



RITZ-CARLTON BACHELOR GULCH

Grand Lodge

If only the gaggle of Swedish bachelors who lived in this valley and lent their name to Bachelor Gulch could see how the Ritz-Carlton reinterprets their humble log cabins. This two-story penthouse shares the woodsy ambience and hand-hewn, chinked logs of the original settlers' homes but adds some extraordinary extravagance to the mix. It's unlikely the bachelors filled their rooms with original art and antiques from Europe, China, and America, as is the case throughout this four-bedroom, four-bath getaway. But those bygone pioneers would certainly feel right at home with the collection of vintage skis, snowshoes, and sled adorning the living room walls.

Downstairs and just outside this sumptuous suite, guests

can catch a direct lift to the vast, interconnected slopes of Arrowhead, Bachelor Gulch, and Beaver Creek. After a day of skiing, cocktails on the private terrace are a must as alpenglow washes the surrounding peaks.

The open kitchen has a granite island and professional appliances, while providing everything from a waffle maker to an espresso machine and several sets of fine hand-painted china. Opulence continues in a dining room that can seat fourteen in custom hand-carved chairs, with a richly colored Oriental rug and coffered wood ceiling adding to its special warmth. After dinner, the Steinway baby grand piano facilitates impromptu sing-alongs—a touch merry bachelors, the cocktail crowd, and festive families can all appreciate.

Price range: \$2,975 to \$7,950 per night, depending on season
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