WHAT’S NEW IN WHISTLER

ON MOUNTAIN

YEAR ROUND UMBRELLA BAR OPEN ON WHISTLER MOUNTAIN
The Umbrella Bar provides the ultimate on-mountain viewing experience and is located in the front of the Roundhouse Lodge. Guests can enjoy a drink and the view under a giant umbrella that can be lowered on sunny summer days or in the winter when glass panels and heaters protect one from the elements. In the summer of 2018, an extended wooden deck, capable of hosting large functions was completed.

www.whistlerblackcomb.com

CLOUDRAKER SKYBRIDGE & RAVEN’S EYE VIEWING PLATFORM
The Cloudraker Skybridge spans 130m/426.5ft from Whistler Peak to West Ridge, crossing high above Whistler Bowl to the Raven’s Eye Viewing Platform. This multi-tiered viewing platform offers guests a unique and thrilling new way to experience this iconic spot with 360° views of the Coast Mountains. The cantilevered walkway extends 12.5m/40.7ft out from the West Ridge and an exhilarating 50m/164ft above Whistler Bowl. Closed in winter. www.whistlerblackcomb.com

HOTEL

FAIRMONT CHATEAU WHISTLER – SUITE RENOVATION
After completing a 5-year, $25 million hotel renovation that included the creation of eleven Alpine Suites, a Portobello Deli redesign, 150 bathroom facelifts, room enhancements and pool complex and meeting space renovation, Fairmont Chateau Whistler decided to keep going. Recently completing another $4.3 million investment into guest rooms, including a significant renovation to all 44 non-Fairmont Gold Suites dramatically enhancing every suite with modern spa bathrooms with soaker tub, built in wet bar, fireplace installation, and updated modern alpine décor. www.fairmont.com/whistler

BLACKCOMB SPRINGS SUITE RENOVATIONS
This December, all 186 guests at Blackcomb Springs Suites, a ski–in-ski-out hotel on Blackcomb Mountain that offers complimentary continental breakfast, enjoyed newly renovated suite-style guestrooms that bring the outdoors in while exuding the warmth and comfort of a mountain escape.

www.blackcombspringssuites.com

WESTIN RESORT & SPA, WHISTLER RENOVATIONS
An exciting multi-million dollar refresh of The Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler lets guests experience a modernized mountain retreat with the same personalized service guests expect from Westin. From brand new kitchen appliances to intelligently appointed furnishings, the rejuvenated guest suites provide a welcoming atmosphere. Warm up around the cozy fireplace after a day on the mountain, or unwind in the Heavenly® soaker tub. www.westinwhistler.com

*NEW* FAIRMONT CHATEAU WHISTLER’S BARREL SAUNAS
Fairmont Chateau Whistler welcomed “the twins”, two outdoor barrel saunas on the pool deck, alongside a wood-burning cauldron with Adirondack chairs. The perfect place to après after a day on the slopes or a dip in the two outdoor pools and three hot tubs. www.fairmont.com/whistler

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ACTIVITIES, ATTRACTIONS & MORE

FOREST BATHING BY CANADIAN WILDERNESS ADVENTURES
Forest Bathing Therapy is a powerful preventative and healing medicine. By “taking in the forest atmosphere” we can boost the immune system, reduce blood pressure and stress while increasing happiness, energy, focus, intuition and improve sleep. Join the Canadian Wilderness Adventures team on a guided journey into Whistler’s own majestic old growth Medicine Trail.
www.canadianwildernessadventures.com

SUMMER FOREST WALKS – SQUAMISH LIL’WAT CULTURAL CENTRE
Starting mid-June on Wednesdays at 3pm, guests will learn from Cultural Ambassadors about local flora and fauna found along the SLCC’s interpretive forest walk, the Salish Stroll. This tour will be offered in place of the regular hourly guided tour and is included in the museum admission fee. www.slcc.ca

VALLEA LUMINA TRANSFORMS WHISTLER INTO A MULTIMEDIA WONDERLAND
The Adventure Group and Moment Factory partnered on a multimedia 1.5 km night walk to bring Cougar Mountain’s old-growth forest to life. Inspired by Whistler’s natural beauty Vallea Lumina speaks to audiences of all ages using emotive lights, videos, soundscape and scenography. Transporting guests to another world, there are plenty of opportunities to touch, play, explore and engage with the environment. www.vallealumina.com

SPEARHEAD TRAVERSE HUTS PROJECT
Three backcountry skiing/summer mountain huts are being constructed along the popular Spearhead Traverse, a 35-kilometre horseshoe-shaped route of stunning Coast Mountain terrain that crosses 13 glaciers over 2,000 metres (6,562 feet) between Whistler and Blackcomb. When complete, the Spearhead Huts will offer a world-class, West Coast hut-to-hut experience, comparable to those in Europe or elsewhere. The first hut is expected to welcome guests this summer. www.spearheadhuts.org

WHISTLER SKY WALK & WHISTLER PEAK CHALLENGE-MOUNTAIN SKILLS ACADEMY
Whistler Sky Walk is a 2-hour interpretive guided mountaintop hike along the edge of Whistler Mountain looking over the valley and mountains between Whistler and Blackcomb. Guests clip into a cable to safely cross small suspended bridges and features. The new Whistler Peak Challenge is an exciting half day guided alpine adventure to the Peak of Whistler Mountain and includes hiking, some scrambling, and learning some basic mountaineering techniques. www.mountainskillsacademy.com

HEAD-LINE MOUNTAIN HOLIDAYS INTRODUCES SNOWBUGGIES
Head-Line Mountain Holidays welcomes a new experience to their growing list of luxury wilderness offerings. Inspired by imagination and a desire to discover more of this vast frozen wilderness, guests can now explore the Ice Cap by SnowBuggy. The SnowBuggy is a modified ATV with snow tracks instead of wheels allowing for four-season Ice Cap exploration and is a value added component to the Heli Ice Cave Explore and Blue Room experiences. www.headlinemountainholidays.com

MONTIS DISTILLING WILL BE WHISTLER’S FIRST LOCAL SPIRIT PRODUCER
Kwang Chen is teaming up with his wife, Bryanna, to launch the very first distillery based in Whistler. Montis Distilling (“montis” is Latin for “mountain”) will use 100-per-cent BC grain for its roster of spirits, as well as a “wide variety” of botanicals that will be foraged from the Whistler area. To start with, Montis will offer locally produced vodka and gin www.montisdistilling.com

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