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> HOTEL HOT LIST

CRESTED BUTTE, COLO. **Elevation Hotel & Spa** A former Club Med, Elevation underwent a renovation in late 2007, reopening with 262 re-imagined rooms and suites—pet-friendly with a \$30 nightly fee—each with granite-topped, stone-tiled kitchenettes and soaker tubs in the bath rooms. From its ski-in/ski-out location in view of the Silver Queen and Red Lady express lifts, skiers have access to a small indoor pool and a state-of-the-art 11,000-square-foot spa and fitness center. 9380 Prime restaurant and bar overlooks the lower slopes; drop your planks with the slopeside ski valet and snag a table on the sundeck next to the fire pit for nightly après specials. \$159–\$459; skub.com

WHISTLER, B.C. **Aava Whistler** Whistler's newest remodel—formerly the Coast Whistler—unveils in time for the Games, with a village location that's five minutes by foot from the gondola. Décor is best described as mountain-modern (lots of creams and whites, clean lines and a 20-foot-tall cylindrical lobby fireplace), and the 185-room hotel has a heated outdoor pool and hot tub, flatscreen HDTVs, fitness room and free wireless internet. The onsite restaurant, casual chain White Spot, specializes in burgers and comfort food, but there are plenty of more refined options throughout the village. \$259–\$1,017; aava.whistler.com



ELEVATION HOTEL & SPA

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ST. REGIS DEER CREST

DEER VALLEY, UTAH **St. Regis Deer Crest** A new player on the resort's lodging scene, the St. Regis jibes well with its neighbors in the exclusive Deer Crest neighborhood. A funicular tram carries guests in 90 seconds from the lower Snow Park building (housing the valet, porte cochère and parking garage) to the main hotel, which is ski-in/ski-out to the Deer Hollow run. The 114 rooms and 67 suites have either private or shared balconies, gas fireplaces, deep soaking tubs and access to the St. Regis's signature butler service. The hotel's Remède Spa is known for its custom treatments; take a yoga class in the adjoining St. Regis Athletic Club, then soak in the heated, outdoor two-tier infinity pool and ponder when you'll possibly find time to ski. \$599–\$1,725; stregis.com/deercrest



VICEROY SNOWMASS

SNOWMASS, COLO. **Viceroy Snowmass** The first Viceroy to grace the base of a ski resort, the 173-room lodge opened in November to high expectations. After all, the Viceroy name conjures images of such glam spots as Palm Springs and Anguilla. The Snowmass iteration, steps from three village lifts, offers studios to four-bedrooms with gourmet kitchens, terraces and a restaurant with a display kitchen and an 87-foot glass bar. For amusements of the non-dining variety, the 7,000-square-foot spa has six treatment rooms centered around a meditation lounge with infinity pool and waterfall. An indoor/outdoor pool with heated terrace—served by a roaming waitstaff—makes après a no-brainer. \$150–\$2,841; viceroy.snowmass.com