

VACATION IDEAS

Planning To Ski: One Click Leads To Rentals, Expert Advice

(NAPSA)—This ski season, you won't have to wander through the back country of the Internet to find an available house or condominium to rent. Travel Web sites are now consolidating rentals at the country's top ski resorts and making it a breeze to plan a getaway.

"The problem with planning a ski vacation is the headache of finding a rental, especially during peak season at a resort like Vail," said Patrick Riley of San Francisco. "It's tedious scrolling through one Web site after another to hunt down a condo. Being able to search in one place sounds like a dream...being able to talk to a customer service rep that knows the mountain is the cherry on the sundae."

Traditionally, finding ski accommodations for families or groups has required combing through the classifieds or individual Web sites of property managers. Now, you can type in one URL, Overstock.com, to find available rentals at the top ski resorts in Colorado, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, California, Nevada, Idaho and Canada. Expert travel advisors who are trained and certified for each mountain resort are



available to answer questions and help in planning your trip, including airfare and car rental.

"The nature of our business is connecting a fragmented supply and demand," said Patrick Byrne, president of Overstock.com. "Mountain rentals fit that model perfectly. We're helping connect homeowners to vacationers across the country and in the process, providing customer service that's tough to beat."

So, before heading for the hills this winter, check out the one-stop travel Web sites that help you spend more time on the slopes and less time trying to get there.