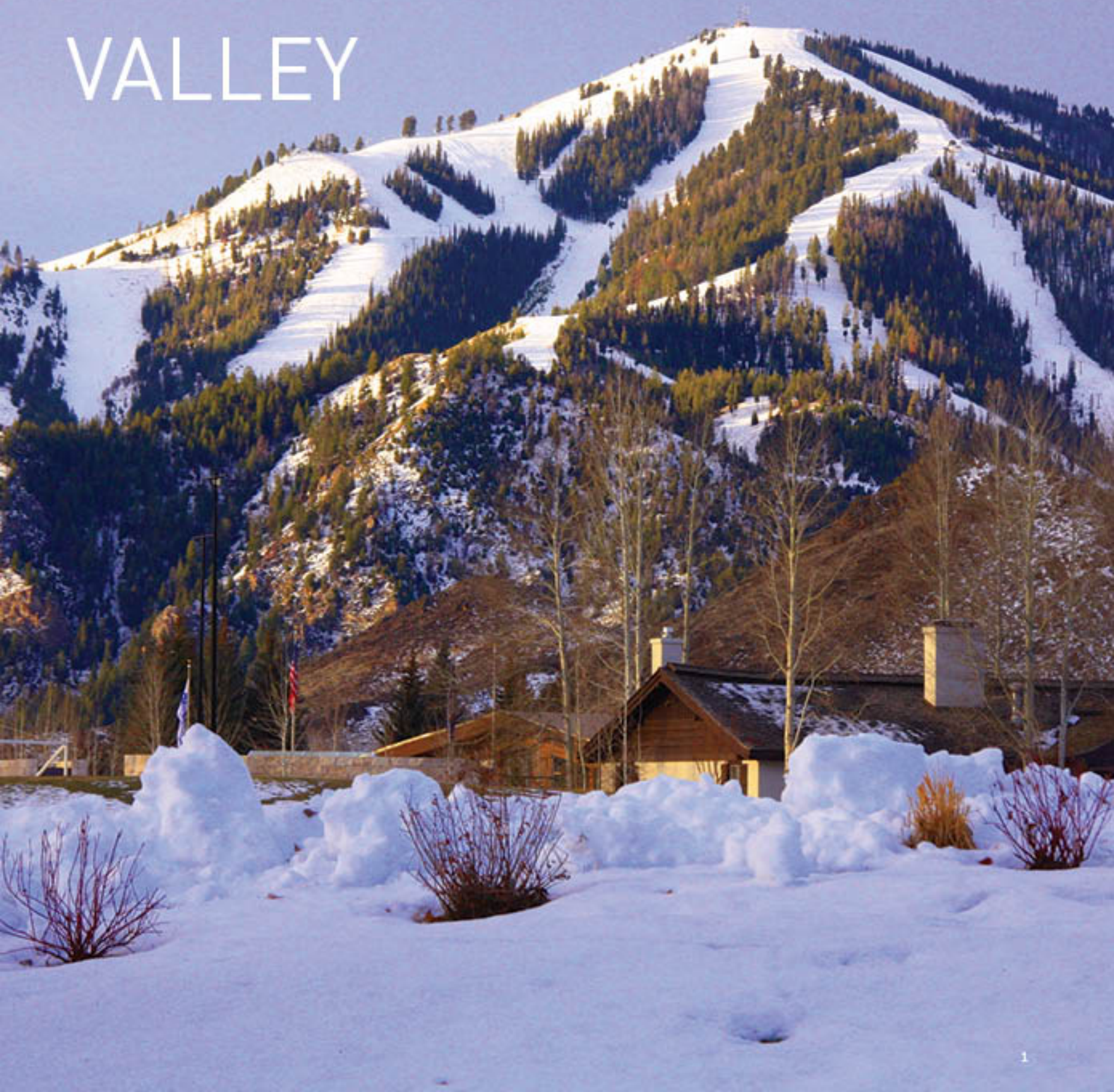


TRAVEL  
GETAWAYS  
2016

# SKIING

# SUN

# VALLEY





## THE PERFECT PLACE FOR A LONG WEEKEND THAT'S EASY TO GET TO BUT FEELS FAR FROM HOME

It's a beautiful thing, a long weekend. And for January and February, we've got a one-two punch with Martin Luther King Monday and Presidents' weekend. Just enough time for a relaxing reboot at home or for a mini vacay to get away from it all. Sun Valley, Idaho is a quick trip from LAX or Long Beach that feels like you've gone far away. The resort and the quaint nearby town of Ketchum has got some of the best skiing out west, top-notch restaurants and a list of amazing activities—for couples or the whole family. And don't even get us started on what to do in summer...more on that soon.



1,2 Sun Valley ski resort  
3 Ketchum Tavern  
4 Charming town of Ketchum

### WHERE TO STAY

Mountain hospitality abounds at the luxe Sun Valley Inn or Sun Valley Lodge. There are also a variety of condo and cottage vacation rentals. Most amenities are close to slopes and town and traffic is light compared to what you are used to. [www.sunvalley.com](http://www.sunvalley.com)

### SNOW SCENES

Trails at Dollar and Bald "Baldy" Mountains are what legends are made of. The first destination ski resort, serious skiers and beginners alike take advantage of varied trails, lessons, themed adventure trails for kids, a tubing hill and more.

### APRÈS SKI

After the slopes, before, or even on a day off from maneuvering the mountain there is much more to do. A slew of ranches offer horseback trail riding or try tackling the hills on an ATV or snowmobile instead. Hiking on Proctor Mountain is a workout with scenery that will keep you stopping to stare and the skating rink in town is a spot where you can take a spin or buy tickets to watch some of the world's best perform as they come to town on tour. [www.visitsunvalley.com](http://www.visitsunvalley.com)

### DOING DINNER

For such a quaint old-west town, it meets high-end demand. Gourmet dining spots are everywhere—and dining busy season so are the folks who want to patronize them. For dinner, we recommend making reservations before you even leave home. A list of mainstays and newcomers to try: The Pioneer Saloon (locals call it the Pio) is an institution with a long wait always (no rezzy's taken; [www.pioneersaloon.com](http://www.pioneersaloon.com)), Ketchum Grill ([www.ketchumgrill.com](http://www.ketchumgrill.com)), Enoteca, a relative newcomer ([www.ketchum-enoteca.com](http://www.ketchum-enoteca.com)), Town Square Tavern is a welcome new spot on the scene ([www.ketchumstavern.com](http://www.ketchumstavern.com)), Warfield Distillery ([www.warfielddistillery.com](http://www.warfielddistillery.com)), seasonal pub fare and distillery.

### TIME FOR LUNCH

If you're taking a break from the slopes or just wandering around town, these places will pack you lunch to go or invite you to sit and stay awhile. Raspberry ([www.raspberrys.net](http://www.raspberrys.net)) is delish for breakfast; Perry's ([www.perrysunvalley.com](http://www.perrysunvalley.com)) has the best chocolate chip cookies ever; Java on Fourth (191 4<sup>th</sup> Street West, Ketchum)—we don't know what they do to get the coffee to taste so divine and we're also big fans of the menu; Cristina's ([www.cristinasofsunvalley.com](http://www.cristinasofsunvalley.com)) is for when you are feeling fancier for lunch.

# PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ IN HONG KONG AT THE RITZ-CARLTON

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS IN ARCHITECTURE,  
PAMPERING AND CUISINE

The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong offers design and style that are taken to new heights, literally, considering this stunning property is said to be the highest hotel in the world.

The overall design theme of the hotel is inspired by the city's dynamic culture—a global metropolis at the crossroads of East and West and at the same time rich in entrancing local flavor. Occupying floors 102 to 118 of the International Commerce Centre in Kowloon, The Ritz-Carlton's 312 guest rooms all offer spectacular city and harbor views. The six dining venues include the state-of-the-art Italian restaurant, Tosca; award-winning Chinese restaurant, Tin Lung Heen; The Lounge and Bar, which features an international all-day dining menu; and Café 103, which serves signature chocolate afternoon tea. The rooftop bar, Ozone, is truly a stunning venue at 490 meters above sea level.

The Ritz-Carlton Spa by ESPA located on the 116th floor features nine deluxe treatment rooms and two couple's suites, redefining the urban spa experience in this city and across Asia. The hotel features a fully equipped fitness center and an indoor pool on the 118th floor with a 28m x 7m LED screen on the ceiling, as well as one of the largest ballrooms in the city. Complemented by four additional meeting rooms, the ballroom has become the major social venue for Hong Kong and has set the benchmark for events in the region.

This extraordinary property is one of the 115 hotels worldwide to achieve the

1 Ritz Carlton, Hong Kong  
2 Sunset Lounge 3 Chef's Table  
4 Spa, single treatment room



Forbes Five-Star rating. The Ritz-Carlton Spa by ESPA has also been recognized with the Forbes Five-Star rating, and is one of the 48 spas worldwide to have the honor.

The long-awaited news from the world-renowned Michelin Guide Hong Kong & Macau 2015 is officially out. Chinese restaurant Tin Lung Heen at The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong receives two Michelin stars, and Italian restaurant Tosca, also at The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong receives one star.

Chef Paul Lau, the Chef de Cuisine at Tin Lung Heen said, "My cooking philosophy is simple. The presentation can be innovative, but you always have to respect the traditional cooking methods and techniques." Chef Lau is highly regarded as one of the top Cantonese chefs in Hong Kong. He has over 36 years of experience in the culinary industry and has worked in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Guangzhou, as well as in Dubai and the UK.

A property that is certainly high on our list.

For more information, please visit [www.ritzcarlton.com/hongkong](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/hongkong).

# BRING YOUR HEARTS

# TO SAN FRANCISCO

FITTINGLY, THE MAJESTIC GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, GLEAMING IN RED SPLendor, WELCOMES VISITORS LOOKING FOR A ROMANTIC GETAWAY

This is one of those years the calendar is working in our favor. By that we mean, Valentine's Day falls on a weekend, but not just any weekend—a long holiday one. So instead of just booking a night out, start thinking about a romantic weekend away, where Sunday's wine and chocolate covered strawberries spills into Monday's breakfast in bed. Just where is all that happening? We suggest San Francisco, where you will be so infatuated by the scene, hot spots, strolls and countless activities that the trekking up and down all the hills won't be the only thing making your heart go pitter pat.

- 1 Golden Gate Bridge at night
- 2 Crown Room, Fairmont Hotel
- 3 Clift Hotel, Union Square
- 4 The Scarlett Huntington, Nob Hill



## TOAST TO YOU

For a super chic nightcap, head to the Crown Room lounge at the Fairmont Hotel in sophisticated Nob Hill. On the 23rd floor you can share a kiss and clink glasses as the lights of San Francisco twinkle below. If you're more in the mood to dance than drink (or do both), check out the old-fashioned dance club at the Starlight Room inside the Sir Francis Drake Hotel. A 1930s themed dress-up nightclub, it too has stunning city views. [www.fairmont.com](http://www.fairmont.com) 950 Mason St, San Francisco, CA 94108 (415) 772-5000 or [www.sirfrancisdrake.com](http://www.sirfrancisdrake.com) 450 Powell Street San Francisco, CA 94102 (800) 795.7129 /415.392.7755.

## STROLLING BY THE BAY

Sounds romantic but where do you do it? The Lands End Trail in Sea Cliff is a hiking trail under the Golden Gate Bridge with spectacular views underneath the famed structure and walks along cliffs with breathtaking scenery. Just one of many gorgeous places to walk. 680 Point Lobos Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121 (415) 426.5240

## THE COUPLE THAT PLAYS TOGETHER...

Rent tandem bikes to ride over the Golden Gate, do the perfunctory cable car ride to Fisherman's Wharf or stroll Ghiaadelli Square (tonisty but so much fun!). If you're looking for something a bit different? Search for the Seward Street Slides—two concrete and deceptively fast and fun slides—stuck right in the middle of a residential neighborhood. Sounds like a big nothing but according to people who have been there, done that, these are one of the best SF attractions that bring pure joy. Take along a piece of cardboard if you can (or grab discarded ones from other riders at the base) to speed up the trip down and protect your clothes. [www.bikeandroll.com](http://www.bikeandroll.com) (866).736.8224 and Seward Street Slides located at 30 Seward Street, San Francisco, CA.



## WHERE TO STAY

Sure there are the luxury property mainstays (which we love!) but if you are looking for a more intimate stay, The Scarlett Huntington in Nob Hill is a little away from it all and the perfect fit. The funky Clift Hotel in Union Square also has a low-key vibe, Phillippe Starck designed lobby and Asia de Cuba next door. Sounds perfect, we know. [www.thescarletthotels.com](http://www.thescarletthotels.com) 1075 California Street, San Francisco, CA (415) 474.5400 and [www.morganshotelgroup.com](http://www.morganshotelgroup.com) 495 Geary Street, San Francisco, CA (415) 775.4700.

## EAT HERE

This one is a classic—The French Laundry. The 15 table culinary haven is located about an hour outside of town on the top floor of a 2-story stone building. The experience is like a long date night or lunch date that you never want to end. In addition to the scintillating company, the food is divine. Chef Thomas Keller's team makes two 9-course meals daily (literally, you will be there for hours), sourcing fresh ingredients that won't be repeated. One caveat: reservations are hard to come by so try to book this even before your hotel and be flexible with timing. [www.thomaskeller.com](http://www.thomaskeller.com) 6640 Washington Street, Yountville, CA 94599 (707) 944.2380.