

# **REVIEW: The Gant in Aspen – A Wonderful Full Service Condo Resort**

Aspen is one of those fabled ski destinations that every snow aficionado yearns to visit at least once in their lifetime.

Home to legendary Ajax mountain (Aspen), along with Highlands, Buttermilk, and Snowmass, it's a historic town with both history and character by the spades. There's only a few luxurious accommodations that you can actually rent here (if you don't count the numerous multi-million dollar mansions scattered throughout the slope-sides). One of the only ones that ranks high on the luxury list, yet offers the amenities and laissez-faire attitude of a rental condominium unit – is the Gant.

A simple property located just on the edge of town, the Gant Aspen possesses three tiers of condos for rent. All three are plenty fine accommodations but if you want modern, definitely go for the Premier.



This is the Standard Tier Condo Finish



This is the Premier Finish Condo



The Premier unit bathrooms were plain gorgeous

Differences in materials aside, all of the units have real fireplaces, full kitchens, and all the amenities you would want in a ski-worthy condominium. That includes a washer/dryer in most units, a heated room for you ski gear, and great living room spaces to relax and spend some quality apres-ski time in.

The property also just underwent a \$5 million renovation in its common area building, which houses a full gym, a small restaurant and bar, and a lovely fireplace and sitting area for when you need to rest those sore legs from a day of hitting the slopes. In the summer a rooftop terrace houses another bar and hosts live events.



This is where you'll be unwinding with a cocktail at the Gant!



Need to unwind in the heated pool or sauna? They've got that too!

There's a few qualities which I especially loved about this property. One, the service was impeccable. Everyone who worked there knew you by name, things were delivered in a timely manner when requested, and of course there was the ever omnipresent Gant shuttles. You see, Aspen is a decent sized town, and sometimes when it's 5 degrees out you really don't want to walk too far. The Gant Shuttles run from morning until 11PM and they will pick you up from anywhere in town and will even take you to the airport. More surprisingly, I never had to wait more than five minutes at any point for a shuttle.

This was by far one of the most impressive features of the property.

Although this isn't a full service resort (no room service), it is certainly a full-service condominium property. Maid service was on par with what i've experienced at most five-star resorts, and I thoroughly enjoyed my stay and recommend

this as one of the top properties to stay at when visiting Aspen/Snowmass.

**RATING:**

Hard Product:

-Location (How close is this to top attractions in the surrounding area?)

10/10

-Cleanliness (Is the grout in the bathroom clean? How good is maid service here?)

9/10

-Upkeep (Is the hotel in need of a remodel, or is it being constantly kept up?)

9/10

-Public Spaces (How unique/inventive/useful are the public spaces?)

8/10

Soft Product:

-Service (How good is the service here?)

8/10

-Restaurants On-Site (Are the restaurants on site somewhere even the locals would go to?)

5/10

-Concierge (Specifically, how effective is the Concierge at helping you with a new locale?)

9/10

**TOTAL: 58/70**

(35/70 is average)

**PROS:**

- Incredibly polite and efficient service
- Maid service was impeccable
- Units were in great shape

**CONS:**

- Although not a truly full service hotel, it would've been nice to have had a full service restaurant on site

**SECRETS:**

- Be sure to opt for an upgraded suite if you want something more modern