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Amtrak Winter Park Express to Offer Snacks, Beverages and A Bigger View to and from North America's "Best Resort"

Service between Denver & Winter Park on the first two Fridays each month, plus weekends, Jan. 4 through March 31;

Adult fares start at \$29 each way and seats still available for every train

WINTER PARK, Colo. – New this year, Amtrak *Winter Park Express* trains will have <u>snacks</u> and <u>beverages</u> available to all passengers on-board, using an Amtrak bi-level <u>Superliner®</u> <u>Sightseer Lounge Car</u> with windows that start at the floor level and wrap into the ceiling of the railcar.

This on-board service improvement is in response to customers who have asked for coffee and other items on the trip up to Winter Park each morning, with snacks and other beverages on the evening return trip. As in the case of all Amtrak services, the lounge car will be the social hub for the train, with open seating on both levels to view the trip through the Rockies to and from a ski resort named "Best in North America" in a USA Today poll.

Tickets for the passenger train service from Denver Union Station to the slopes of Winter Park Resort are on sale at Amtrak.com/WinterParkExpress. The 2019 season features a continuation of fares starting at \$29 each way and three additional Friday round-trips, beginning Friday, Jan. 4.

The train will run each Saturday and Sunday through March 31. The service also includes round-trips on the first two Fridays of each month, Jan. 4 and 11, Feb. 1 and 8, and March 1 and 8. The public can choose from 33 round-trips, an increase from 2018. The reliable, comfortable and scenic ride uses RTD, BNSF Railway and Union Pacific tracks and passes through the historic Moffat Tunnel, avoiding frustrating stop-and-go ski traffic on I-70 and U.S. 40.

Children ages 2-12 ride for half-fare with each ticketed adult. Amtrak and Winter Park Resort have also made it easy to book group travel by calling 800-USA-1GRP for a train/ski package – including lodging – crafted by representatives of the resort and Amtrak.

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The Amtrak *Winter Park Express* trains will again depart <u>Denver Union Station</u> at 7:00 a.m. and arrive at the resort at approximately 9:00 a.m., leaving Winter Park at 4:30 p.m.to return to Denver at 6:40 p.m. All times Mountain. The station is served by the Denver's <u>Regional Transportation District's</u> commuter trains to Denver International Airport, light rail, local or intercity buses, ride-sharing services and taxis.

This expanded *Winter Park Express* service is just one of many improvements at Winter Park Resort for the 2018-19 season, with more than \$30 million in capital investments that include a new 10-person gondola, upgraded snowmaking, new base-area plaza and much more. Questions about the resort and its many features can be answered directly by Winter Park Resort by calling 888-923-7275. Ikon or Winter Park passes are also available from the resort.

Since 2017, nearly 30,000 customers have enjoyed the service partnership between Amtrak and the resort.

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About Winter Park Resort

Located just 67 miles from Denver, Winter Park Resort is Colorado's longest continually-operated ski resort, with more than 3,000 acres of world-class terrain spread out over seven unique territories that is now accessible via train thanks to *Winter Park Express* train service from Denver. Nestled along the Continental Divide, Winter Park boasts over 325" of annual snowfall, setting up perfect conditions for exploring miles of cruising groomers, six terrain parks, bumps, steeps, trees, and most definitely deeps. Winter Park is also the proud home to the renowned National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD). For more information, please visit www.winterparkresort.com. For information on *Winter Park Express* sponsorship opportunities, contact Ryan Blanchard, Alterra Director of Brand Partnerships at 303-749-8299, RBlanchard@AlterraMtnCo.com.

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