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10 things you need to know before visiting Steamboat and The Steamboat Grand.

1. Familiarize yourself with Steamboat before you arrive and book activities in advance and have fun!

Get information about activities, dining and shopping before you arrive so that you can experience all that the Yampa Valley has to offer. There are plenty of activities for everyone, even for those who don't ski or snowboard, but sometimes availability may become limited. Steamboat Grand reservation specialists have extensive knowledge of the area and can assist with all aspects of your vacation planning.

2. If you are flying, reserve a rental car or airport shuttle in advance and have fun!

We can check airfares for you. Whether you fly into Denver (DEN), Hayden (HDN) or another airport, you will need transportation to our property. Plan in advance to avoid waiting around at the airport. Consider flying into Hayden airport, which is only about 25 miles from Steamboat. Winter road conditions from Denver are variable and the drive can be challenging if you are not familiar with mountain winter conditions. Driving from Denver to Steamboat is at least a 4-hour drive in favorable driving conditions.

3. Avoid winter driving, take an airport shuttle to the hotel and use our shuttle to get around town and have fun!

Once you get here, our town is very accessible without a vehicle. Our complimentary hotel shuttle can take you anywhere within the city limits of Steamboat Springs, and many winter activity vendors provide transportation. Steamboat's free city bus runs frequently and picks up right outside the front of our hotel, and there is also a taxi service available for a fee.

4. If you intend to drive, check road conditions and make sure your vehicle is prepared for winter driving and have fun!

Check for mountain pass closures, construction, and road conditions at www.cotrip.org or by calling 877-315-7623 for the Colorado Department of Transportation Road Information Hotline.

5. Pack sunscreen to protect your skin and layers of clothing to prepare for all temperatures and have fun!

Always be prepared in the mountains. Colorado is known for glorious sunshine, but conditions can change quickly, and the elements can be extremely unforgiving. Don't forget to wear sunscreen on sunny days and bundle up on those cold & windy days. When you are on the slopes, it's important to have a coat, snow pants, hat, gloves, and goggles. Thermals are great base layers and will keep you warm. Steamboat is a casual, laid-back community and there is no dress code, even in our fine dining establishments. When you're not on the mountain, wear something comfortable and remember to bring appropriate footwear! Snow boots or tennis shoes are great for the slick sidewalks and high heels can be very difficult in winter conditions.

6. Consider renting ski or snowboard equipment to reduce over packing and avoid extra airline baggage fees and have fun!

Steamboat Ski & Sport is located lobby level of the hotel and offers the newest high-end performance ski equipment. Our snowboard shop is located a short walk away in Gondola Square, also offering quality equipment rentals. In-room fittings are available for no additional cost.

7. Pre-purchase lift tickets, spend more time skiing and less time waiting in line and have fun!

Ask one of our reservation specialists if there are any lodging and lift ticket packages available. If you purchase lift tickets in advance, you can receive them by mail or have them ready to be picked up slope side.

8. Make the most out of your vacation; take lessons from a highly qualified ski or snowboard school instructor and have fun!

Our resort is almost 3,000 acres of skiable terrain, and poses many risks and dangers for all skill levels. Let an instructor show you around the mountain and offer you some good "powder" tips. Book early, since holiday time frames can fill up fast!



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9. Let Steamboat's specially trained Child Care staff watch your child while you ski and have fun!

Steamboat's Child Care staff is trained to care for non-skiing children, ages 6 months to kindergarten. All staff is background checked and has specific experience and certifications including CPR and first aid, child care experience and/or education. These spots must be pre-booked and space is limited.

10. While adjusting to the higher altitude, drink plenty of water and let your body acclimate and have fun!

In Steamboat, we live at almost 7,000 feet and the summit of the ski area is at 10,000 feet. It is extremely important to stay hydrated, get plenty of rest and try not to do too much in the beginning. Physical activities will be more challenging and may make you feel tired and "out of breath" more than expected. Take care of yourself so that you can enjoy your vacation to the fullest!