



Top Suites of Aspen

While Aspen is an all-year-round elite retreat, winter is prime time for this exclusive mountain community. Take a look at some of the top ski suites it has to offer.

BY KELLY CARTER



MOUNTAIN VIEWS /
LIMELIGHT LODGE



LIVING AREA / PFEIFER SUITE

THE LITTLE NELL

PFEIFER SUITE

Key selling points | Ideal for families, this two-bedroom suite can be enlarged to three or four with a private entrance for all rooms. Discerning travelers will appreciate this stylish and tranquil space with plush furnishings, a magnificent living and entertainment area with a gas-log fireplace and beautiful works of art chosen from the hotel's private collection. You'll enjoy another fireplace in the master bedroom, an oversized Jacuzzi tub, a premium full service wet bar, a posh dining room with a table for six and two balconies—one on either side of the suite, each featuring spectacular views of Aspen Mountain.

Standout service | One guest brought his dogs with him for a full summer sojourn. The hotel's sitter was on-call to take care of the dogs' needs while their owner was enjoying the great Aspen outdoors. The hotel also purchased a bed for the dogs while the kitchen staff prepared all of their meals to exacting specifications.

Style | Aspen contemporary, by David Easton, 2009

Special amenities | Fila D'Oro linens, all-natural "First Tracks" spa amenities by June Jacobs created specifically for the hotel, two 42-inch flat-screen LG LCD TVs, Bose sound system with iPod docking station and music library, state-of-the-art computer system, Blu-ray DVD players, weather information station, Bluetooth wireless headphones, fax machine

Square footage | 2,000

Number of rooms in suite | Three

Number of bathrooms | Two and one half-bath

Number of rooms and suites in hotel | 86, including six suites

Nightly rate | \$6,005

Who's slept here? | Kate Hudson, Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell

Location | 675 East Durant Avenue

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THE ST. REGIS ASPEN RESORT

PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

Key selling points | With its soaring ceilings, designer furnishings, a baby grand piano, fireplace and opulent bathroom, this suite offers mountain living at its finest. A balcony from which

to enjoy stunning and expansive views of Aspen Mountain and discreet 24-hour butler service ensure that guests never want to leave.

Standout service | A guest lost his sunscreen and asked a doorman if anyone had turned it in. No one had. The next time he entered his car, there was a bottle of sunscreen with a note from the doorman.

Style | Contemporary mountain luxe, by Frank Nicholson Incorporated, 1999

Special amenities | Bose sound system, Pratesi linens, Remède toiletries, Steinway baby grand piano, Sony 60-inch flat-screen TV

Square footage | 2,300

Number of rooms in suite | Three

Number of bathrooms | Two

Number of rooms and suites in hotel | 179, including 24 suites

Who's slept here? | Jennifer Aniston, Vince Vaughn, Kurt Russell and Goldie Hawn, Will Smith and Jada Pinkett-Smith, Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones

Nightly rate | \$4,500

Location | 315 East Dean Street

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LIVING AREA / PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

VICEROY SNOWMASS

THREE BEDROOM PENTHOUSE

Key selling points | Location, location, location: As the only ski-in/ski-out luxury hotel in Snowmass and one of only two in Aspen/Snowmass, this brand new property is near Snowmass Base Village and across from the Treehouse, home of kids' Ski & Snowboard Schools of Aspen. This peaceful and comfortable sanctuary features a spacious living and dining area, three fireplaces, bathrooms with black marble floors, a balcony with an inspiring view and a full kitchen with marble counters.

Standout service | A guest wanted to purchase a teacup terrier on extremely short notice. The concierge contacted every animal shelter and dog breeder in the surrounding area and eventually tracked down a teacup terrier in Denver with a driver ready to pick up the pup.

Style | Mountain contemporary, by Jean-Michel Gathy of Denniston International, 2010

Special amenities | Neil George toiletries, Sub-Zero, Wolf and X appliances, Nespresso coffee makers and milk foamers, stainless steel Bosch and Viking appliances, Toto bathtubs

Square footage | 2,300

Number of rooms in suite | Five

Number of bathrooms | Three

Number of rooms and suites in hotel | 173, including 66 studios

Who's slept here? | Marcia Gay Harden, *E! News*



LIVING AREA / RESIDENCE 20

anchor Giuliana Rancic and *The Apprentice* winner Bill Rancic

Nightly rate | From \$1,535

Location | 130 Wood Road, Snowmass Village

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DANCING BEAR ASPEN

RESIDENCE 20

Key selling points | You'll feel at home in this luxuriously appointed three-bedroom retreat with mountain views, a wraparound balcony, two fireplaces and handcrafted furnishings and finishes throughout. A master suite boasts a walk-in closet, steam shower, Victoria + Albert soaking tub and heated bathroom floor, while a professional-grade gourmet kitchen and six-seat dining table add to the residential feel.

Standout service | A staffer found out that a member's daughter who loved horses was turning 10 two months after their stay. The hotel sent a musical jewelry box with horse images to the family's home

in Mississippi as a surprise birthday present.

Style | Mountain fusion, by Slifer Designs and Shayne Interior Design Group, 2009

Special amenities | Mascioni linens, Etro toiletries, Sub-Zero and Wolf kitchen appliances, Villeroy & Boch china, LG flat-screen TVs, a sophisticated RTI entertainment system

that allows guests to connect their iPod and other personal electronic devices

Square footage | 2,100

Number of rooms in suite | Four

Number of bathrooms | Three and one half-bath

Number of rooms and suites in hotel | Nine three-bedroom residences that can be separated into nine two-bedroom suites and nine individual guest rooms

Who's slept here? | Entrepreneurs and elite families

Nightly rate | From \$1,800

Location | 411 South Monarch Street

Contact | General Manager Jeannette Schulze, (970) 429-6501;

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www.dancingbearaspen.com



BEDROOM / THREE BEDROOM PENTHOUSE



LIVING AREA / THREE BEDROOM PENTHOUSE



LIVING AREA / SUPERIOR ONE BEDROOM SUITE

HOTEL JEROME, A ROCKRESORT

SUPERIOR ONE BEDROOM SUITE

Key selling points | This is the *crème de la crème* of accommodations at this well maintained historical landmark that dates back to 1889. An elegantly appointed corner unit with stunning views of The Garden Terrace restaurant and Aspen Mountain as a backdrop, the suite features an inviting living room, spacious bedroom with gigantic closets and a bathroom with Italian marble countertops and a deep soaking Jacuzzi tub.

Standout service | A couple that stayed at the hotel for two nights was so impressed that they wanted to stay in the same room the following week, over a Labor Day long weekend. The hotel was nearly fully booked for the holiday, but staff were able to make arrangements for them to stay in the same room and check in early—and even left freshly baked cookies and a “welcome back” note in their room.

Style | Victorian, by Zoe Murphy Compton, 1986

Special amenities | LG electronics, 300-thread-count Frette linens, RockResorts amenities, Sony CD players, beds and bowls for pets, plus a *haute* pet menu of spa and complimentary walking services

Square footage | 775

Number of rooms in suite | Two

Number of bathrooms | One

Number of rooms and suites in hotel | 94, including 15 suites

Who’s slept here? | Uma Thurman, Johnny Depp, Cameron Diaz, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Oprah Winfrey, Sean Penn, John Cusack

Nightly rate | From \$839

Location | 310 Main Street

Contact | General Manager Ed Towfighnia, (970) 429-7612; etowfighnia@hjerome.com; www.rockresorts.com

THE LIMELIGHT LODGE

TWO-BEDROOM PENTHOUSE

Key selling points | There’s never a quarrel over who gets the master bedroom, because there are two in this spacious penthouse. Enjoy sweeping views of downtown Aspen, Independence Pass and Aspen Mountain from a grand balcony that features an expansive terrace space with overstuffed lounge chairs, wraparound sofas and dining tables—or cozy up in front of the fireplace in the spacious living room. Designed for entertaining, the suite has a full deluxe kitchen and formal dining table that seats six.

Standout service | A guest caught his hand in a car door and needed immediate medical attention, so a staff member drove the guest and his son to the hospital, left and returned with two plates of food from the hotel and drove them back once the guest had received care.

Style | Contemporary elegance, by KL&A, Inc., 2008

Special amenities | Tarocco bath products, LG 32-inch LCD HD flat-screen TVs, iPod docking

station, GE kitchen appliances, including a full size refrigerator, four-burner stove and microwave

Square footage | 1,300

Number of rooms in suite | Four

Number of bathrooms | Two

Number of rooms and suites in hotel | 126, including six suites

Who’s slept here? | Athletes participating in ESPN’s Winter X Games

Nightly rate | \$1,880

Location | 355 South Monarch Street

Contact | General Manager Richard Stettner, (970) 925-3025; rstettner@limelightlodge.com; www.limelightlodge.com



MASTER BEDROOM / TWO-BEDROOM PENTHOUSE

Romance and *Nightlife*

Dance the mountain nights away at elite Aspen venues that redefine the term *après-ski*.



JANE'S ADDICTION / BELLY UP

BELLY UP: Worth missing the early runs for, the city's premier contemporary live music venue brings in such talent that even Aspen regular Mariah Carey pops in to listen. Jane's Addiction, B.B. King, Seal and Jimmy Buffet continually return to play at this 450-seat club, opened by Michael Goldberg in January 2005—31 years after the debut of his Southern California location that is still going strong. If you're not up for standing, arrive early to stake your claim in the limited fixed seating that is first-come, first-served. Better yet, reserve one of the 11 tables in the second tier area above the dance floor or the seats located along the railing in front of the tables.

Contact: General Manager Kim Kuliga, (970) 544-9800; kimberly@bellyupaspen.com; www.bellyupaspen.com

REMÈDE SPA AT THE ST. REGIS ASPEN RESORT:

The couple that spas together, stays together—and there's no more sumptuous a place in Aspen to do so than this 15,000-square-foot sanctuary that offers a deluxe couples' room with side-by-side heated tables, micro-fiber sheets, Kashwère blanket and duvets. Enjoy customized massages (\$165 for 60 minutes and \$240 for 90 minutes, per single massage) designed to achieve total relaxation, rejuvenation and results using a selection of luxurious products (and including aromatherapy, a warm paraffin foot wrap and scalp massage with essential oils based on your preference). For the ultimate in romance, upgrade and include a shared Jacuzzi bath including champagne, chocolates and strawberries for an additional \$75 per person.

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COUPLES TREATMENT ROOM / REMÈDE SPA AT THE ST. REGIS ASPEN RESORT

Caribou Club: When darkness falls, tycoons and celebrities flock to this membership-only den that doesn't even display a name on its mahogany and brass door. Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones, Kurt Russell and Goldie Hawn, Will Smith and Jada Pinkett-Smith, Michael Jordan, George Hamilton, Bill Clinton, Saudi Prince Bandar, Queen Noor of Jordan, Ivana Trump, Don Johnson and Kevin Costner are just a few of the *glitterati* to pass through the wood-paneled foyer with 19th-century paintings of western landscapes into this "it" space. Reserve a private room or sit underneath antler chandeliers in the dimly lit dining area to enjoy modern American cuisine with just the right amount of international zing and wine from a cellar with 5,000 labels. Couples' membership ranges from \$20,000 for a lifetime to \$500 for a temporary, one-week pass (higher during holidays). Hotel concierges can arrange a complimentary one-time entry.

Contact: Managing Partner Louie Velasquez or Catering, Events and Marketing Manager Jennifer Hartley, (970) 925-2929; caribou@sopris.net; www.caribouclub.com



DANCE FLOOR / CARIBOU CLUB

The Terrace Bar at The Little Nell: After the ski lifts close, glamorous snow bunnies with their perfectly coiffed 'dos, made up faces and fashionable attire mix and mingle with serious, helmet-haired skiers just off their last run at what is arguably the country's most famous *après-ski* lounge. From 3pm until the party winds down, it's a festive and lively scene fueled by flowing liquor and a unique global *tapas* menu. The culinary offerings come from countries and cuisines found along the 13th parallel and include tasty dishes from Asia, Latin America and southern Europe. Enjoy fabulous food, cocktails and a spectacular view of Aspen Mountain as day transitions into night.

Contact: Montagna Manager Michael Farazzo, (970) 920-4600; mfarazzo@thelittlenell.com; www.thelittlenell.com

Family Fun

This winter wonderland offers all manner of snow-based adventures for jet set families. And when the weather outside is frightful, a new deluxe kids' venue takes the pressure off mom and dad for the day.



THE TREEHOUSE KIDS' ADVENTURE CENTER AT SNOWMASS: The 4,406-foot mountain known for its family-friendly atmosphere enhanced its reputation with the opening of this \$17 million facility at **Snowmass** base village three years ago. This two-story, 25,000-square-foot structure boasts an all-ages climbing gym, teen activities, kids' retail and a host of themed rooms for ages eight weeks and older, more than enough to occupy those who aren't swooshing down one of the mountain's 91 trails. Children can enjoy an interactive facility while parents will love the convenience. Easily accessible with parking, free shuttle buses, ski-

in/ski-out access on Fanny Hill and service to the upper slopes, lodges and Snowmass Village Mall via the Sky Cab Gondola, **The Treehouse** also consolidates Ski & Snowboard Schools check-in, rental, retail and family *après-ski* entertainment, all under one roof.

Contact: Director of Children's Programs Sue Way, (970) 923-0572;

sway@aspensnowmass.com; www.aspensnowmass.com

Silver Circle Ice Rink: The vision of a child twirling around on ice skates may epitomize winter but ice skating is a sport to be enjoyed by the whole family. Adults and children of all ages and levels can join in a delightful experience at this outdoor rink in the center of town (open from 11am to 9pm). Music and views of Aspen Mountain looming overhead create a Norman Rockwell-worthy scene. Skate and locker rentals are available as well as hot chocolate, coffee and tea to warm you when the temperatures dip. After everyone shows off their Dorothy Hamill moves, head to the new **CP Burger**, located in a small brick building at the east end of the rink. Its kid-friendly menu includes tater tots, hot dogs and grilled cheese sandwiches, but adults are sure to appreciate the beer, wine and "spiked" shakes.

Contact: Co-Owner Craig Cordts-Pearce, (970) 925-3056; *cscpl@comcast.net*



SLED AND SLIDE / KRABLOONIK DOGSLEDDING

Krabloonik Dogsledding: When you tire of exerting energy on the slopes, sit back and let a team of 10 to 12 hybrid huskies pull you through the Maroon Bells-Snowmass wilderness on handcrafted sleds. Drivers use no whips or reins: The canines respond to verbal commands on this exhilarating and unique 10-mile excursion that lasts one-and-a-half to two hours and allows for a mid-point break, where you can stretch your legs, take pictures and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate. The ride, offered three times daily, includes a special fine dining lunch or dinner in a rustic log cabin with spectacular views, seating around a sunken fireplace and a menu that boasts exquisitely prepared wild game (think elk, caribou and wild boar), fresh fish, a vegetarian sampler and an award-winning wine list. Morning and afternoon rides are \$285 to \$295 per adult and \$195 per child; twilight rides are \$340 to \$360 per adult and \$270 per child. Sleds hold two adults and one small child.

Contact: Owner Dan MacEachen or General Manager Guy W. Courtney, (970) 923-3953;

reservations@krabloonik.com;

www.krabloonik.com

History and Culture

After the lifts close, treat yourself to some authentic frontier history and ambiance at one of the region's nationally recognized cultural venues.



Explore Booksellers: Cheryl and Sam Wyly should have been given a key to the city when they stepped up to buy this Aspen institution, whose future seemed uncertain just a few years ago. Located in a rambling Victorian house, this unique bookstore stocks everything from bestsellers to classic literature to obscure finds on a vast array of subjects. Don't be surprised to find a notable author here: Madeleine Albright and Nicholas Carr are among the luminaries who have stopped by for store events.

Contact: General Manager Lynda Schultz, (970) 925-5338; books@explorebooksellers.com; www.explorebooksellers.com



EXTERIOR / HOLDEN/MAROLT MINING AND RANCHING MUSEUM

Aspen Historical Society: How does a locale go from a prosperous mining town to practically destitute to a place where the wealthy park their private jets and rub fur-covered elbows with one another? Learn the history of the Roaring Fork Valley by visiting the Society's two museums, **Wheeler/Stallard Museum** and **Holden/Marolt Mining and Ranching Museum** and its archives. With 4,933 archival records, 978 books in its specialty library, 5,579 3-D objects and 19,958 photographic records, there's plenty to absorb and impress your fellow well-heeled friends with at dinner.

Contact: President & CEO/District Manager Georgia Hanson, (970) 925-3721 ext. 101; director@aspenhistory.org; www.aspenhistory.org



HISTORIC REENACTMENT / ASPEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

December 10 to February 6
MAMMA ANDERSSON,
ASPEN ART MUSEUM

This is the first solo exhibit in the U.S. for Swedish painter Mamma Andersson, accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue. www.aspenartmuseum.org

December 10 to February 6
ROGER HIORNS,
ASPEN ART MUSEUM

The works of British sculptor Roger Hiorns are on display at AAM. www.aspenartmuseum.org

December 11
5TH ANNUAL ASPEN SUMMIT
FOR LIFE, ASPEN MOUNTAIN

A weekend of activities on Aspen Mountain to help raise awareness for organ and tissue donation. www.summitforlife.org

December 18 to 19
THE NUTCRACKER, ASPEN
DISTRICT THEATRE

The beloved holiday production boasts beautiful sets and a talented cast of 60 dancers, actors and circus artists. www.aspensantafaballet.com

December 20 to 31
12 DAYS OF ASPEN,
DOWNTOWN ASPEN

Downtown Aspen is abuzz with activities, including free ice skating, carriage rides, concerts and even a visit from Santa. Don't miss a New Year's Eve extravaganza with fireworks over Aspen Mountain. www.aspenchamber.org

December 28
ASPEN ART MUSEUM BENEFIT
Aficionados of contemporary art and fashion head to the **St. Regis Aspen Resort** for AAM's annual evening of

festivity and philanthropy. www.aspenartmuseum.org

December 29 to January 2
19TH ANNUAL ASPEN
ACADEMY SCREENINGS

Aspen Film showcases the year's most buzzworthy films over this two-week annual event. www.aspenfilm.org

JANUARY

January 13 to 16
WINTERSKÖL 2011,
DOWNTOWN ASPEN

Enjoy four days of celebrations



INTERIOR / WHEELER OPERA HOUSE

WHEELER OPERA HOUSE: There's no rest for this 121-year-old lady. In use 350 days of the year, this beloved building dates back to 1889 and is the envy of theaters big and small around the world. And why not? How many venues can claim to have introduced Kate Hudson as an adolescent, served as the vehicle for Harry Connick, Jr. meeting his wife, acted as a second living room to regular John Denver, been where Renée Fleming's brilliant soprano first rang out and played host to HBO's U.S. Comedy Arts Festival for 13 years? Diverse events, including community theater, children's theater, Broadway shows, opera, jazz, country and rock performances, lecture series and films, fill the calendar at this 503-seat space. This winter brings Rita Moreno (December 30), Maura O'Connell (January 21), Aspen Laff Festival (March 16 to 19) and live performances in HD from The Met Opera, to name a few.

Contact: Executive Director Gram Slaton, (970) 920-5790; gram.slaton@ci.aspen.co.us; www.wheeleroperahouse.com

throughout Aspen and Snowmass, including the popular Soupsköl. www.aspenchamber.org

January 16 to 23
GAY SKI WEEK—WILD WILD WEST! ASPEN AND SNOWMASS

Now in its 34th year, this event raises funds for various charities of gay and lesbian interest throughout Colorado. www.gayskiweek.com

January 22 to 30
ESPN WINTER X GAMES 15, BUTTERMILK MOUNTAIN

The world's premier action sports event

returns to Aspen and Snowmass for the tenth year in a row. www.expn.com

January 30
AILEY II, ASPEN DISTRICT THEATRE

Don't miss this special one-night-only performance featuring some of the world's most innovative and original young dancers and choreographers. www.aspensantafeballet.com

FEBRUARY
February 10 to 13
ASPEN/SNOWMASS SKI &

SNOWBOARD OPEN BUTTERMILK

This exciting competition gives up-and-comers a chance to throw down on the famous Winter X Games course. www.aspensnowmass.com

February 11 to 12
ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET, ASPEN DISTRICT THEATRE

In celebration of their 15th season, the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet debuts two vibrant new performances. www.aspensantafeballet.com

February 11 to April 1

BUD LIGHT BIG AIR FRIDAYS, SNOWMASS

This popular eight-week series is a mainstay for Colorado's best snowboarders and skiers. Each week they gather to perform the latest tricks for a chance at a weekly prize purse. www.aspensnowmass.com

MARCH
March 13 to 17
THIRD ANNUAL ASPEN FASHION WEEK

This fashion event showcases winter resort, ski and technical outerwear. www.aspenfashionweek.com

Dining and Shopping

Elk steaks? Sure, but modern Aspen cuisine encompasses so much more. Also, hook yourself up with the latest ski gear, or the latest fashions, at one of the city's elite boutiques.

DINING

Montagna: Executive Chef Ryan Hardy isn't just talented in the kitchen—he's also smart. His 30-acre **Rendezvous Farms** supplies **The Little Nell's** restaurant with produce and livestock that keep locals and frequent visitors returning for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Tantalize your taste buds with his three-course, *prix fixe* dinner menu (\$68 in the winter; *sommelier* wine pairing is an additional \$68) that flaunts his commitment to original and fresh creations. A true artisan, Hardy also produces masterful cheeses, freely using them in his recipes and offering them as appetizers. Rely on master sommelier Jonathan Pullis to help you maneuver the 68-page wine list, which includes a 1990 Château Pètrus, 1982 Château Margaux and 1959 Château Latour.

Contact: *Maitre d' Csaba "Chubby" Oveges, (970) 920-6330; coveges@thelittlenell.com; www.thelittlenell.com*



MINI BURGERS / MONTAGNA

Ellina: Diners come to see and be seen at this cozy, year-old bistro with stone walls. Although star chef Dena Marino departed for Florida, the restaurant was left in the good hands of sous-chef Miguel Diaz, who stepped into the role of executive chef this summer. Diaz, who arrived in Aspen

14 years ago from Puerto Vallarta and was a mentee to Marino, brings a new twist to Italian cuisine. The eatery's name is short for Valtellina, a valley in the Lombardy region of northern Italy known for its cheeses (in particular *bitto*), sausages (in particular *bresaola*) and wines. Its remote location inspires a natural emphasis on local ingredients and slow food, reflected in Diaz's menu.

Contact: *General Manager Stephan Fyock, (970) 925-2976; sfyock@numark.com; www.ellinarestaurant.com*



DINING ROOM / ELLINA

Casa Tua: Venetian Miky Grendene and his wife Leticia are adding to the panache of Aspen this winter by opening an outpost of their hot Italian restaurant/private club. If the South Beach locale—it's the fave of race car driver Helio Castroneves and counts Cher, Alex Rodriguez, Robin Thicke and wife Paula Patton among its customers—is any indication, expect the *glitterati* to quickly adopt this eatery. You'll think you're in a chalet in the Italian Alps when you taste the *canederli* with speck and polenta with mushrooms. The dining room is downstairs and upstairs is reserved for members, who pay \$3,500 for an annual membership for two, as well as exclusive events such as wine tastings, movie nights, karaoke and unplugged sessions.

Contact: *Assistant to the Owner Maria Mercedes Ferré, (305) 673-1010; info@casatualifestyle.com; www.casatualifestyle.com*

Matsuhisa: Sushi is an art form at this popular restaurant, where it pays to book a month in advance or know the right people. An unassuming



ARTFUL SUSHI / MATSUHISA

blue Victorian *maison* from the outside, it turns urban chic inside with a first-come, first-served lounge upstairs and a downstairs dining room that draws recognizable faces like Seal and Jeremy Piven. Those looking to experience the essence of world-renowned chef Nobu Matsuhisa's dishes should opt for the *omakase* (\$100/\$150), the chef's choice of the freshest, most interesting selection of the day, while the less adventurous will be more than satisfied with the Chilean sea bass topped with fresh black truffles or the black cod marinated in sweet miso, a signature dish.

Contact: *General Manager Todd Clark, (970) 544-6628; toddc@matsuhisaaspen.com; www.matsuhisaaspen.com*

Lulu Wilson: This beloved eatery is named for a woman who once lived in this Victorian era mining cabin, but she wouldn't recognize it now. Dozens of crystal chandeliers, shimmering mirrors and animal print chairs (to remind South African owner Craig Cordts-Pearce of his homeland) mix with brick walls and rustic wood floors to create a shabby-chic atmosphere that befits a big city. But



DINING ROOM / LULU WILSON

the real draw is the modern American cuisine, like seasonally inspired flatbreads, kale and parmesan salad, crispy duck confit with smoked white bean purée and almonds and candied peaches.

Contact: General Manager Sergio Acampora, (970) 920-1893; info@luluwilsonaspen.com; www.luluwilsonaspen.com

Cache Cache: With so many Italian restaurants in Aspen, a French-American bistro is a refreshing change of pace. Especially when done right, like co-owner/executive chef Chris Lanter—who did a two-year apprenticeship in France—does here. Escargots à la Bourguignonne, veal sweetbreads, foie gras terrine with berry preserves, sautéed calf’s liver and osso bucco in marsala sauce are a few of the hits you can enjoy in the softly lit dining room, where locals such as Robert Wagner can often be found. An impressive wine list with over 1,000 labels, updated daily, has made **Cache Cache** a destination for oenophiles as well.

Contact: Co-owner Jodi Larner, (970) 925-3835; www.cachecache.com

SHOPPING

Performance Ski: When fashion is as important as function, head here for your skiwear. The owners, Lee Keating, who skis daily, and her husband Tom Bowers, a former member of the U.S. ski team, know what works. Known for its fun, hip ensembles, the 23-year-old store features designs by hot new brands like Frauenschuh, as well as Roberto Cavalli, Prada, Postcard, Jet Set, Kjus and Duvetica. The helpful staff will tell a customer if something isn’t right for them. The shop specializes in Strolz (a custom ski boot from Austria) and Volkl and Kästle skis, and has an extensive selection of children’s skiwear, in addition to rental ski equipment.

Contact: Co-owner Lee Keating, (970) 925-8657; lee@performanceski.aspen.com

Kemo Sabe: No shopping expedition is complete without a stop in this shop, where owners Tom and Nancy Yoder pride themselves on having an expert staff that can pick out the right pair of boots or best Stetson hat for their customers. Handmade boots by Lucchese Classics, crafted with exotic skins such as ostrich, shark, stingray and elephant, as well as boots from Rios of Mercedes and Stallion



CHIC CHILDRENSWEAR / BONNIE YOUNG

Boot Liberty Company, two of the most respected names in the industry, can be found here. Nancy and her daughter Gina assist in the design when it comes to choosing skins, stitch and cord patterns, toe styles and heels. Hand-shaped cowboy hats, belts and other leather goods are also available.

Contact: Co-owner Nancy Yoder, (970) 925-7878; nancy@kemosabe.com; www.kemosabe.com



EURO-CHIC / NUAGES

Nuages: Known for its fine selection of women’s European designer clothing, this shop carries an interesting mix of quirky and classic styles from Anya Hindmarch, Azzedine Alaia, Brunello Cucinelli, Marni, Giambattista Valli, Blumarine, Alberta Ferretti, Roland Mouret and Chrome Hearts. While some of these designers produce large selections, trendsetters love coming here because owner Mary Moyer offers select merchandise, the very best of the best, in addition to exotic skin purses by Zagliani.

Contact: Manager Margi O’Grady, (970) 925-6569; nuagesaspen@aol.com

Bonnie Young: It’s never too early to create a fashionista. When mass market duds just won’t do, stop by this children’s couture and accessories boutique, which opened in 2007. European-inspired

designs featuring Italian cashmere, organic cotton infants wear and chic and sophisticated designs for your little divas age newborn to 16. Personal shopping is available any time by appointment.

Contact: Partner Dana Presutti, (970) 925-7299; dana@bonnieyoung.com; www.bonnieyoung.com

Dennis Basso: Fur fits in Aspen like sand at a beach. This boutique, located inside **The Little Nell** hotel since 2002, features high-end couture pieces, each one unique, and elegant ready-to-wear separates. The furrier is known for obtaining the best Russian sable and broadtail in the world. Skilled artisans have worked for generations to perfect the meticulous art of handcrafting fur.

Contact: Managers Laurie Murray and Michelle Broser, (970) 925-4499; laurie@dennisbasso.com; www.dennisbasso.com

Meridian Jewelers: The highly trained, knowledgeable staff at this prestigious seven-year-old jewelry boutique is also incredibly fashion forward, offering the latest from brands like Cartier and Harry Winston.

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