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# Yellowstone & Tetons

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Important Facts  
*at a glance*

**6 DAYS, 5 NIGHTS**

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#### ROUTE RATING

Levels 1–4

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Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks showcase some of the country's most awe-inspiring, spirit-lifting natural wonders. Nature's relentless power is displayed in the gash of a canyon, the serrated skyline of mountain peaks, and earth that bubbles, boils and fumes. Softening these edges are rivers, mountain lakes and cool forests teeming with wildlife. On our family multisport adventure, admire this grandeur from many perspectives. Discover Yellowstone, America's first national park, as you pedal past steaming hot springs en route to Old Faithful. Hike the rim of the dramatic Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and kayak Yellowstone Lake, scanning for moose or bald eagles. Then head south to view spectacular Grand Teton, the tallest of 20 immense granite peaks towering high above the valley floor. As you bike and hike to pristine lakes and past mountain bluebells, the mighty Teton Range appears different from every angle. And finally, end your journey with a splash during a morning of white-water rafting.

#### DAY 1

Meet your Backroads Trip Leaders (the folks wearing Backroads T-shirts) **either at 7 a.m.** in the lobby of the Wyoming Inn (930 West Broadway, Jackson, Wyoming) **or at 10:30 a.m.** at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort (315 Yellowstone Avenue, West Yellowstone, Montana). **Please arrive dressed in your biking clothes and with a daypack containing your rain gear, sunglasses, camera, etc.** See "Arriving & Departing" for additional logistics information.

**SHUTTLE TO YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK** 4 HOURS (FROM JACKSON) OR 30 MINUTES (FROM WEST YELLOWSTONE)

**OLD FAITHFUL BIKING ROUTE** 17 MILES (550-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

**KIDS OPTION:** 10 MILES WITH SHUTTLE (300-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

After meeting, we shuttle to the Madison Junction picnic area in Yellowstone National Park. Fuel up on a gourmet picnic lunch before your Trip Leaders fit your bike and give a brief demonstration of biking techniques. Then enjoy a leisurely spin into the heart of Yellowstone National Park to observe its famous geothermal activity. Ride along the Firehole River, warmed by hot springs near its banks and below its surface. You'll encounter a two-mile ascent—the toughest climb of the trip!—before pedaling past 40-foot Firehole Falls and Firehole Cascades. Meanwhile, kids take the hill the easy way—in the van. Adults and kids meet up for the relatively level ride toward Lower Geyser Basin, stopping along the way to visit Yellowstone's trademark thermal features. We continue biking toward Upper Geyser Basin, home to more than 20 percent of the world's geysers, including the granddaddy of them all, Old Faithful. The interval between its spectacular eruptions averages about 91 minutes, lengthened over the years in part due to earthquakes. Each performance lasts 90 seconds to 5 minutes and shoots 3,700 to 8,400 gallons of boiling water into the air.

After settling into the western-style Old Faithful Snow Lodge, we gather on the upstairs deck of nearby historic Old Faithful Inn for a pre-dinner reception and, if we're lucky, another spectacular show by Old Faithful! *Lodging: Old Faithful Snow Lodge*



Our Accommodations  
Casual Inns

With 2 Premiere Inn nights  
at Snake River Lodge & Spa

#### OLD FAITHFUL

##### SNOW LODGE

(1 night) A great example of classic "parkitecture," the lodge features rustic wildlife-themed décor, two restaurants and a superb location near Old Faithful.

Yellowstone National Park  
phone: 307-344-7901  
www.travelyellowstone.com

#### LAKE YELLOWSTONE HOTEL

(1 night) On the National Register of Historic Places, the hotel, completed in 1891, sits on the lake's shore; musicians perform nightly in the lobby.

Yellowstone National Park  
phone: 307-344-7901  
www.travelyellowstone.com

#### JACKSON LAKE LODGE

(1 night) Situated in the heart of Grand Teton National Park on a bluff overlooking Jackson Lake, the lodge's upper lobby features 60-foot picture windows for beautiful views of the Teton peaks.

Grand Teton National Park  
phone: 800-628-9988  
or 307-543-3100  
www.gtlic.com

#### SNAKE RIVER LODGE & SPA

(2 nights) After a full day in the great outdoors, this lodge pampers with an outdoor heated pool, 17,000-sq. ft., day spa, sauna, indoor and outdoor Jacuzzis and a gourmet restaurant.

Teton Village  
phone: 866-975-7625  
or 307-732-6000  
www.snakeriverlodge.com

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3 OUT OF 4 OF OUR  
GUESTS HAVE  
PREVIOUSLY  
TRAVELED WITH US OR  
BEEN REFERRED BY  
SOMEONE WHO HAS

## DAY 2

### SHUTTLE TO GRAND CANYON OF THE YELLOWSTONE 1 HOUR

**GRAND CANYON OF THE YELLOWSTONE HIKE 7.4 MILES WITH SHUTTLE (500-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)**

LONGER OPTION: INSPIRATION POINT 9.2 MILES WITH SHUTTLE (1,150-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

KIDS OPTION: CANYON RIM 3.9 MILES WITH SHUTTLE (500-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

### SHUTTLE TO LAKE YELLOWSTONE HOTEL 1 HOUR

After breakfast, we shuttle to one of the park's most dramatic features, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. More than 20 miles long, 1,200 feet deep and 4,000 feet wide, it was formed about 10,000 years ago—the result of volcanoes, glaciers and the Yellowstone River's persistent flow. Two thundering waterfalls and multicolored canyon walls make this area one of the most photographed in the park. Exploring the area on foot is the best way to feel its grandeur and diversity.

We set out on the Clear Lake Trail, passing through open meadows and stands of lodgepole pine, watching for bison that occasionally graze here. Shortly after passing Lily Pond Lake, the trail opens to reveal our first view of the immense canyon from the south rim. Steep, jagged walls of pink, orange and yellow hues cradle the surging Yellowstone River below. Continue to Artist Point to see impressive Lower Falls, the origin of this powerful flow of water. At this popular scenic stop, watch for ospreys, the fish-eating hawks that build nests atop rock pinnacles protected by the canyon walls. The rest of the hike alternates between quiet, secluded stretches and popular lookout points. Along the way, explore Uncle Tom's Trail, which drops 500 feet in a series of stairs and inclines for a magnificent view of Lower Falls. Two other optional out-and-back hikes reward with close-ups of Upper and Lower Falls on the north rim. The hike concludes with a dramatic look into the canyon's depths at aptly named Inspiration Point. Meanwhile, kids get a sweet treat at the general store while waiting for adults to finish.

Afterward, we shuttle to Lake Yellowstone Hotel, a Colonial-style inn restored to its 1920s ambience. Presidents Harding and Coolidge stayed at the hotel during visits to the park! Adults enjoy a meal in the grand dining room, while nearby Fishing Bridge Diner hosts the younger set. *Lodging: Lake Yellowstone Hotel*

## DAY 3

### SHUTTLE TO GRANT VILLAGE 30 MINUTES

### KAYAKING ON YELLOWSTONE LAKE 3-4 HOURS

### SHUTTLE TO JACKSON LAKE LODGE 1 HOUR

This morning we shuttle to our put-in spot at Yellowstone Lake, the largest lake in the park and a pristine setting for paddling in our sleek two-person kayaks. If you've never kayaked before, don't worry—our guides will provide expert advice before we set out. (Kids must be at least 6 years old to kayak.) During our glide across the water, we learn about the lake's history, including its recovery from the devastating fires of 1988. Covering 136 sq. mi., the lake is 20 miles long and 14 miles wide, the nation's largest alpine lake above 7,000 feet. We explore a small area known to experience geothermal activity, perfect to observe from our trusty kayaks. As we pass a shoreline flowing with steaming water, notice how the soil's mineral content has altered the color. Yellowstone Lake is also prime bird-watching territory, especially for white pelicans, waterfowl and even bald eagles. Midway through our paddle, we pull ashore to stretch our legs and relax over a picnic



### Top Reasons Why you should take this trip

We provide a variety of route options so you can do as much or as little activity as you like each day.

You don't have to sweat the details! Backroads takes care of everything—from making sure your luggage is waiting for you in your room to appearing with a cool drink or a lift when you need it the most—allowing you to enjoy a carefree vacation full of fun and relaxation.

Traveling with Backroads is about making connections: with places and people, history and culture, fellow travelers--perhaps you'll even discover something new about yourself!

Our Trip Leaders have undergone hundreds of hours of training and are the best in the industry.

**WHEN YOU SIGN UP  
FOR A TRIP, YOU'LL  
RECEIVE A  
COMPREHENSIVE  
TRAVEL PLANNER  
WITH ALL THE  
INFORMATION YOU  
NEED TO PLAN  
AND PREPARE**

lunch before kayaking back to the put-in point.

In the afternoon, we shuttle to neighboring Grand Teton National Park and our home for the night, Jackson Lake Lodge. In the lodge's upper lobby, 60-foot picture windows frame the Teton's jagged peaks—an image that is particularly breathtaking at dawn and dusk. Kids enjoy another evening to themselves with a poolside barbeque with a Backroads Trip Leader, while adults dine in the lodge's fantastic restaurant. *Lodging: Jackson Lake Lodge*

#### DAY 4

##### SHUTTLE TO JENNY LAKE 30 MINUTES

**JENNY LAKE TO SPRING GULCH BIKING ROUTE 31 MILES WITH SHUTTLE (300-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)**

SHORTER OPTION: GROS VENTRE 24 MILES WITH SHUTTLE (300-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

LONGER OPTION: TETON VILLAGE 42 MILES (500-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

KIDS OPTION: 15 MILES WITH SHUTTLE

This morning, we head into the heart of Grand Teton National Park. A national park since 1929, Grand Teton is a paradise of sawtooth mountains, peaceful meadows, shimmering lakes and thick forests. The Teton Range includes 12 mountains over 12,000 feet; the tallest is Grand Teton at 13,770 feet.

Surrounded by magical views of the Tetons, we ride along the valley floor of Jackson Hole through Gros Ventre (French for “big belly”) to Spring Gulch. Local guides join us as we pedal the level-to-rolling terrain skirting past the majestic Grand, Teewinot, and Middle and South Teton peaks. Observe striking geologic features such as Sleeping Indian Mountain and the Gros Ventre Slide, a scar on Sheep Mountain where 50 million cu. yd., of earth plummeted down the mountain in 1925. The debris created a 225-foot-high dam across the river, forming what is known as Lower Slide Lake. It held for nearly two years before part of it gave way, sending mud, rocks and water down the canyon and nearly wiping out the town of Kelly. More than eight decades later, the scar is still visible. While riding across this spectacular valley floor, also watch for bison, pronghorn and other wildlife.

After a great day of riding, adults have free time to stroll around the Wild West town of Jackson, while the Kid Coordinator has some fun activities planned for the younger crowd. Then it's a quick shuttle to our hotel for the next two nights, the luxurious Snake River Lodge & Spa, which offers plenty of amenities, from a swimming pool and hot tubs to a full-service spa. (Spa treatments are not included in the trip price and reservations are strongly recommended. Contact Snake River Lodge & Spa's concierge at 307-732-6002 for reservations. Please schedule appointments for after 4 p.m. on Day 4 or before 5 pm on Day 5.)

Enjoy dining on your own as a family tonight, choosing from a variety of great restaurants in either Teton Village or Jackson Hole. If you're in the mood for local color and live music, consider walking over to the famous Mangy Moose Saloon, just across the way from the lodge. *Lodging: Snake River Lodge & Spa*

#### DAY 5

##### FREE TIME IN GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK OR TETON VILLAGE

If you've been itching to venture off on your own, today's your chance. Enjoy Grand Teton National Park or Teton Village, choosing from a variety of activities that allow you to enjoy things at your own pace.



### Route Rating to map your activity level

Backroads' route rating system is the most comprehensive and accurate in the travel industry. To find out how these ratings translate into varying levels of physical challenge and activity, please visit our Web site [www.backroads.com](http://www.backroads.com) and select the route rating button for the trip of your choice.

#### LEVEL 1

10–20 miles/day (biking)  
2–5 miles/day (walking)  
2–3 hours/day

#### LEVEL 2

21–30 miles/day (biking)  
5–7 miles/day (walking)  
2–4 hours/day

#### LEVEL 3

31–40 miles/day (biking)  
7–9 miles/day (walking)  
3–5 hours/day

#### LEVEL 4

41–55+ miles/day (biking)  
9–11 miles/day (walking)  
4–6 hours/day

Liberal van shuttling is incorporated into the itinerary to facilitate our activities and mileage is kept moderate to enable you to spend more time exploring on your own

**ASK FOR REFERENCES  
FROM PAST GUESTS  
WHO HAVE TAKEN THE  
TRIP THAT INTERESTS  
YOU**

Hike into Grand Teton National Park via the Valley Trail, which starts just outside our hotel. Or shuttle into the park for a scenic boat ride across Jenny Lake to the mouth of Cascade Canyon. The hike is an out-and-back route, allowing you to go as far as you'd like. The trail climbs steeply to Inspiration Point for a wonderful view, and then continues gradually along Cascade Creek through a sea of mountain bluebells, dandelion, paintbrush and daisies. If you make it to Lake Solitude (situated at 9,000 feet), you'll want to take a break and savor the views of Mount Teewinot, Mount Owen and Grand Teton. (Please note that because of park regulations, no guided walks are allowed, so if you choose to hike you'll be hiking on your own today, without your Backroads Trip Leaders.)

To give rock climbing a try, contact Exum Mountain Guides (307-733-2297; [www.exumguides.com](http://www.exumguides.com)) and inquire about their Hidden Falls Practice Rocks class. Exum also offers family climbing classes.

Other options include horseback riding, paragliding, scampering up Teton Village's climbing wall or simply relaxing at the lodge and indulging in a spa treatment. (These activities are not included in the trip price and reservations are strongly recommended. Contact Snake River Lodge & Spa's concierge at 307-732-6002 for reservations.)

Tonight we gather for a celebratory farewell dinner at the lodge's acclaimed Gamefish restaurant. *Lodging: Snake River Lodge & Spa*

### DAY 6

**SHUTTLE TO RAFTING PUT-IN SPOT 1 HOUR**

**RAFTING ON THE SNAKE RIVER 2 HOURS**

**SHUTTLE TO JACKSON 1 HOUR**

The grand finale of our trip is a white-water rafting adventure on the Snake River. In the hands of expert river runners, we maneuver through thrilling Class II and III sections of the river. It's not only an adrenaline rush but also a great way to experience the wilderness from a different perspective. (Kids must be at least 6 years old for rafting.) Be sure to bring some dry clothes to change into after the trip. Upon our return to terra firma, we enjoy a farewell picnic together in Jackson before saying our goodbyes. Please see "Arriving & Departing" for end-of-trip logistics.

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## ARRIVING & DEPARTING

Please note that meeting and departing times provided here were current at the time of printing, but are subject to change. **PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS UNTIL YOU ARE CONFIRMED ON YOUR VACATION AND HAVE VERIFIED THE DETAILS OF ARRIVING & DEPARTING WITH YOUR TRIP CONSULTANT.**

### MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

You can choose between meeting your Backroads Trip Leaders in Jackson, Wyoming, or West Yellowstone, Montana. (Look for the folks wearing Backroads T-shirts.) **Please arrive dressed in your biking clothes and with a daypack containing your rain gear, sunglasses, camera, etc.**

**Jackson pickup location:** Meet your leaders at 7 a.m. in the lobby of the Wyoming Inn, located at 930 West Broadway (phone: 307-734-0035). (See "Where to Stay Before & After Your Trip" for more information about the inn.) After meeting, we shuttle 4 hours to

Madison Junction picnic area in Yellowstone National Park.

**West Yellowstone pickup location:** Meet your leaders at 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, located at 315 Yellowstone Avenue (phone: 406-646-7365). (See “Where to Stay Before & After Your Trip” for more information about the resort.) From here, we shuttle 30 minutes to Madison Junction picnic area in Yellowstone National Park. **Please note that Backroads does not offer a shuttle back to West Yellowstone at the end of the trip, and there are no public transportation options or taxi services available in West Yellowstone.**

#### **CONCLUSION OF THE TRIP**

Our trip ends with a complimentary shuttle to the Jackson Hole Airport, the Snake River Lodge & Spa and select hotels in downtown Jackson.

Drop-offs at the airport are between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. (If you plan to fly out of Jackson on the last day of the trip, please schedule your flight for after 4 p.m.)

Drop-offs in downtown Jackson at the following locations are also between 2:30 and 3 p.m. (See “Where to Stay Before & After Your Trip” for more details on these hotels):

- *Parkway Inn*, 125 North Jackson Street; phone: 800-247-8390 or 307-733-3143
- *Wyoming Inn*, 930 West Broadway; phone: 800-844-0035 or 307-734-0035

The drop-off at the Snake River Lodge & Spa (7710 Granite Loop Road, Teton Village; phone: 866-975-7625 or 307-732-6000) is between 3 and 3:30 p.m.

**Please remember that Backroads does not offer a shuttle back to West Yellowstone.**

#### **FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS**

For your convenience, we recommend that you fly into and out of Jackson, Wyoming, and take the 7 a.m. Backroads shuttle from the Wyoming Inn on the first day of the trip.

It is also possible to fly into West Yellowstone, Montana, and out of Jackson. Alternately, you may fly to Salt Lake City, Utah, and take the Jackson Hole Express van shuttle to Jackson (see transportation options below). Because of the early meeting time, you will need to arrive in Jackson (or West Yellowstone) the day before the trip starts. See “Where to Stay Before & After Your Trip” for hotel recommendations.

For help arranging air transport to and from your Backroads trip, please work with your own travel agent, the airline directly or an online travel site. For assistance locating a travel agent, please visit [www.backroads.com/gettingthere](http://www.backroads.com/gettingthere). (Note that most travel agents and online travel sites charge a fee for their consulting services.)

**Flights into and out of Jackson, Wyoming:** American, Delta and United are among airlines serving the Jackson Hole airport (airport code: JAC). If you plan to fly out of Jackson on the last day of the trip, please schedule your flight for after 4 p.m.

**Flights into West Yellowstone, Montana:** SkyWest, in partnership with Delta Airlines (phone: 800-221-1212; [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com)), is the only airline that services West Yellowstone airport (airport code: WYS). SkyWest offers two flights daily from Salt Lake City to West Yellowstone. All reservations must be booked through Delta.

**Flights into and out of Salt Lake City, Utah:** Delta, United, Southwest and America West are among airlines serving the Salt Lake City Airport (airport code: SLC). If you plan to fly out of Salt Lake City after the trip, please schedule your shuttle to the airport with Jackson Hole Express (see transportation options below).



### Note

While the information presented here details this trip's planned routes, activities, accommodations, meeting and departing times, we are constantly seeking new opportunities to enhance this itinerary and your experience. Naturally, we will keep you up to date on any changes that may affect your arrival, departure or lodging.

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BACKROADS PRIVATE  
TRIP FOR YOUR  
FAMILY, FRIENDS OR  
COLLEAGUES FOR THE  
TRIP OF A LIFETIME**

### **DRIVING TO JACKSON, WYOMING**

Jackson can be reached from the west via Hwy 22; from the south via Route 89 or 189 to Route 191; or from the north via Route 26. To reach downtown Jackson hotels, turn onto Broadway Street at the junction of Routes 22 and 191. The Wyoming Inn is located on the right side of the road. (If you plan to stay at the Wyoming Inn before or after your trip, you can leave your car there for the duration of the trip; otherwise, your leaders will advise you where to park when they meet you on the first day of the trip.)

### **DRIVING TO WEST YELLOWSTONE, MONTANA**

If you choose to drive your own car to West Yellowstone, please note that Backroads does not provide a shuttle back to West Yellowstone at the end of the trip. To get back to West Yellowstone, you'd need to take a taxi. *Buckboard Taxi* (phone: 307-733-1112 or 877-791-0211; [www.buckboardtrans.com](http://www.buckboardtrans.com)) offers transportation from Jackson to West Yellowstone; the cost is about \$250 for 1–5 passengers.

If you choose to drive a rental car, make sure the rental car company will allow you to drop off the car in West Yellowstone. Avis (800-331-1212 or 406-646-7635) has a location at the West Yellowstone airport, and Budget (800-231-5991 or 406-646-7882) has locations at the West Yellowstone airport and downtown West Yellowstone.

West Yellowstone can be reached from the north via Interstate 90 and Route 191; from the south, take Interstate 80, Interstate 15 and Route 20. From either direction, turn right onto Dunraven Street in West Yellowstone and follow it for two blocks to Yellowstone Avenue. The Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort is one block ahead on your right, at the corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Electric Street. You may check for road conditions/closures by calling the park's recorded message at 307-344-2117.

### **GROUND TRANSPORTATION IN JACKSON**

*Buckboard Taxi* (phone: 307-733-1112 or 877-791-0211; [www.buckboardtrans.com](http://www.buckboardtrans.com)) offers transportation from the Jackson Hole airport to downtown Jackson. The private taxi costs \$28 for 1–2 passengers, \$40 for 3 passengers, \$50 for 4 passengers and \$55 for 5 passengers.

*Jackson Hole Airport Shuttle Service* (phone: 800-443-6133; book reservations on-line at [www.jacksonholealltrans.com](http://www.jacksonholealltrans.com)) offers transportation from the Jackson Hole airport to downtown Jackson. Costs \$15 one-way; \$28 round-trip per person.

### **GROUND TRANSPORTATION FROM SALT LAKE CITY TO JACKSON**

If you fly into Salt Lake City, you can take the Jackson Hole Express, which has vans departing daily at 1:30 p.m., arriving at 7 p.m. The vans make five stops en route to Jackson; the fare is about \$75 one-way and \$140 round-trip. Please contact the company directly for the most current rates and schedules (phone: 800-652-9510; [www.jacksonholealltrans.com](http://www.jacksonholealltrans.com)). Return van shuttles from Jackson depart at 6:30 a.m. and arrive in Salt Lake City at noon. (Please note that you will have to stay overnight in Jackson after the last day of the trip to catch this departure.)

**Hotel Room Rate Guide**  
(U.S. dollars per night)

Up to \$100 .....	◆
\$101–200 .....	◆◆
\$201–300 .....	◆◆◆
\$301–500 .....	◆◆◆◆
\$501 and up .....	◆◆◆◆◆

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## WHERE TO STAY BEFORE & AFTER YOUR TRIP

### SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS

For help arranging pre- or post-trip hotels in conjunction with your Backroads trip, please work with your travel agent or the hotels directly. For assistance locating a travel agent please visit [www.backroads.com/gettingthere](http://www.backroads.com/gettingthere). (Note that most travel agents charge a fee for their consulting services.)

Of course, we also recommend extending your stay at any of the hotels that we visit on this trip; see the sidebar above for details.

Please refer to the Hotel Room Rate Guide in the sidebar for starting double-occupancy rates. Note that the chart reflects the Internet and/or Best Available rates, which were accurate at the time of printing, but **hotel rates are always subject to change**.

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## JACKSON

### WYOMING INN (A MEETING LOCATION ON DAY 1 & A DROP-OFF LOCATION ON DAY 6)

Upon entering the welcoming lobby, you'll immediately notice the massive river stone fireplace, floor-to-ceiling windows, an immense antler chandelier and an elaborate front desk with intricate carvings of regional wildlife. The Wyoming Inn is known for its friendly Western hospitality—an old-fashioned graciousness reflected in the home-baked chocolate chip cookies set out each evening. Amenities include a complimentary breakfast, airport pickup, free wireless Internet access and use of the Bell Fitness Club for \$10 per visit. **The inn staff appreciates knowing you're a Backroads guest so they can set out an early breakfast for you on the first day of the trip.** 930 West Broadway; Phone: 800-844-0035 or 307-734-0035; [www.wyoming-inn.com](http://www.wyoming-inn.com); 73 rooms. Rates: ◆◆◆

### PARKWAY INN (A DROP-OFF LOCATION ON DAY 6)

Ideally situated in the heart of town only three blocks from lively Jackson Town Square, this tasteful modern inn with an old-world appeal warmly welcomes guests with its American antiques, brass beds and cheerful floral fabrics. 125 North Jackson Street; Phone: 800-247-8390 or 307-733-3143; [www.parkwayinn.com](http://www.parkwayinn.com); 37 rooms and 8 suites. Rates: ◆◆◆

### SNAKE RIVER LODGE & SPA (A DROP-OFF LOCATION ON DAY 6)

Located 7 miles from downtown Jackson and nestled at the foot of the southern Tetons in Teton Village, this elegant lodge has warm and inviting rooms with plush bedding and decadent showers. The on-site Avanyu Spa boasts a sauna, indoor and outdoor Jacuzzis and a luxurious outdoor pool with mini-waterfalls. The lodge's GameFish restaurant serves fine cuisine; more casual restaurants and shops are within walking distance. 7710 Granite Loop Road, Teton Village; Phone: 866-975-7625 or 307-732-6000; [www.snakeriverlodge.rockresorts.com](http://www.snakeriverlodge.rockresorts.com); 136 rooms. Rates: ◆◆◆◆

### 49ER INN AND SUITES

With indoor and outdoor hot tubs, a fitness room, sauna and more, the 49er aims to please. Luxury suites with fireplaces and private Jacuzzi tubs are available. 330 West Pearl St.; Phone: 800-451-2980 or 307-733-7550; [www.townsquareinns.com/49er-inn](http://www.townsquareinns.com/49er-inn); 118 rooms and 30 suites. Rates: ◆

Hotel Room Rate Guide	
(U.S. dollars per night)	
Up to \$100 .....	◆
\$101–200 .....	◆◆
\$201–300 .....	◆◆◆
\$301–500 .....	◆◆◆◆
\$501 and up .....	◆◆◆◆◆

**ELK COUNTRY INN**

You won't be disappointed in these suites and studios, which were designed with your comfort and convenience in mind. Kitchenettes, hide-a-beds and lofts are in-room options. Outside you'll find covered hot tubs, a fitness center, barbecue pavilions and guest laundries. 480 West Pearl Avenue; Phone: 800-483-8667 or 307-733-2364; [www.townsquareinns.com/elk-country-inn](http://www.townsquareinns.com/elk-country-inn); 72 units and 16 cabins. Rates: ◆

**ALPINE HOUSE COUNTRY INN**

Located two blocks from Jackson Town Square, this wind-powered Scandinavian-style lodge offers cozy rooms with fluffy down comforters and fireplaces. Delicious chef-prepared breakfasts feature such specialty dishes as buttermilk strawberry waffles and eggs benedict. Guests also enjoy a massage room, library, sauna, outdoor hot tub and wrap-around deck. 285 North Glenwood Street; Phone: 800-753-1421 or 307-739-1570; [www.alpinehouse.com](http://www.alpinehouse.com); 20 rooms and 2 suites. Rates: ◆◆

**ANTLER INN**

One block south of the square sits this newly remodeled motel, offering spacious rooms with king-sized beds next to moss-rock fireplaces. A fitness room, hot tub and sauna make for comfortable surroundings. 43 West Pearl Avenue; Phone: 800-522-2406 or 307-733-2535; [www.townsquareinns.com/antler-inn](http://www.townsquareinns.com/antler-inn); 110 rooms. Rates: ◆◆

**COWBOY VILLAGE RESORT**

This cluster of log cabins lies just four blocks from the town square. Handsome cedar ceilings and modern, well-stocked baths make up for the lack of space in some cabins. A covered outdoor hot tub allows you to breathe in the fresh mountain air and soak while protected from the elements; private decks with barbecue grills are also available. 120 South Flatcreek Drive; Phone: 800-962-4988 or 307-733-3121; [www.townsquareinns.com/cowboy-village](http://www.townsquareinns.com/cowboy-village); 82 cabins. Rates: ◆◆

**FOUR SEASONS RESORT**

Ranked 9th on *Travel & Leisure's* list of Top 100 Hotels in the U.S. and Canada, the Four Seasons opened in 2003, marking the emergence of Teton Village as a luxury destination. This mountain resort, with its modern wood and stone interior, blends admirably with its stunning natural surroundings, and guest rooms pamper with wood-burning stone fireplaces, private balconies or terraces, and spacious bathrooms. Amenities include the 11,685-square-foot Alpine Spa, state-of-the-art fitness center, swimming pool with panoramic views of the Tetons, and three hot-springs-style outdoor whirlpools. During the summer, the hotel's Base Camp is well-equipped to arrange all your outdoor adventures, from horseback riding and balloon rides to fly-fishing and river excursions. 7680 Granite Loop Road, Teton Village; Phone: 800-914-5110 or 307-732-5000; [www.fourseasons.com/jacksonhole/](http://www.fourseasons.com/jacksonhole/); 124 rooms and suites. Rates: ◆◆◆◆

#### Hotel Room Rate Guide

(U.S. dollars per night)

Up to \$100 .....	◆
\$101–200 .....	◆◆
\$201–300 .....	◆◆◆
\$301–500 .....	◆◆◆◆
\$501 and up .....	◆◆◆◆◆

#### RUSTY PARROT

Ranked by Andrew Harper, *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Travel+Leisure*, *InStyle*, *Gourmet* and many other travel connoisseurs as one of the best hotels in the West, the Rusty Parrot offers you an unforgettable experience. The guest rooms are sophisticated yet homey, accented by pine armoires, colorful wool trade blankets, wildlife photography prints and log-pole beds covered in goose-down comforters. The charming decorative theme of the rooms is carried throughout the rest of the inn with wildflower arrangements, custom-made wreaths, antler chandeliers and a stone fireplace in the gathering room. You'll appreciate the central location and the helpful staff, which make sure your needs are met. **Please note that a three-night minimum is required during the summer months.** 175 North Jackson Street; Phone: 800-458-2004 or 307-733-2000; [www.rustyparrot.com](http://www.rustyparrot.com); 32 rooms. Rates: ◆◆◆◆

#### SPRING CREEK RANCH

Comprised of guest rooms and condominiums, Spring Creek Ranch is a wonderful option for families or larger groups. Located just north of town, this highly reputable resort found itself on both *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2006 Gold List and *Travel & Leisure's* 2006 500 Best Hotels list. The accolades are thanks in part to the hotel's pristine wilderness setting with marvelous views of the Tetons, attractive guest rooms and the delightful Granary Restaurant, famed for its venison, elk steaks and chocolate cake. 1800 Spirit Dance Road; Phone: 800-443-6139 or 307-733-8833; [www.springcreekranch.com](http://www.springcreekranch.com); 36 rooms and 25 condominiums. Rates: ◆◆◆◆

#### AMANGANI

The Amangani is renowned for its simple, modern and rugged atmosphere warmed by natural materials, textures and light. A member of the luxurious Aman Resorts, predominantly found in Asia, the lodge has incorporated Far Eastern touches that can be seen in the service, attention to detail, cuisine and décor. But thanks to the majestic Teton mountain views that lie outside the enormous windows and the wood furnishings and cowhide prints inside, there is no mistaking you are in the great American West. With a spectacular setting and imaginative polished design, the Amangani lives up to its Sanskrit name "peaceful home," as well as its recognition on Andrew Harper's Top 20 list. 1535 North East Butte Road; Phone: 800-477-9180 or 307-734-7333; [www.amanresorts.com](http://www.amanresorts.com); 40 rooms. Rates: ◆◆◆◆◆

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#### WEST YELLOWSTONE

##### HOLIDAY INN SUNSPREE RESORT (A MEETING LOCATION ON DAY 1)

Within walking distance of shopping, the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center, Yellowstone IMAX and a multitude of outdoor activities, the SunSpree is a convenient choice for the active traveler. Consult with the Yellowstone Country Activity Desk in the hotel's lobby to help you arrange everything from biking and hiking expeditions to horseback riding or fly-fishing. Relax at the end of activity-filled days in your well-appointed room or swim a few laps in the indoor pool. **The hotel also provides an airport shuttle service; please call when you arrive at the airport.** 315 Yellowstone Avenue; Phone: 800-646-7365 or 406-646-7365; [www.doyellowstone.com](http://www.doyellowstone.com); 123 rooms, including 16 suites. Rates: ◆◆

### **CLUBHOUSE INN WEST YELLOWSTONE**

An indoor pool and hot tub, laundry facilities and small fitness room make this motel one comfortable place to crash. You may want to indulge and spring for a “spa room” with Jacuzzi, microwave, mini-fridge and king bed. Continental breakfast included with all rooms. **The hotel can pick you up at the airport if arrangements are made in advance.** 105 South Electric Street, Phone: 800-565-6803 or 406-646-4892; [www.yellowstoneclubhouseinn.com](http://www.yellowstoneclubhouseinn.com); 77 rooms, 2 suites. Rates: ♦♦

### **YELLOWSTONE LODGE**

Located just three blocks from the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park, the lodge provides another good option for outdoor enthusiasts interested in seeing as much of the area as possible. Shopping, dining and an array of amusements and activities are nearby. Start your day with a complimentary continental breakfast and end it with a soothing soak in the whirlpool spa. **The hotel also provides an airport shuttle service; please call when you arrive at the airport.** 250 S. Electric Street; Phone: 877-239-9298 or 406-646-0020; [www.yellowstonelodge.com](http://www.yellowstonelodge.com); 74 rooms and 6 suites. Rates: ♦♦

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