

Yes, You Can Still Ski This Season—Here's Where the Snow Is

The promise of El Niño snow lingers deep into April at the West's high-altitude resorts, extending the ski season—and the spring après scene.



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Call it Mountain March Madness: Last month saw prolific snowfall at some of the nation's top resorts with more storms expected into the first week of April. All that powder adds up to some truly pleasurable end-of-season turns, with several resorts announcing last week that they're staying open into May.

While you're on the mountain, be sure to renew your ski pass for next season to score the lowest prices and best perks. For instance, buy your [Vail Resorts Epic Pass](#) before April 10 and get six Buddy Tickets on top of access to some 13 resorts and 32,000 acres of skiing. Buying your first season pass? This spring, when you turn in your single day lift ticket at purchase of your pass, Vail Resorts will apply its cost towards the pass: \$809 for adults and \$419 for kids. Right now the [Mountain Collective](#) pass offers two days at 12 top peaks, including Aspen, Jackson Hole, and Sun Valley, for \$379. Buy it now and your kid's pass is basically free (\$1). Check out [M.A.X. Pass](#) for five days of access to 25 mountains across North America, including Winter Park and Steamboat, Colorado, Big Sky, Montana, and, new for 2016-17, [Alyeska](#), Alaska. The pass is priced at \$599 through May 2.

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Resort: [Sun Valley](#)

Closing Date: April 17

Snow report: 36" base

Insider info: "It has been an outstanding winter season for us. From being our 80th winter season to excellent early-season snow to hosting the U.S. Alpine Championships, it has been a memorable one. Last season, we closed on April 3, this year we'll be closing on April 17—two weeks longer," says Jack Sibbach, Sun Valley's director of PR and Marketing.



THE POOL AT SUN VALLEY LODGE

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Where to stay: [Sun Valley Lodge](#) or [Knob Hill Inn](#)

Buy next year's season pass: [Mountain Collective](#), \$379 when you buy in April. Includes two days (no blackout dates) at 12 destinations worldwide.