

# AT YOUR LEISURE



## FIRST RESORT

The Stowe Mountain Resort brings new life to a historic town. BY RACHEL BOWIE

**SNOW BUNNIES AND DIE-HARD SKIERS TAKE NOTE**—the ultimate skiing experience is at last only a few hours away. Almost a decade in the making, the Stowe Mountain Resort in Vermont is preparing for its inaugural season as the first resort of its kind right here in New England.

Nestled between Spruce Peak and Mount Mansfield (the highest mountain in Vermont), the Stowe Mountain Resort offers an intimate and all-inclusive year-round getaway spot. Perfect for families, Spruce Peak at Stowe is an alpine neighborhood built as a community rather than just a vacation destination. A variety of activities for all ages and interests are available. Beyond the more than 48 ski trails (conveniently connected by a new gondola lift), an 18-hole golf course designed by Bob Cupp will open this spring, as well as a spa and fitness center scheduled for the fall to pamper those tired feet and aching limbs after a long day on the slopes. Best of all, following their

day outdoors, guests can make their way to the pedestrian plaza at the base of the mountain, where the night is only just beginning. With its gourmet restaurants and specialty shops, the spot offers plenty to do in the late hours.

When fatigue finally starts to set in, sleep easy in your choice of the luxurious range of accommodations at the resort. Set to open this fall, the 139-room Stowe Mountain Lodge will offer furnished condominium units through a room rental program as well as the more exclusive Front Four, a private residence club on the upper levels of the lodge. Concierge services will handle every whim—from stocking the fridge with hand-picked treats to shopping for gear needed for those last-minute mountain adventures. Beyond the lodge, 19 mountain cabins tucked right along the slopes of Spruce Peak are available for purchase. A plan is also in place to offer 20 future home sites at the base of Spruce Peak. Despite the extensive plans for the resort, only 35 out of 2,000 acres will be used for development.

Who would have thought that winter in New England could be so appealing? *For more information, visit [stowemountainlodge.com](http://stowemountainlodge.com) or call 1-888-403-7739.* ♦