



Devils Thumb Ranch
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Pack your bags: for a winter ranch family experience with lots of space to free play in the snow
Not for you: if you want to shop and people watch in a bustling ski village; if you want to ski in/out of the slopes

Overview:

Devils Thumb Ranch is an isolated (about a 15 minute drive to Winter Park ski slopes), luxurious family resort covering 6,000 acres. The main lodge has a heated pool (indoor entry but outdoor swimming) and hot tub, sauna, two restaurants, a coffee shop, a saloon, a family game room, a large central fireplace and rooms to rent. The Ranch also has private cabins available for rent that are about a 1/2 mile from the main lodge. The ranch is ideal for families looking for lots of things to do in the snow that aren't necessarily on the ski slopes. The ranch offers full concierge service and has its own ice skating rink, an on-site spa including a yoga studio, a 65 mile network of groomed cross-country trails with lessons (including a 1 mile practice loop for kids with story time!), snow shoe trails, sledding hills, a ski shop for rentals and offers horse-drawn sleigh rides on-property. The Ranch does not make its own snow.

Lonely Planet describes Winter Park as an “unpretentious” ski village. There are ski with trails on five mountains with a maximum vertical drop of 2600ft and a base elevation of 9,000 ft. Winter Park receives an average of 29 ft. of snow annually and has snow making capabilities on 27 trails. Roughly 1/2 of the ski trails are for advanced skiers, while around 1/3 are green trails, serviced by 25 lifts in total. There are also six terrain parks, a ski school, a tubing park with a magic carpet, an ice skating rink, dog sledding opportunities and plenty of restaurant choices in the village. The average high temperature in January is 32°F and the average low is 1°F.

Cost Factor: 3 nights in January

	Travel	Lodging	Food/Activities	Total
Family of 4 (Children's ages: 6, 4)	\$1330	\$1300*	** \$390 food *** \$1140 activities	\$4,160

* This price takes advantage of the Ranch's 3 nights for the price of 2 winter special.
 ** Estimations as follows: Thursday night dinner (\$80), 2 meals a day for Friday & Saturday (\$50/\$80), snacks/breakfast from groceries in the cabin (\$50).
 *** \$60 ski rental for one adult (2 adults), kids rent free with adult; \$320 dog sledding for whole family (2 sleds); \$90 adult 1 day lift ticket (2 adults); \$20 cross-country 1 adult (2 adults); \$150 1/2 day ski school 1 child (2 children); \$100 sleigh ride for family; \$80 one hour tubing session for the family.

Comfort Factor:

A luxuriously furnished and private mountain cabin with 2 BR (2 king beds), one bathroom, full kitchen and a living room with fireplace.

Convenience Factor:

A direct 2 hour flight to Denver from Austin with good flight times. A two hour drive from the Denver Airport to the Ranch over the Berthoud Pass (elevation 11,306 ft.). A rental car is cheaper than the shuttle transportation and recommended due to the isolated nature of the Ranch. The cost of the car rental is already included in the travel section above.

January 9 th , United Flight #295	January 12 th , United Flight #3621
AUS 9:00 DEN 10:30	DEN 2:13 pm AUS 5:15 pm

Reviews and Accolades:

What the reviews say: picture perfect beautiful setting, very comfortable beds, lots of great family activities, the terrible reviews consisted of complaints of poor service.

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