **Curbed Ski 25 Best Après-ski Spots in North America**.

**Note:** The bars and restaurants are listed east to west, not in any particular ranking. Don't see your regular hangout on the list? [Send us an email](#) or let us know in the comments. We'll keep this après party list going all season long with updates.

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