





ications are often taken to escape the rut our everyday lives bring, so is it not ironic how easily we can fall into the rut of stereotypical vacationing? We all know the drill: in the winter we head to the mountains, and in the summer we head to the beach. However, breaking from our vacationing ruts can lead to fantastic, unexpected adventure. This is precisely what happened when we discovered all that Park City, Utah had to offer in what many would consider their "off-season." Park City has been able to build a fantastic reputation for winter-wonderland, amazement; however, the adventure does not cease when the summer sun shines brightly on the gorgeous mountains of Park City. Park City is a town that knows how to treat travelers year-round; whether it is luxury, relaxation, or adventure that you seek, Park City knows how to deliver.

While admiring the backdrop of the gorgeous surrounding mountains, your eyes are also drawn to the eclectic architecture that embodies Park City. Here in Park City: Swiss chalets meet silver mining town structures, meet amazing modern elements. This architectural blend of historic meets modern is not just evident in the structures of the town, but also throughout the activities and transportation. Our stay started at Newpark Resort, a modern-luxury hotel perfectly situated for shopping, dining, and adventure. Located on the edge of Swaner Nature preserve, the Newpark Resort perfectly balances contemporary luxury with relaxing tranquility. Newpark Resort offers amazing in-room amenities such as gas fireplaces, kitchenettes, and private decks with hot tubs. It is a quiet gem nestled amongst fantastic shopping and dining yet, just a stone's throw from the downtown excitement. There is no better way to answer the call of downtown experience than by jumping on the Electric Express, a zero-emissions free public bus to Main Street. So hop on the bus and let your adventure begin.

Park City has a culture and history that is as unique as its architecture. Exploring its history is a highlight, especially when the headmistress of Fox School of Wines is your teacher. It turns out museums are not the only way to learn historical facts about cities. In fact, if you are willing to leave your children behind, Kirsten Fox can take you on a three-hour historic, bus tour of Park City. Ms. Fox, an executive sommelier, matches historical sites with wine and food pairings. It was an excellent blend of history, wine and fun. After touring around town, we were brought back to Main Street in time to participate in Park Silly Sunday Market. Park Silly Sunday Market on Park City's historic Main Street is a fun and funky festival. Featuring local artists, live music, plenty of food and a strong sense of community, this is a fantastic way to get an excellent feel for the Park City culture. You can feel the pulse of the city as you walk amongst the unique collections of one-of-akind jewelry, artwork, and clothing. While focused on learning all about the culture of Utah, it is the perfect time to tour and taste at High West Distillery. This distillery is the first legally licensed distillery in Utah since the end of the American Prohibition and located just 25 minutes outside of Park City. Distilling whiskey







is a craft that has been perfected right here amongst the Wasatch-Uinta Mountains. If you are looking for family entertainment, the outdoor concert series at Deer Valley's Snow Park Outdoor Amphitheater is a must. Sitting surrounded by breathtaking views, this concert in the park is a delight to all your senses. But leave the homemade sandwiches at home, the gourmet picnic baskets perfectly blend the world-class views, and world-class talent, with world-class cuisine creating a fantastic experience for both young and old. Park City's unique history and culture are infectious, endearing and well worth exploring.

If it is an adventure that you seek, Park City has options to satisfy every member of the family. The Adventure Park at Park City Mountain transforms the ski slopes into a warmweather adventure. The chairlifts do not shut down when the winter snow melts, and neither does the mountain fun. Featuring an Alpine Slide, Alpine Coaster, Scenic Chairlift rides, and mini golf, Adventure Park will bring out the "child" in us all. If you are willing to hit the road, just sixteen miles outside of Park City you will find The DeJoria Center, a 1,000 acre High Star Ranch, that offers daily adventures, concerts, and banquet options. The daily adventure options vary from adrenaline-pumping horseback riding to soulinspiring horse meditation, and so much in between. Though The Dejoria Center requires a short car trip, this does lend itself to a delicious pitstop at the Woodland Biscuit Company. The Woodland Biscuit Company features down-home, classic cuisine such as unique sandwiches, specialty burgers, and of course an assortment of made-from-scratch biscuits. "The Woodland" features a big biscuit, sausage patty, gravy, green onions, with a drizzle of honey and is a great way to refuel. If water adventure is what you seek, All Seasons Adventures will play host for a memorable guided fly fishing excursion on the Provo River. From beginner to expert fishermen, your guide will know the perfect spot and fantastic tips to make everyone feel like a success on the river. Family-fun and Instagram worthy adventures are found throughout Park City and its surrounding mountainous backdrop.

Too often we fall victim to the familiar. We long for a vacation to save us from our monotonous daily schedule, yet our "escape" usually delivers us to known destinations. So as the weather warms, and snow begins to melt, think beyond the beach. A unique adventure awaits you in Park City, Utah. Park City provides an exhilarating escape from the predictable vacation cycle we too quickly fall into.

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