

Luxury at 10,000 Feet

For skiers visiting Vail, Colorado, dining at the Game Creek Club is an experience like no other. The restaurant is situated in the mountain's Game Creek Bowl, and while it's open for lunch only to members, dinner reservations are open to the public. Once you arrive, the culinary team will take you on a fine dining journey, but getting there is an adventure all its own.

Begin the evening by taking the Eagle Bahn Gondola up to the Eagle's Nest Lodge – be sure to look back to see the village lights glittering as evening falls. At the lodge, you'll be greeted with a snowcat ready to whisk you away to the European-style chalet nestled into the mountainside.

Get there a bit early for your reservation to enjoy a pre-dinner cocktail on the deck overlooking the trails — try to time it to arrive as the sun is setting for a magical view!

The club offers an extensive wine list and a choice of a three- or four-course prix fixe menu featuring modern American cuisine with fresh, seasonal ingredients. Those looking for a truly luxurious experience can opt for the Chef's Table menu. Start with the lobster soup with pumpkin, vanilla, and sage, followed by the Beef Duo or locally sourced Colorado Lamb.

After the meal, there's one last surprise - the restaurant sends you home with sweet treats to enjoy on the ride back down to town!

For those looking for a one-of-a-kind culinary experience in Vail, the Game Creek Club is a must.

*Note, the restaurant is closed for the '21/'22 season due to COVID.

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