



The Lodge at Blue Sky



Exterior of the The Lodge at Blue Sky, Utah. Courtesy The Lodge at Blue Sky

At a Glance

Set on 3,500 acres in Utah, the Lodge at Blue Sky is a contemporary ranch with a design focus, elevated cuisine and renowned horsemanship and wellness programs.

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- The five Creek Cottages, set in a private, adults-only section of the property
- The complimentary activities offered throughout the day, such as meditation and s'mores
- Thursday Night Supper Club at High West Distillery on the ranch, where guests and locals can enjoy live music

Lodge at Blue Sky Review

Located in the Wasatch Mountains just a 40-minute drive from the Salt Lake City Airport, the Lodge at Blue Sky, part of the Auberge Collection, offers a contemporary ranch-style experience focused on wellness, dining and the great outdoors.

The property is intimate, with fewer than 50 rooms separated into three different sections: the spacious Sky Rooms in the main building (the smallest start at 570 square feet); the Earth Suites (separate structures that easily connect and are great for families, but feel slightly less private); and the five Creek Cottages, located at the bottom of the hill (extremely private and adults-only). The design elements throughout are sleek and elevated, featuring natural woods, glass, local stone and leather. Thoughtful details in all of the rooms include backpacks and walking sticks for on-property hikes, as well as a curated collection of books for a quiet afternoon.

Yuta, the main restaurant, focuses on local produce and pays homage to native American cuisine from the area. The **High West Distillery** next door to the ranch, which also has a [location](#) in Park City, offers lunch and a Thursday night Supper Club with live music. Activities include hiking with or without a guide, biking and fly-fishing in nearby rivers, but the real draw is the horseback riding and horsemanship program (based on the *vaquero* method championed by Buck Brenneman, the original “horse whisperer”), as well as the clay shooting club on the ranch, where guests can take part in both the 18-stand sporting clay course or a simulated drive. Winter activities include snow shoeing, cross country skiing and, since the lodge is located only 20 minutes from Park City, skiing at the nearby mountain resorts, as well as heli-skiing directly from the property. The extensive wellness program encompasses specialty treatments, yoga, meditation and sound bathing in the spa or even outdoors in a mountain yurt. (Parents can enjoy a treatment while their children are entertained in the Little Vaquero Program.) Activities tend to be quite expensive, but the property does have some complimentary offerings, and guests are able to hike and bike around the ranch at their leisure. There are e-bikes and complimentary vehicles available for guests to take out and explore the area.

Who Should Stay

Those looking for a high-design, extremely accessible retreat with excellent food, a contemporary aesthetic and many activities both on and off property—all within a 40-minute drive from Salt Lake City Airport. Multi-generational families may prefer this location for skiing, as some members can ski while others relax on property.

Who Should Not Stay

The activities are expensive, so travelers looking for more of a value option should consider another property. The design is contemporary, so those looking for an old-school ranch with a traditional atmosphere may prefer another property, as well.

- Lizzie Eberhart on October 28, 2019

