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OUR ANNUAL GUIDE TO THE BEST NEW RESTAURANTS (& WINE & DESSERTS & CRAZY-GOOD PORK SANDWICHES...) IN AMERICA

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**M**  **The Spontaneous Weekend**  
**> Whistler, British Columbia**

With its Euro vibe and burgeoning restaurant-and-bar scene, the site of next month's Winter Olympics is proof that there's more to North America's biggest ski town than, well, the skiing



1. Whistler Village.
2. The Peak 2 Peak Gondola between Whistler and Blackcomb.
3. The towering bacon cheeseburger at Spitz Grill.
4. Scandinave Spa—the best place to recover.
5. What awaits you at Dusty's after a day of skiing.

The reason the Olympics are in Whistler? It's the largest ski resort in North America. The reason even nonskiers come here? The nature—in the fall, black bears roam the streets and the scent of fir trees stays in your nostrils for weeks—and the eats. Located between the foodie mecca of Vancouver and the winery-rich Okanagan Valley, Whistler's in the perfect spot to take in the best of British Columbia. Here's where to head, whether you own ski boots or not.



**Stay**  
 Whistler Village is essentially one big plaza that's ripe for Euro-style people-watching. If you want to stay close to the action, check in to the forty-one-room **Adara Hotel** ([www.adarahotel.com](http://www.adarahotel.com)), stocked with modern furniture by Niels Bendtsen. For something earthier, try the **Nita Lake Lodge** ([www.nitalakelodge.com](http://www.nitalakelodge.com)), a giant stone-and-beam hotel on the shores of an alpine lake.

**Eat**  
 Let's face it, the food at most ski resorts is an overpriced version of cafeteria grub. But in Whistler

