

Rocky Mountain Revelry

Scaling the peaks and valleys around Aspen in Jaguar's F-PACE



Never before have the words *Let's go off-road* and *Jaguar* been uttered together—but that's exactly what we do in Jaguar's new F-PACE, the celebrated British brand's first SUV. More than 8,000 feet up, in Colorado's gorgeous Crystal River Valley, just west of Aspen, we select the F-PACE's standard All Surface Progress Control, set a 5-mph speed, and let the all-wheel-drive beast crawl up a steep, rocky trail into a grassy

The F-PACE hugs the curves on Colorado's State Highway 133

Alpine meadow. All that's needed from us is steering input.

The 380-horsepower F-PACE S lives up to its athletic appearance, automatically adjusting throttle and brake inputs to maximize traction off-road. It's not the kind of adventure you imagine having in a Jaguar, but it's possible now. And when we find the pavement again, the F-PACE stands up to the competition. On sinuous Highway 133, along the trout-rich Crystal River, the

S sprints up to 60 mph in just over five seconds, devouring the sweeping curves and hairpins and demonstrating admirable poise for a 4,000-pound SUV.

Jaguar calls the F-PACE its "most practical sports car," and power is plentiful, courtesy of the S model's supercharged V-6. But make no mistake—this is an SUV with space for five that's capable of fashionably hauling family, friends, or furniture in swift comfort.

The Essentials

THE CAR

Jaguar F-PACE S, \$56,700

THE HOTEL

- The aesthetic of the Jean-Michel Gathy-designed Viceroy Snowmass distinguishes itself from the ski-lodge chic found in many Aspen-area properties. A European flavor—sleek furniture and luxurious amenities like soaking tubs and full galley kitchens in tastefully appointed

suites—makes this stylish ski-in, ski-out resort an inviting retreat in winter or summer. viceroyhotelsandresorts.com

THE RESTAURANT

- Ricard, in the village of Snowmass, is a stone's throw from the hotel and is part of the Viceroy Hotel Group. Captained by the group's star chef, Will Nolan, the Southern table-style bistro dishes up favorites like crawfish

étouffée and cheddar biscuits with jalapeño butter. viceroyhotelsandresorts.com

THE ACTIVITY KEY

- Whether you're going swimming, surfing, or skydiving, key fobs are inconvenient. Jaguar has a solution: Leave your key fob in the F-PACE and strap on the robust, waterproof Activity Key wristband to lock and unlock the vehicle. jaguarusa.com

