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# Blazing a trail in JACKSON HOLE

The snow-time center of gravity is Teton Village, where first-rate lodging and a smattering of restaurants and bars reside at the base of the two-mountain, 116-trail Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, just 30 minutes from the airport (serviced by direct flights from major U.S. cities) and 20 minutes from the rustic-chic downtown.

## HOTELS

**Amangani** The minimalist design and hidden location with views of the Snake River Range make the 29-suite property the choice for those seeking luxe privacy. Free shuttles run to Teton Village. Rooms start at \$800; 1535 NE Butte Rd., Jackson; 877-734-7333; amangani.com.

**Fireside Resort** Glampers need not look farther than the insanely well-appointed cabins nestled under the Teton. Cabins start at \$225; 2780 N. Moose Wilson Rd., Wilson; 877-660-1177; firesidejacksonhole.com.

**Four Seasons Resort and Residences Jackson Hole** Ski in, ski out and expect the brand's usual top-notch accoutrements, including the year-old Michael White restaurant, The Handle Bar. Rooms start at \$300; 7680 Granite Loop Rd., Teton Village; 307-732-5000; fourseasons.com.

**Hotel Terra Jackson Hole** A slopeside location with an urban feel, the newcomer adds ecofriendliness (it's LEED-certified) where it departs from the traditional mountain town paradigm. Rooms start at \$200; 3335 W. Village Dr., Teton Village; 800-631-6281; hotelterrajacksonhole.com.

**Snake River Lodge & Spa** Pine and fir beams frame the 138-room resort, which overhauled its standard rooms this summer, bringing them closer to the epic penthouse suites. Rooms start at \$260; 7710 Granite Loop Rd., Teton Village; 855-342-4712; snakeriverlodge.com.

## FOOD/DRINKS

**Couloir Restaurant & Bar** American classics served at 9,095 feet. Break up the day with braised bison sliders (right) or trade ski boots for dress shoes at

the in-kitchen Chef's Table, where Wes Hamilton creates one-of-a-kind dinner experiences. At the summit of the Bridger gondola; jacksonhole.com.

**Local** Located on the town square, it's the new steakhouse standard. At 55 N. Cache St., Jackson; 307-201-1717; localjh.com.

**Million Dollar Cowboy Bar** Nowhere else on earth do stilettos and cowboy boots mingle together so successfully. At 25 N. Cache St., Jackson; 307-733-2207; milliondollarcowboybar.com.

**Rendezvous Bistro** It's hard to go wrong with a Gavin Fine restaurant (Bin22, Q Roadhouse, Il Villaggio Osteria), and Rendezvous is a local favorite for its excellent raw bar. At 7710 Granite Loop Rd., Teton Village; 307-739-1100; rendezvousbistro.com.

**Snake River Grill** Worry more about nabbing the top table (by the fireplace) than the food; you can't misorder in what may be Jackson's most classic American restaurant. At 7710 Granite Loop Rd., Teton Village; 307-733-0557; snakerivergrill.com.

**Teton Thai** Thanks to the expert Thailand transplants manning the kitchen and the authentic ingredients hand-delivered from L.A., the best

Thai food stateside can be found blocks from a ski resort. At 7342 Granite Loop Rd., Teton Village; 307-733-0022; tetonthaivillage.com.

**The Mangy Moose Restaurant & Saloon** Beers, bar food and live music draw rowdy crowds to the classic ski-in stop-off right at the base of the mountain. At 3295 Village Dr., Teton Village; 307-733-4913; mangymoos.com.

**The Rose** Tucked upstairs at the Pink Garter Theatre sits everything you'd want out of a speakeasy: exacting mixologists whipping up magical concoctions to an in-the-know crowd. At 50 W. Broadway, Jackson; 307-733-1500; therosejh.com.

## GUIDES

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort allows unprecedented access to thousands of acres of backcountry skiing. Enlist a guide—the best in the U.S., trust me—to find secret runs and superb untracked powder. 307-739-2779; jacksonhole.com.

## OFF-MOUNTAIN

**Granite Hot Springs** Snowmobile ten miles through the Gros Ventre Mountains south of Jackson to the only hot springs in the area. Snowmobile tours start at \$225 a person; 800-647-2561; hcsnowmobile.com.

**The National Elk Refuge** Hire a horse-drawn sleigh to sidle up alongside the 11,000 elk who call the preserve home from December through March. Sleigh rides start at \$20 a person; 307-733-9212; bart5.com.

## GET CONNECTED

**JH Tapped App** Check out the trail map and snow reports before you arrive. Track your skiing when you get there. Learn which lifts are open, when events are happening and discover on-mountain and in-village dining. Available on iTunes.

**TravelStorystGPS** Connect smartphone to car stereo and set off on a guided tour of Jackson. GPS hot spots trigger prerecorded cultural and natural histories and soak in the scenery. travelstorystgps.com. —A.S.



Tim Tetley, a third-generation shoe shiner, wandered into the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar three years ago, noticed the chairs-turned-decorations and took up shop. He'll shine any type of shoe for \$10.

