**Heavenly**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Families

Non-skiers

Après ski

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

20

**Intermediate Runs**

43

**Advanced Runs**

34

**Total Runs**

97

**Lifts**

29

**Chairs**

18

**Drags**

9

**Gondola Cable Cars**

2

**Parks**

3

**Pipes**

1

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

9m (30ft).

**Overview**

The slopes at Heavenly ski resort, one of the largest ski areas in North America, provide spectacular views of Lake Tahoe as well as skiing in two states, with the resort straddling the border between California and Nevada.

The resort has seen millions of dollars of investment since the turn of the century that’s helped to transform it into a world class skiing destination, with both on-mountain facilities and the resort base having been upgraded. Lift access to the slopes has also improved with a gondola whisking people right from the Lakeside to the heart of the slopes, where once your only option was to drive up to the base of the runs.

The resort centre itself is a vibrant community on the south shore of the Lake with all the shopping, dining and accommodation options you would expect. Heavenly has managed to successfully blend Californian excess with Nevadas’s gambling culture – evident from the massive casinos towering up within inches of the state line.

It’s a heady mixture of sunshine, snow, stunning scenery, adrenaline fuelled fun and 24 hour nightlife that’s unique to the winter sports world, and a blend which most visitors find a lot of fun.

**Location**

Heavenly is located at the southern end of Lake Tahoe, on the west coast of the USA. It is due east of San Francisco..

**Website**

http://www.skiheavenly.com

**Piste Map**

http://www.skiheavenly.com/the-mountain/trail-map.aspx

**Hit The Slopes**

A modern gondola from the Californian lakeside resort whisks skiers and boarders high up to snowsure terrain, which is suitable for all ability levels, including plenty of blue runs for accomplished beginners and intermediates.

In fact, with the exceptions of Mott and Killibrew Canyons, the whole of the ski area here is open to intermediate skiers and boarders. And, for those who need yet more choice, a special ticket is available for non-US residents that allows for skiing at seven of the largest resorts around Lake Tahoe.

Beginners, meanwhile, can enjoy terrain ideally suited to their needs that is easy to access with nursery areas at the base of the slopes. Here, there’s special tuition programmes designed to accelerate learning and to increase novice skiers’ chances of getting hooked on snow sports.

Experts have around a third of the ski area’s total runs to hone their skills, with a wide selection of twisting, steep trails; including the infamous Gunbarrel run in Mott and Killebrew Canyons on the Nevada side of the border.

Freestylers will enjoy the resort’s terrain parks, with the High Roller Park in particular suited to experts with its boxes, rails and jumps.

The season in Heavenly runs from late-November (snow permitting) to mid-April. Snowmaking facilities are operational when the conditions are poor.

**Heavenly**

**Resort**

1993

**Base**

1993

**Top**

3068

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

There's a vast choice of activities at the base of Heavenly’s ski area and in the wider South Lake Tahoe area. Heavenly Village, at the base of the gondola, has an ice rink and cinema. Ballooning, casinos (on the Nevada side of the border), cabaret shows, horse riding, paragliding, waterskiing and paddle steamer rides on the lake are also popular activities in the area.

Back on the snow, take control of a pack of huskies on a dog sled tour, enjoy the scenery on a sleigh ride, or speed through the powder on a snowmobiling excursion.

**Family Fun**

South Lake Tahoe has many family-friendly attractions, including cinemas, bowling alleys, ice skating rinks and swimming pools.

Heavenly has an excellent nursery for children aged from two months – reservations are essential. From age three, the Heavenly Kids Centre teaches children to ski and there's an indoor skill development play area for four- and five-year-old beginners.

On the slopes, kids can learn at one of the resort’s various ski centres (tel: +1 800 432 8365). Young snowboarders can try the terrain park at Adventure Peak with its great facilities geared to small children.

**Retail Therapy**

There are hundreds of shops to choose from around South Lake Tahoe, including several small shopping centres housing many national and international chain stores.

There is an abundance of sports shops in Heavenly, with a dozen at the base of the gondola alone – including outlets for many well-known brands such as The North Face, Quiksilver and Patagonia.

**Splashing Out**

Cross Lake Tahoe on a genuine Mississippi paddle steamer with Lake Tahoe Cruises (tel: +1 775 589 4906; [www.zephyrcove.com](http://www.zephyrcove.com/)). Options include the Captain’s Dinner Dance, which involves a four-course dinner, cocktails and music aboard the M.S. Dixie II.

**Apres Ski**

There are more than 150 nightspots for lively après-ski in Heavenly, spread along the south shore of Lake Tahoe, with the highest concentration located near the main gondola base.

The strip of casinos, which starts just a few inches into Nevada, is a centre for 24-hour partying with lively bars, cabaret shows and dancing; as well as the vast halls of gambling machines that tend to subsidise low prices for food and drink. One of the biggest is Harveys (tel: +1 775 588 6611; [www.harveystahoe.com](http://www.harveystahoe.com/)).

For a real American sporting experience, head to Turn 3 (tel: +1 530 542 3199; [www.turn-3.com](http://www.turn-3.com/)), a NASCAR-themed bar with a range of beers and pool tables.

**Eating Out**

There's a huge choice of restaurants in Heavenly, encompassing more than 160 places.

Nepheles Restaurant (1169 Ski Run Boulevard; tel: (530) 544 8130;[www.nepheles.com](http://www.nepheles.com/)) has been serving creative Californian cuisine since 1977 and is considered a locals' favourite. It specialises in fresh fish, game and seasonal specialities. At the top end, Evan’s American Gourmet Café (536 Emerald Bay Road; tel: 530 542 1990;[www.evanstahoe.com](http://www.evanstahoe.com/)) offers some of Lake Tahoe's finest gourmet dining set within a traditional cabin.

Of the many pizza restaurant choices, Base Camp Pizza Co (tel: +1 530 544 2273; [www.basecamppizzaco.com](http://www.basecamppizzaco.com)) is considered one of the best, serving large, rustic pizzas and hosting live music events each evening.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airports: Reno-Tahoe International Airport (RNO); Sacramento International Airport (SMF); San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

Distances to resort: 90km (56 miles); 187km (116 miles); 322km (200 miles).

Driving times: 1 hour 15 minutes; 2 hours 15 minutes; 4 hours.

**Getting Around**

Heavenly’s shuttle system covers five different routes, with buses stopping at most major lodging properties and a number of base facilities. These include the California Base Lodge, the base of the gondola in the new village, and Stagecoach and Boulder Lodges in Nevada. The shuttles typically circulate every 20 to 30 minutes.

**Hotels**

Accommodation in Heavenly and South Lake Tahoe is spread along the lakeside area and is varied and abundant, from budget motels to massive luxury casino hotels across the Nevada border. There is also a selection of catered chalets and apartments closer to the slopes.

**Marriott Grand Residence Club**

Providing luxurious lodging next to the gondola, Marriott Grand Residence Club features a health club, spa and parking.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

XXX

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

XXX

**Telephone**

+1 800 845 5279.

**Website**

http://www.grandresidenceclub.com

**Stardust Lodge**

This popular motel is located just across the road from the main gondola lifts. Amenities in the 86 chalet-styled rooms include Wi-Fi, televisions (with DVDs) and even complimentary daily donuts.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

XXX

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

XXX

**Telephone**

+1 800 262 5077.

**Website**

http://www.stardust-tahoe.com/

**Paradice Motel**

Whether the spelling of this small and friendly motel’s name is deliberate or a mistake is not known, but with clean rooms, attentive staff and a convenient location, the Paradice Motel is a good choice for accommodation.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

XXX

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

XXX

**Telephone**

+1 530 544 6800.

**Website**

http://paradicemoteltahoe.com/

**The Landing**

The Landing is a 5-star lakeside property five minutes’ drive from the main gondola lift. The hotel boasts a great spa, well-equipped rooms with marble bathrooms and a glass of champagne on arrival.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

4104 Lakeshore Boulevard

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Heavenly

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

CA

**Postcode**

CA 96150

**Country**

XXX

**Telephone**

+1 855 700 5263.

**Website**

http://thelandingtahoe.com/

**Tahoe Lakeshore Lodge & Spa**

The only all-lakefront property on South Shore, Tahoe Lakeshore Lodge & Spa boasts beautiful lake views from every room, and offers a free shuttle service to the ski slopes and casinos.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

XXX

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

XXX

**Telephone**

+1 530 541 2180.

**Website**

http://www.tahoelakeshorelodge.com

**Mont Bleu**

This 437-room hotel has a large spa, casino and nightclub and hosts cabaret shows, live music and dancing. It also has a range of affordable restaurants.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

XXX

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

XXX

**Telephone**

+1 775 588 3515.

**Website**

http://www.montbleuresort.com