



## Top Suites of Whistler

Whistler's striking natural beauty beckons outdoor enthusiasts and aesthetes alike, but when it's time to retreat from the cold, head to one of these ski-chic lodges replete with cozy fireplaces, soaker tubs, sky-high ceilings and sweeping vistas.

BY MARGIE GOLDSMITH



PENTHOUSE MOUNTAIN SUITE MASTER BEDROOM /  
THE WESTIN RESORT & SPA, WHISTLER



LIVING ROOM / GLADE SUITE

## NITA LAKE LODGE

### GLADE SUITE

**Key selling points** | Spacious, yet cozy, this two-floor suite boasts a beautiful stone fireplace and floor-to-ceiling windows with wide views of Whistler Mountain and the Creekside Gondola. Enjoy an oversized balcony, as well as a double soaker bathtub and plate glass rain shower to soothe your limbs at the end of a day spent hitting the slopes.

**Standout service** | When a guest requested chocolate-covered strawberries for his girlfriend, the hotel chef was able to locate the very last basket of strawberries in Whistler and stayed late to coat them with chocolate himself.

**Style** | Casual mountain elegance, by BBA Design Consultants Inc., 2008

**Special amenities** | Frette towels, heated stone floors, two Samsung 40-inch LCD TVs, Bell satellite HD TV, Land Rover shuttle service upon request (complimentary to all hotel guests)

**Square footage** | 1,925, plus 60 of outdoor space

**Number of rooms in suite** | Two

**Number of bathrooms** | Two

**Number of rooms and suites in hotel** | 77 suites

**Who's slept here?** | Gold medal Olympians and Hollywood stars

**Nightly rate** | From about \$1,580

**Location** | 2131 Lake Placid Road

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## FOUR SEASONS RESORT WHISTLER

### PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

**Key selling points** | This special suite is ideal for private entertaining, with its roomy, high-ceilinged living space with gas fireplaces, dining room for eight and large secluded balconies touting breathtaking views of Whistler and Blackcomb mountains.

**Standout service** | After taking a helicopter tour of a glacier, a guest returned with a large cube of

ice he wanted shipped intact to South Carolina. Chef Concierge Hana Lynn found a freezer box, packed it with dry ice and ensured the Four Seasons was the courier's last stop before heading to Vancouver. It was shipped by air and arrived at the guest's home in perfect glacial condition.

**Style** | Cozy classic, by BraytonHughes Design Studios, 2004

**Special amenities** | Linens by Pac Fung, beds by Sealy made exclusively for Four Seasons properties, 42-inch Samsung plasma TV and entertainment centers in living area and bedrooms, L'Occitane amenities, fresh fruit bowl replenished daily, luxury vehicle at your disposal, pool table, Nintendo Wii

**Square footage** | 3,125, including 225 of outdoor space

**Number of rooms in suite** | Six

**Number of bathrooms** | Three and one half-bath

**Number of rooms and suites in hotel** | 273, including 95 suites

**Who's slept here?** | Stars from Hollywood, the music industry and professional sports

**Nightly rate** | From about \$2,739

**Location** | 4591 Blackcomb Way

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LIVING ROOM / PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

**THE FAIRMONT CHATEAU WHISTLER****THE WHISTLER SUITE**

**Key selling points** | For A-listers coveting peace, quiet and perfect service, this enormous loft with vaulted ceilings offers private check-in, a private elevator and an expert concierge. Floor-to-ceiling windows and a charming Juliet balcony overlook Blackcomb Mountain.

**Standout service** | A young guest lost his very first tooth while brushing his teeth, but the tooth fell down the drain, so a staff member removed the drain pipe and retrieved, cleaned and returned the tooth to the boy.

**Style** | Mountain luxury, by Kerry Busby of Interior Design Ltd., 1989

**Special amenities** | Customized welcome amenity, 42-inch flat-screen TV, Miller Harris bath amenities, plush bathrobes and slippers, gas fireplace, newspapers delivered every morning, complimentary breakfast in the Gold Lounge

**Square footage** | 1,200



KITCHEN AND LIVING AREA / PENTHOUSE MOUNTAIN SUITE

**Number of rooms in suite** | One (loft-style)

**Number of bathrooms** | One and one half-bath

**Number of rooms and suites in hotel** | 550, including 55 suites

**Who's slept here?** | Cindy Crawford, Gene Simmons, Tori Spelling and her husband Dean

**Nightly rate** | From about \$1,315

**Location** | 4599 Chateau Boulevard

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**THE WESTIN RESORT & SPA, WHISTLER****PENTHOUSE MOUNTAIN SUITE**

**Key selling points** | Sprawling over two levels with panoramic mountain views, this vaulted-ceiling suite is decked with original prints from renowned ski and mountain bike scene photographer Blake Jorgenson. On the main floor, there's a bedroom plus two queen-sized pull-outs, and the master bedroom, secluded on the second level, touts a Jacuzzi soaker tub.

**Standout service** | A family checking in at night included a blogger who writes about cooking for picky kids. Having found out in advance what the daughter's favorite snack was (peanut butter on crackers), staff had it waiting for her upon arrival.

**Style** | Contemporary mountain décor, by CHil Design Group, 2009

**Special amenities** | Westin Heavenly Bed, full gourmet kitchen, two fireplaces, Westin's White Tea bath amenities, three 32-inch Samsung HD LCD TVs

**Square footage** | 1,500

**Number of rooms in suite** | Five

**Number of bathrooms** | Three

**Number of rooms and suites in hotel** | 400 suites

**Who's slept here?** | Justin Timberlake, Cameron Diaz, Uma Thurman

**Nightly rate** | From about \$1,481

**Location** | 4090 Whistler Way

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LIVING AREA / THE WHISTLER SUITE

## HILTON WHISTLER RESORT AND SPA

### THE MOUNTAIN SUITE

**Key selling points** | This two-bedroom, two-wood burning fireplace penthouse corner suite offers drop-dead views from three balconies. The master bedroom's en-suite bathroom caters perfectly to couples with a walk-in glass shower with dual showerheads and a two-person Jacuzzi soaker tub.

**Standout service** | A guest who checked in after dinner realized he'd left his suit, which he needed the next day, in Vancouver. FedEx couldn't guarantee delivery in time, so early the next morning, a staff member took the first shuttle to Vancouver (one and a half hours each way) to retrieve the suit.

**Style** | Modern alpine style, by SSDG Interiors, 2006

**Special amenities** | 37-inch flat-screen TVs, Sub-Zero stainless steel appliances in the kitchen, complimentary ski valet service, complimentary high-speed Internet access and local calls, washer/dryer unit

**Square footage** | 1,600

**Number of rooms in suite** | Four

**Number of bathrooms** | Two

**Number of rooms and suites in hotel** | 287, including 24 suites

**Who's slept here?** | The prime minister of Canada,



LIVING AREA / CLAIRE NEWELL SUITE

Jimmy Fallon, Prince Edward, Princess Margriet of the Netherlands and Prince Albert of Monaco have all stayed at the hotel.

**Nightly rate** | From \$500 to \$2,000

**Location** | 4050 Whistler Way

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## PAN PACIFIC WHISTLER VILLAGE CENTRE

### CLAIRE NEWELL SUITE

**Key selling points** | This eighth-floor two-bedroom suite comes equipped with everything you need for luxury slope-side living, including a fully stocked kitchen, two gas fireplaces, a washer/dryer off the kitchen and an expansive balcony showcasing spectacular views of Whistler Blackcomb and the Peak 2 Peak Gondola.

**Standout service** | On the second day of a two-week stay, a boy broke his leg skiing; staff made video runs, delivered popcorn and modified the wheel chair to take him for walks, so that his family was able to continue skiing.

**Style** | Contemporary West Coast-inspired, by HBA/Hirsch Bedner Associates, 2010

**Special amenities** | Three LG flat-screen HD TVs (one wall-mounted), DVD player, Aveda toiletries, deep soaker-style tub

**Square footage** | 1,170, plus 300 of outdoor space

**Number of rooms in suite** | Three

**Number of bathrooms** | Two

**Number of rooms and suites in hotel** | 83 suites

**Who's slept here?** | Kelly Clarkson, Queen Latifah, Claire Newell

**Nightly rate** | From about \$1,584

**Location** | 4299 Blackcomb Way

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LIVING AREA / THE MOUNTAIN SUITE

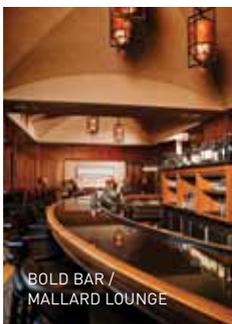
# Romance and *Nightlife*

Where there's ski, there's après-ski, and Whistler boasts quite the scene, whether you're in the mood for creative cocktails and getting close under the stars...or something a little more adventurous.



**CHAMPAGNE BAR AT BEARFOOT BISTRO:** Prince Albert has visited **Champagne Bar**, where the pewter bar features a frozen rail of ice to cradle, cool and illuminate your champagne flute. Sit by the roaring fireplace or taste vodka from around the world in **The Belvedere Ice Room**, the coldest vodka room in the world. Here, you can sample flights of vodka in an arctic ambience. The bar's a great place to learn how to savor champagne and better, you can break the neck of the champagne bottle the traditional way—with a saber.

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**BLACKCOMB SLEIGHRIDES:** Paris Hilton and Eddie Murphy number among the celebrities to take a one-hour romantic sleigh ride with **Blackcomb Sleighrides**. Snuggle under a blanket in a horse-drawn sleigh with padded seats and a canopy, and you'll be whisked up Blackcomb Mountain into pristine silence beneath the stars. The driver/tour guide will take you to places you would never see otherwise. Gaze out through snow-covered forested trails and view the night lights of Whistler Village. Stop at a cozy mountain cabin to warm up and enjoy a hot beverage.

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**Cure Lounge:** Set away from the bustling nightlife of the village of Whistler, **Cure Lounge** looks over Nita Lake and offers charming views of the ice skaters. Sit next to the roaring fire on oversized comfy leather couches and lounge chairs, or hang at the sleek bar. If you're tempted, get out onto the lake yourself and do a few figure eights. After, you can return to **Cure Lounge** and relax with a specialty drink from top mixologist Hailey Pasemko. Especially delicious is the Cedar Sour made with cedar-infused rye.

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**Mallard Lounge:** Justin Timberlake, Seal and Heidi Klum, Cindy Crawford and Pamela Anderson have all been spotted at the **Mallard Lounge**, a top Whistler après-ski lounge. Curl up by the fireplace with a White Pear Cosmo or cozy up to the outdoor fire pits with a specialty alpine warmer. If you prefer, join the rowdy crowd at the bar and try a pint of the local Whistler Lager. On weekends, there's live entertainment, and from time to time (you can make it happen—just get on the floor) dancing.

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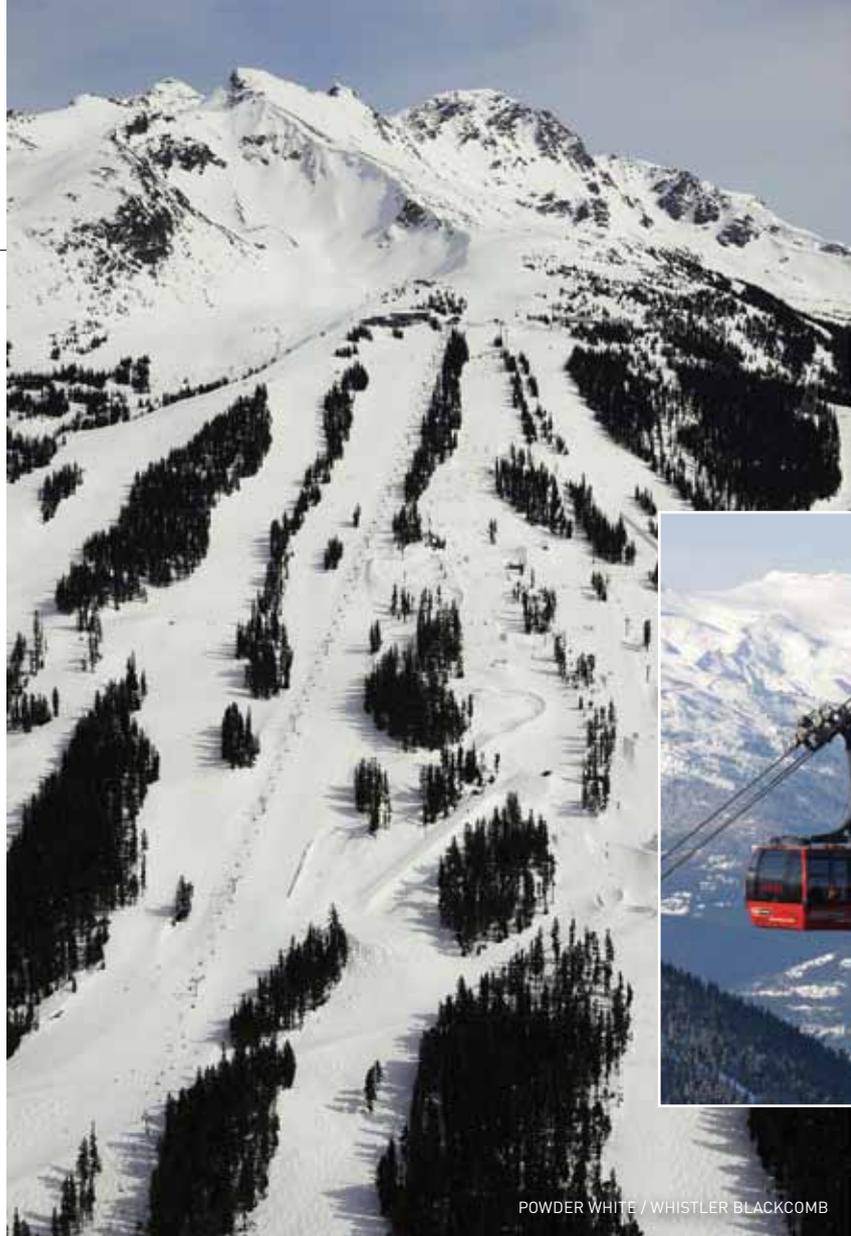
# Family Fun

It may be cold out, but kids will focus on the “cool,” everything from tubing and ski lessons to ziplining and a chance to relive the Olympics.



**Discover Biathlon:** For the ultimate bragging rights, try **Discover Biathlon**, where the Olympians competed, and so will you. This one-and-a-half-hour program is for everyone from beginner to advanced skate skiers. Children 13 years and over are welcome. Begin by skating as hard as you can on your skis, heart pumping. Arrive at the target and, just like the Olympians, calm yourself down to fire five clean shots at a target. If your children are at least 10 years old, they can try **Experience Biathlon**, a 15 to 20-minute program in which even non-skiers can learn to try and hit the targets.

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**WHISTLER BLACKCOMB:** Whistler Blackcomb hosted the 2010 Winter Olympics, so if you came here to ski, you’re in North America’s top-ranked snow and snowboard resort. The mountains offer family-friendly off-hill activities and customized on-hill programs for all ages. Drop your kids off at ski school, the Coca-Cola Tube Park, starter park “terrain garden,” hideaway Magic Castle or the Tree Fort. For teens, there are Ride Tribe programs to amp up the cool factor and a free DJ-fueled Fire and Ice for the whole family.

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**Ziptrek Ecotours:** Fly along steel ziplines high in the tree canopy on Whistler and Blackcomb mountains. Zip on five distinct rides up to 180 feet above the ground. Ziptrek is open 365 days a year, so you can even try it on Christmas Day as a family gift. Children six years and up are welcome to try this flying thrill of a lifetime. Be sure to wear layers of outdoor clothing—the same clothes you’d wear skiing or snowboarding. Ziptrek has an assortment of complimentary winter boots and gloves to keep your hands and feet warm, and all of the platforms have heaters. Don’t forget your video camera!

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# History and Culture

Delve deep into Whistler's heritage, from the First Nations to the pioneers, through to the Olympics...and don't forget that snow-bound exploration is a big part of the culture here!



**Whistler Museum & Archives:** The old-timers of Whistler were worried there would be no memory of them when skiing arrived on the mountains, so they created a museum to showcase the history and culture of Whistler. It now charts history from the pioneer era to the 2010 Olympic Games. View artifacts and photographs of the history of the entire Whistler region, and watch one of five films. Be sure to try on the torch-bearing Olympic uniform and have a photo taken as you hold up the authentic Olympic torch. Priceless!

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TRADITIONAL DANCE  
/ SQUAMISH LIL'WAT  
CULTURAL CENTRE



DRUM LINE / SQUAMISH LIL'WAT CULTURAL CENTRE



LONGHOUSE-STYLE  
/ SQUAMISH LIL'WAT  
CULTURAL CENTRE

## SQUAMISH LIL'WAT CULTURAL CENTRE (SLCC):

The **Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre** showcases the art, history and culture of the Squamish and Lil'wat Istken First Nations people. Designed in the form of a Squamish Longhouse and *Lil'wat Istken* (earthen dwelling with fire pit), the SLCC features live drumming and singing by Squamish and Lil'wat Nations peoples. Visit interactive exhibits and don't miss the gift shop for cedar baskets, wool weavings, carved masks and gold and silver jewelry, most designed and created by Squamish and Lil'wat artists.

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ON THE EDGE / CANADIAN SNOWMOBILE ADVENTURES



WHITE MAGIC / CANADIAN SNOWMOBILE ADVENTURES



FOREST SECRETS / MEDICINE TRAIL SNOWSHOE TOUR

**Canadian Snowmobile Adventures:** For a real Canadian experience, jump into a dogsled, strap on snowshoes or hop into an ATV with **Canadian Snowmobile Adventures**. The **Medicine Trail Snowshoe Tour** takes you into an old growth forest along a trapper's path. You'll learn about the native healing powers and spirits of the trees. The trailhead has two large totems and the trail was blessed by the Chief of the Lil'wat Nation. Or try the **Callaghan Cruiser Snowmobile Tour** with a stop at the historic NorthAir Goldmine site. You can also go into the forest by dogsled and see century-old cedar giants. Return to the caboose for a rejuvenating snack by the fire.

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## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER 2011

#### October 7 to 11 ANNUAL WHISTLER BLACKCOMB TURKEY SALE

Shop for the top name brands in ski and snowboard equipment under one roof, at this huge pre-season "Turkey Sale!" event. Local retailers, accommodations and restaurants all share in the Thanksgiving spirit. [www.whistlerblackcomb.com](http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com)

### NOVEMBER 2011

#### November 10 ARTRAGEOUS

Now in its 16th year, this original eclectic arts party is a fusion of visual art, live bands, DJs, costumes, dancing and drinking. [www.artswhistler.com](http://www.artswhistler.com)

#### November 10 to 13 CORNUCOPIA

True to its name, this fall festival celebrates local chefs and regional

wines for every type of *bon vivant* with winemaker dinners and tastings, seminars and wild after parties. [www.whistlercornucopia.com](http://www.whistlercornucopia.com)

#### November 24 WHISTLER BLACKCOMB OPENING DAY

This is why you came! Grab your gear and head to the mountain to try any of Whistler Blackcomb's over 8,100 acres of terrain. (If the snow allows, the mountain may open earlier.) [www.whistlerblackcomb.com](http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com)

#### November 25 and 26 BIZARRE BAZAAR

Featuring over 100 Canadian artisans, this market offers unique, quality handmade art and crafts including ceramics, clothing, jewelry and Christmas decorations. There's live music, a silent auction, dancing and food. [www.artswhistler.com](http://www.artswhistler.com)

#### November 30 to December 4 WHISTLER FILM FESTIVAL

Whistler's action-packed film celebration includes five days of premieres, celebrated films, international guests, the annual Celebrity Challenge ski race and sizzling parties. [www.whistlerfilmfestival.com](http://www.whistlerfilmfestival.com)

### DECEMBER 2011

#### December 3 WHISTLER HELI-SKIING OPENING DATE

Jump into the chopper and head for Whistler's big mountain terrain: 54 miles long and 33 miles wide, with 173 glaciers and 475 runs—all yours. [www.whistlerheliskiing.com](http://www.whistlerheliskiing.com)

#### December 16 to January 4 WHISTLER HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE

This indoor family fun zone includes a mini-golf course, air hockey, foosball, bouncy castles, movie screenings and video games, all free. For parents,

there's a café and lounge area. Santa pays a visit between noon and 4pm. [www.whistler.com/events/december](http://www.whistler.com/events/december)

#### December 31 FIRST NIGHT 2011

This alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration in Whistler's village square is an evening of live music, storytelling, art workshops with local artists and street entertainment for people of all ages—a blend of performing and participatory arts. [www.whistlerfirstnight.com](http://www.whistlerfirstnight.com)

### JANUARY 2012

#### January 27 and 28 TELUS WINTER CLASSIC

Whistler's legendary fundraising event is a full-on weekend of ski events, food and wine galore, a live and silent auction and excellent live entertainment. Over 1,600 guests attend and raise over \$150,000. [www.whistlerblackcombfoundation.com](http://www.whistlerblackcombfoundation.com)

# Dining and Shopping

Euro-infused comfort food and upscale cuisine showcase the region’s amazing produce, while shops stock all your luxury slope-side musts.



FOODIE FIX / ARAXI RESTAURANT + BAR

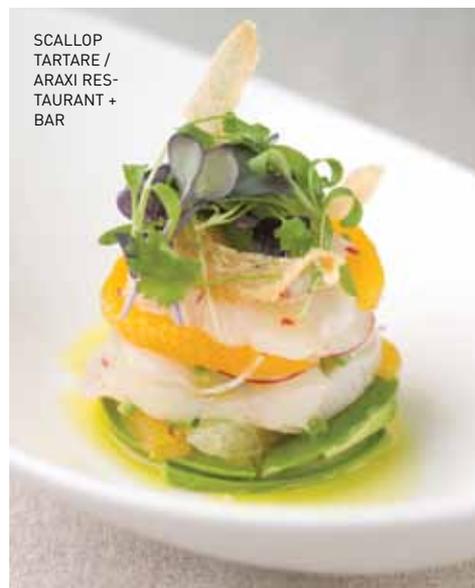
## DINING

**Alta Bistro:** Rapper Lil’ Jon and ski celebs such as Olympic gold medalist Ashleigh McIvor have hung out at Whistler’s newest bustling European bistro owned by two skier/snowboarders. Soak up the energy of the open kitchen as French chef Guillaume Gissinger focuses on the finest local and naturally grown food from nearby farms. The restaurant has an enomatic wine-serving system and creates its own infusions, serving them up in mason jars. Try the steak bavette with béarnaise sauce and *gaufrettes* (homemade waffle potato chips), and don’t miss the crème brûlée and warm chocolate with cherries and homemade vanilla ice cream.



BAR BREAK / ALTA BISTRO

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SCALLOP TARTARE / ARAXI RESTAURANT + BAR

**Araxi Restaurant + Bar:** This see-and-be-seen place in the heart of the village square attracts celebs, culinary tourists and the après-ski crowd who arrive in ski clothes and hang out at the outdoor bar to try the gourmet fondue served between

3 and 5pm. Chef James Walt creates a compelling seasonally rotating menu of regional cuisine based on local, sustainable ingredients. (The **Araxi** cookbook has won multiple international awards, as well as a prestigious nomination from New York’s James Beard Foundation Awards.) Don’t miss the three-tiered seafood tower with Canadian lobster, fresh Dungeness crab, sashimi, oysters and seared albacore tuna. Or try venison, lamb, game and prime cuts.

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TROUT / AURA

**Aura:** This new top-rated restaurant is one of only two places overlooking the lake. **Aura** works closely with local producers to ensure organic freshness for its sophisticated, European-style comfort foods. Chef Owen Foster cures the meat, and the menu is inspired by seasonal vegetables. Each plate has a specific color, taste and texture, sourced from local farmers, foragers, ranchers and fisheries. Try the grilled steelhead salmon, garden herb sauce vierge and caramelized corn pomme purée. You can also book the private dining room for a more intimate meal.

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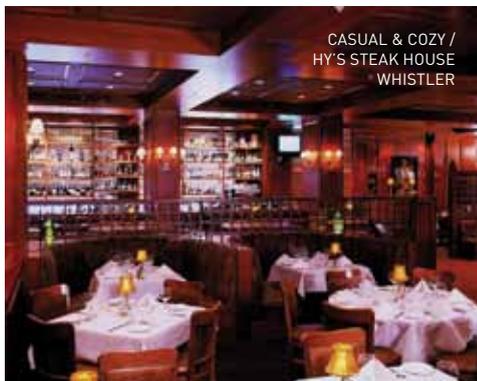
**Bearfoot Bistro:** This hip fun bistro with a coveted three-star rating from *Where to Eat in Canada*, is similar to the old Le Cirque, except here, the kitchen is open so guests can talk to Executive Chef Melissa Craig. Fans include Danny DeVito, Bill Gates, Reese Witherspoon, Jessica Alba and Cindy Crawford. Begin in the stylish **Champagne Bar** and sip bubbly from a crystal flute before adjourning to the romantic dining room where a jazz pianist plays. Dine on the daily tasting menu of modern haute cuisine. End your meal with ice cream made at the table with liquid nitrogen. After, tour **Bearfoot's** extravagant underground wine cellar and saber champagne.

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MOUNTAIN CHIC / BEARFOOT BISTRO

**Hy's Steak House Whistler:** Something in the Whistler air makes the steak more tender. No wonder Justin Timberlake, Jessica Simpson and Joe Montana are just some of the celebs who frequent **Hy's**. The ambience is more fun than foodie, even though it's been named the best steak house in Whistler for the last 13 years running. You don't have to eat in the dining room on a white tablecloth—instead, choose a high-topped wooden table (known as the fun tables) in the **Blue Bar**. Here, the focus is on perfectly prepared mouth-watering



CASUAL & COZY / HY'S STEAK HOUSE WHISTLER



OUTERWEAR OASIS / SNOWFLAKE

New York steak. Try the 22 ounce bone-in rib steak sliced with Cajun spice.

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SEAFOOD FEAST / SIDE-CUT MODERN STEAK

**Sidecut Modern Steak:** **Sidecut** is named for the curvature on the side of a ski or snowboard, and like a board, it's sleek, light and modern, done up in beige tones. Cozy up to the open fire, then dine on Canadian prime steak aged for 40 days and cooked to perfection in a 1,800-degree infrared grill. Entrées are served with a choice of six custom rubs and six signature sauces for even more flavor. Choose from over 200 bottles with labels ranging from international classics to boutique British Columbia wines. For the perfect end to your meal on a winter night, try s'mores by the fire pit.

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EASY ELEGANCE / SIDE-CUT MODERN STEAK

## SHOPPING

**Snowflake:** Everyone from royalty to A-list celebrities shops at **Snowflake**, whose men's and ladies' outerwear and accessories are unique and whose furs are non-traditional. Try on a full-length mink, reversible mink raincoat, reversible leather jacket with detachable fur or a cashmere coat with fur collar. Match it up with a fur scarf or fur hat. Even when fur was unpopular with environmentalists, Snowflake supported the Canadian fur industry, and most of their furs are designed and produced in Canada. Snowflake features private labels including Il Fait Froid, Gazelle and Honey Furs. The store also sells shawls, vests, boots, gloves and other accessories.

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DIAMOND FIND / KEIR FINE JEWELLERY

**Keir Fine Jewellery:** You might run into Jean Simmons or Sarah McLachlan at **Keir**, the only fine jeweler in Whistler. Here you'll find outstanding conflict-free Canadian diamonds, and unique Canadian jewelry such as a gold Inukshuk pendant set with a Canadian polar bear and Polar Ice diamonds. (The Inukshuk are rock formations used by the Inuits as a welcoming symbol and a directional guide, and were also the symbol for the 2010 Winter Olympics). Also for sale are stunning ammolite pieces that are fossilized seashells billions

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of years old and Whistler-themed charms such as mountains, skis and snowflakes in silver and gold.

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VODKA WORKS / PEMBERTON DISTILLERY

**Pemberton Distillery:** You don't just come to Pemberton to buy vodka (though the vodka here is a Double Gold medal winner). Begin with a half-hour distillery tour on which you will learn how the only certified organic potato vodka in the world is made, 100 percent Pemberton. Follow this with a tasting, then purchase a bottle or case of organic Schramm vodka (\$50 for 750mL), organic gin, vanilla extract, organic cinnamon extract and four different flavors of cocktail syrup.

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BARRELS OF FUN / PEMBERTON DISTILLERY

**Can-Ski:** Justin Timberlake and Cameron Diaz have both shopped at **Can-Ski**, a high-end ski shop delivering the ultimate shopping experience



BOOT BOUTIQUE / CAN-SKI

in both top-end fashion and high-performance hard goods. Located in Whistler Village, Blackcomb and Creekside, the stores carry such brands as Armani, Toni Sailer, Napapijri, Bogner, Spyder and Descente, and high-performance hard goods including K2, Atomic, Rossignol and Salomon. Can-Ski's reputation was built on their expertise with the Superior Fit Bootfit Guarantee, ski tuning and service.

**Contact:** Manager Sandi Hancock, (604) 938-7766; sandih@whistlerblackcomb.com; www.whistlerblackcomb.com/stores

**Art Junction Gallery:** Located in Whistler's "Soho" in a two-story loft, this is the only gallery in Whistler to focus exclusively on British Columbian contemporary artists, and features more than 30 of them. Here, you might run into Sarah McLachlan or another famous Canuck while browsing paint-

ings and sculptures. To complement the gallery, **Art Junction** features an on-site custom framing studio, and carries all the Larson-Juhl and Roma molding lines to finish off your favorite piece of art or memorabilia. They'll ship the finished product to your home.



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**Contact:** Owner Harvey Lim, (604) 938-9000; info@artjunction.ca; www.artjunction.ca

**Cigars of Cuba:** You don't have to go to Cuba for a great cigar. Head to **Cigars of Cuba** in Whistler for the best flavors of Cuban cigars as well as cigar accessories. Buy superlative quality, especially the best limited editions, and the shop will store them in their personal humidor and then deliver them to your hotel or, have them shipped to the U.S. Try a limited edition Hoyo De Monterrey Regalos LE 2007 (\$33) or a limited edition Cohiba Genios Maduro 5 HR (\$54).

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