

**Whistler** Some folks view it as just a winter destination—it is, after all, one of the sites of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games—but the sun-kissed mountain village is bursting with activities all year long.

## 1 SWEET CHAMPAGNE

Ask the sommelier if you can sabre your champagne at the **Bearfoot Bistro** (page 123). Yes, they really do hand you a sword and let you chop off the top of your champagne bottle. Then you sign the topless bottle and leave it at the restaurant, where it remains on display for months.



## 2 TAKE IT OUTSIDE

Forget about skiing and snowboarding—the hottest adventures at Whistler are Hummer and ATV tours, horseback riding and canoe trips, all from **Outdoor Adventures** (page 104).

## 3 HOT STUFF

Indulge in some lava-stone massage magic at **Artesia Spa** (page 51). Heated stones from the ocean complement the heavenly, Swedish-style massage. Aaaahh.



## 4 PATIO PLEASURES

While dining on the huge patio at **Araxi** (page 123), watch all the people strolling by, on their way to mountain biking or Ziptrekking or other outdoor excursions.



## 5 GET WELL SOON

Do you need a tune-up? **Whistler Wellness Week** (page 96), May 5 to 13, is geared to getting the mind, body and spirit into tip-top shape, with yoga sessions, nutritional meals, meditation, fitness workshops, a wellness fair and more. You may even find out the secret of that healthy West Coast glow. **W**



If you'd rather not do the two-hour drive to Whistler (risking delays along Highway 99), you can go by limo, bus, float plane, helicopter or train; check [www.tourismwhistler.com](http://www.tourismwhistler.com) for operators.