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### Getting there

Minturn is 107 miles west of Denver. Follow I-70 west and take exit 171 to U.S. 24; drive south to Minturn. More info: [minturn.org](http://minturn.org)

**Why go now:** Your holiday ski break doesn't have to break the bank. Even in high season, this town is a steal.

**Population:** 1,138

**Dress code:** Warm fleece (save the designer ski jacket for glitzy neighbors Vail and Beaver Creek).

**Claim to ski fame:** The Minturn Mile. (Experts love this hard-core backcountry trail that starts on Vail Mountain.)

**Best deal in town:** The \$3 shuttle to Vail from downtown Minturn.

**Best après-ski reward:** Margaritas and nachos at Minturn Saloon, a 1901 landmark near the end of the Minturn Mile (\$\$; 146 Main St.; 970/827-5954).

**Hot dish:** Adult mac 'n' cheese (with gorgonzola and shallots) takeout from Ali's Kitchen (call for hours; \$; 151 Main; 970/827-5616).

**Best brew:** Moose Drool from Big Sky Brewing Co.; grab a pint at Kirby Cosmo's BBQ Bar (\$\$; 474 Main; 970/827-9027).

**Make it yourself:** Get inspired to knit your own expensive-looking scarf with a stop at the Yarn Studio (closed Sun; 103 Williams St.; 970/949-7089).

**Play in the powder along U.S. 24**