



Why a Ski Trip Around the World Should Be on Your 2018 Bucket List

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This winter, make a point to try and visit as many ski resorts as you can.

Nearly 20 of the world's best ski resorts have teamed up to offer Mountain Collective, a ski pass valid at all designated resorts for under \$500. During the 2017/2018 season, riders can hit the slopes at resorts from Colorado to Chile. Lucky passholders get two days at each destination, plus 50% off any additional days on the slopes. Need a place to crash after all that deep powder? No problem. The Mountain Collective membership also includes 25% off some of the best lodging. This coveted pass goes on sale this fall, meaning it's time to put a global ski trip at the top of your 2018 bucket list.

Sun Valley

WHERE: Idaho

Opened in 1936, America's first ski resort has aged gracefully. A major draw is its accessibility, with nonstop flights from six major cities, free shuttle service, and no lift lines. Top that off with a remarkable skiing and snowboarding experience, and suddenly you can capitalize on stats like 2,154 acres, 121 runs, 220 inches of snowfall, and access to two mountains—Baldy and Dollar. Tree dodge and timber bash on Baldy or cruise with the family at Dollar.

If Nordic skiing is your game, they've got 25 miles of groomed tracks for classic, skate skiing, and ski touring. When conditions are just *chh*, they'll turn on the largest snowmaking system in North America and you can indulge in fondue at the on-mountain Roundhouse Lodge, with unbelievable views of the surrounding

mountain ranges. Head to the historic [Sun Valley Lodge](#) for cocktail in the Duchin Room, and spend the night at the boutique Knob Hill Inn, conveniently located close to the restaurants (like the iconic [Pioneer Saloon](#)), bars (like the classic Ernest Hemingway haunt The Casino), galleries (like the modern [Gilman Contemporary](#)), and shops (like the must-visit [Gold Mine Thrift Store](#)) of downtown Ketchum.