

Aspen Nightlife - Getting Around

After a day on the slopes, you may be wondering what there is to do for the rest of the evening. Well, don't use up all of your energy, and leave the slopes early enough to get in a short nap - you will need all of the energy you can muster for the Aspen nightlife. No matter how much skiing you get in or how many of the runs you have mastered, you have not truly experienced Aspen until you venture out after dark!

Aspen has three basic areas: downtown, the West end, and the East end. The town is remarkably small, considering how many people venture here each season - but surprisingly, everyone and everything just fits. The town is actually small enough to leave your car parked at your lodge or hotel and walk anywhere that you want to go. In fact, this is recommended.

Not everyone pays heed to this advice, which can make driving around and parking very difficult. You can also take a free shuttle from one mountain to another, take the Roaring Fork Transit Authority Bus, or go to the Rubey Park Transportation Center to get a ride anywhere in the valley.

Don't worry about getting lost. The town is well laid out. Starting on the West end, you will find a quiet Victorian neighborhood. While this is a residential district, where locals live, you will also find many hotels and condos on the West end, particularly on Main Street. You will also find the Aspen Meadows Conference Center and Hotel. This is a 40-acre area where you will also find the Aspen Institute, the Music Tent, the Harris Concert Hall, the Paepcke Auditorium, the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies, the Hallam Lake Nature Preserve, and the Aspen Center for Physics.

In the East end of Aspen you will find another residential area, as well as the Roaring Fork River and the Aspen Club and Spa. The East end features more forests than the West end,

which has been developed a great deal more.
Between the West End and the East End, you
will find downtown Aspen. Downtown is where
most of the action is. Featuring old Victorian
buildings, downtown Aspen boasts pubs,
restaurants, shops, and everything else you
could ever possibly need - all housed in
beautiful historical landmark buildings.

Down the valley a ways, you will find Snowmass
Village. To the west, you will also find Roaring
Fork Valley. These two villages are
compliments of Aspen, and you should take
the time to visit them as well.

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