


SNOW-SPORTS SPECIAL

5 *great ski-resort getaways that don't require skiing*

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Brothers and sisters of the Chapel of the Holy Moguls, do you have the faith? Do you simply know, deep in your heart, that the snows will come again?

Kneel three times as you buckle your ski boots, kiss your electric glove-warmer and proclaim your belief that the Great Merciful Meteorologist wouldn't deprive Northwest skiers of deep mountain snows two winters in a row.

But just in case ...

Here are ideas for five ski-resort getaways, at slopes across the Northwest and British Columbia, where you can have a good time without actually, well, *skiing*.

STAYING THE NIGHT

If money is no object, Whistler can happily accommodate you. **Four Seasons, Pan Pacific** and **Fairmont** are among top-rated resorts here. Get a Four Seasons room with king-size bed and forest view on a mid-January weekend for \$589 Cdn/night; fourseasons.com. TripAdvisor favorite **Nita Lake Lodge** has mid-January weekend rates of \$354 Cdn/night for a lakeview studio with fireplace; nitalakelodge.com.

The budget-conscious should consider **UBC Whistler Lodge**, a 42-bed hostel open to the public (whistlerlodgehostel.com), or **Hostelling International's Whistler hostel**, in what was Olympic athletes' housing (mid-January weekend dormitory bed, \$34 Cdn/night; bit.ly/20FsMVR).

More information:
whistler.com or
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