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Mother Nature puts on a spectacular show in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, where geysers erupt with plumes of steam and wildlife appears around every bend. In this timeless landscape of snowcapped peaks, serene lakes and lodgepole pine, it's easy to picture those who inhabited the surrounding mountains long ago: American Indians, rugged mountain men, 19th-century fur trappers and cowboys working the vast terrain. Imagine what they must have felt as they discovered this dramatic landscape filled with mesmerizing celestine pools, herds of bison and soaring jagged cliffs. On an expedition in 1869, Charles Cook observed: "I sat there in amazement, while my companions came up, and after that, it seemed to me it was five minutes before anyone spoke. Language is inadequate to convey a just conception of the grandeur and sublimity of this masterpiece of nature's handiwork." Explore this magnificent region by hiking through alpine meadows carpeted with mountain bluebells and Indian paintbrush, and spending nights in the warmth and comfort of rustic historic lodges.

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 hiking 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 45 MINUTES (FROM WEST YELLOWSTONE)

FOUNTAIN PAINT POTS WARM-UP WALK 0.5 MILES

UPPER GEYSER BASIN HIKE 3.5 MILES (500-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

LONGER OPTION: MYSTIC FALLS 5.7 MILES (700-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN); BISCUIT BASIN OVERLOOK 6.3 (1,000-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

After meeting, we shuttle to the Lower Geyser Basin in Yellowstone National Park for your first look at the park's famous geothermal activity. Stretch your legs on a short walk around the bubbling Fountain Paint Pots to take in the sights, sounds and smells of this strange thermal wonderland. Bubbling pools, fumaroles, mud pots and geysers are naturally—and conveniently!—concentrated along this ½-mile loop trail. Afterward, we fuel up with a hearty picnic lunch along the Firehole River, warmed by hot springs near its banks and below its surface.

Then it's a quick shuttle to the start of our hike to the Upper Geyser Basin, home to one-quarter of the world's geysers. You'll have time to explore the Old Faithful area, which is sure to intrigue you with its steaming and bubbling activity. If you'd like to add a few more miles onto today's trek, follow the trail out to Mystic Falls, which leads you through the charred remains of a lodgepole forest, casualties of the 1988 fire. Watch your step—hot springs runoff flows along the river's edge! For a more challenging hike, head to the Biscuit Basin Overlook for great views of the falls and Biscuit, Black Sand and Upper Geyser Basins. Then we stroll to Old Faithful, the granddaddy of them all. The interval



OLD FAITHFUL INN
(1 night) Built in 1904 with a grand lobby seven-stories high, it's "a spectacular log-and-shingle chateau that captures the moment the West went from wild to Baroque," says *Travel+Leisure*.
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.gtlc.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-square-foot day spa, sauna, indoor and outdoor Jacuzzis and a gourmet restaurant.
Teton Village
phone: 866-975-7625
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between the geyser's spectacular eruptions averages about 91 minutes, lengthened over the years in part due to earthquakes. Each performance lasts 1½ to 5 minutes and shoots 3,700 to 8,400 gallons of boiling water into the air.

Afterward, we check into tonight's hotel, the historic Old Faithful Inn. Built in 1904 from local lodgepole pines, the inn serves as a reminder of life in the Old West and provides a terrific view of the geyser. This evening we reconvene on the lodge's upstairs deck for a pre-dinner reception. With any luck, Old Faithful will provide the floor show! *Lodging: Old Faithful Inn*

DAY 2

SHUTTLE TO GRAND CANYON OF THE YELLOWSTONE 1 HOUR

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

SHORTER OPTION: CANYON RIM 3.6 MILES WITH SHUTTLE (500-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

LONGER OPTION: INSPIRATION POINT 9.2 MILES (1,150-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 relentless flow of the Yellowstone River. Two thundering waterfalls and multicolored canyon walls make this area one of the most photographed in the park. Exploring on foot is the best way to experience its grandeur and diversity.

We set out on the Clear Lake Trail, passing through open meadows and stands of lodgepole pine, keeping an eye out for bison that occasionally like to graze here. Shortly after passing Lily Pond Lake, the trail opens up 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. With any luck, we'll have the panoramic view all to ourselves. Continue to Artist Point for an impressive view of Lower Falls, the origin of this powerful flow of water. At this popular scenic stop, watch for ospreys, fish-eating hawks, which build nests atop rock pinnacles protected by the canyon sides. The rest of the hike alternates between quiet, secluded stretches and well visited lookout points. Along the way, you can 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 both 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.

Afterward, we shuttle to Lake Yellowstone Hotel, a Colonial-style inn that's been restored to its 1920s ambience. Presidents Harding and Coolidge stayed at the hotel during their visits to the park! Perhaps enjoy a drink in the lobby before our meal in the hotel's grand dining room. *Lodging: Lake Yellowstone Hotel*

DAY 3

OPTIONAL STORM POINT WALK 2.3 MILES (100-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

SHUTTLE TO LAKEVIEW PICNIC AREA 1 HOUR, 30 MINUTES

SHUTTLE TO TWO OCEAN LAKE 30 MINUTES

TWO OCEAN LAKE TO JACKSON LAKE LODGE HIKE 5 MILES WITH SHUTTLE (500-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

SHORTER OPTION: 3.5 MILES WITH SHUTTLE (170-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

LONGER OPTION: TWO OCEAN LAKE NORTH SHORE TO JACKSON LAKE LODGE 7.3 MILES (1,000-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

OR OTHER ACTIVITIES IN GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

You can choose to sleep in and enjoy a relaxing morning at the lodge, or power up with breakfast and take a quick shuttle to Storm Point Trail for a level loop walk along the shore of Yellowstone Lake, with wonderful views of the Absaroka Range in the distance. You may even spot an American White Pelican! Afterward, we bid farewell to Yellowstone and shuttle to neighboring Grand Teton National Park. A national park since 1929, Grand Teton is a paradise of snow-covered sawtooth mountains, peaceful meadows, shimmering lakes and thick forests. The Teton Range includes 12 mountains over 12,000 feet, and the tallest, the Grand Teton, towers at 13,770 feet.



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.

After a picnic lunch along the shores of Jackson Lake, we shuttle to Two Ocean Lake, where we start our hike. Take in the incredible views of the Grand Tetons' distant peaks as you pass through open meadows on your way to Jackson Lake Lodge, our hotel for the night. (Please note that because of park regulations, no guided walks are allowed, so you'll be walking on your own today, without your Backroads leaders.) If you'd rather not hike today, you can take advantage of other activities available in the park by contacting the Grand Teton Lodge Company's Activities Reservations Center at Jackson Lake Lodge (800-628-9988 or 307-543-3100; www.gtlc.com). Options include a scenic boat cruise on Jackson Lake from Colter Bay, fishing excursions and canoe rentals at Colter Bay. Please make your reservations for after 1:30 p.m. for activities scheduled with the Grand Teton Lodge Company. If you'd like to go horseback riding, we recommend Teton Horseback Adventures (307-856-3628; www.horsebackadv.com); please make your reservation for after 2 p.m. (Please note that these activities are not included in the trip price and advance reservations are strongly recommended.)

In the upper lobby of our lodge, 60-foot picture windows frame a stunning portrait of the Teton's jagged peaks—particularly breathtaking at dawn and dusk. Before dinner, perhaps relax with a cool drink in the cocktail lounge—huckleberry margarita, anyone? We gather for dinner in the Mural Room, where you can watch the sunset. *Lodging: Jackson Lake Lodge*

DAY 4

SHUTTLE TO JENNY LAKE 30 MINUTES

JENNY LAKE AND CASCADE CANYON HIKE 9 MILES (1,000-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

SHORTER OPTIONS: INSPIRATION POINT 1.4 MILES (500-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN) OR JENNY LAKE LOOP 6.6 MILES (100-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

LONGER OPTION: LAKE SOLITUDE 14.4 MILES (2,500-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

SHUTTLE TO TETON VILLAGE 1 HOUR

This morning we shuttle to Jenny Lake, created about 60,000 years ago by melting glaciers, and take a scenic boat ride across to the mouth of Cascade Canyon. Today's hike begins with a steep climb to Inspiration Point for a wonderful view of Jackson Hole ("hole" is the term the early beaver trappers used to describe a mountain-ringed valley) and then continues along Cascade Creek through a sea of mountain bluebells, paintbrush, daisies and mountain dandelion. The walk is an out-and-back route, so you can go as far as you'd like. If you make it all the way to Lake Solitude (situated at 9,000 feet), you'll be rewarded with the spectacular sight of Mount Teewinot, Mount Owen and the Grand Teton. For those who'd like to avoid elevation gain today, choose the Jenny Lake Loop walk, staying close to the shore of Jenny Lake, weaving in and out of pine forests and bright wildflowers. (Please note that because of park regulations, no guided walks are allowed, so you will be walking on your own today, without your Backroads leaders.)

Later in the day, we shuttle to Jackson Hole, the valley between the Teton and Gros

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and select the route rating button for the trip of your choice.

LEVEL 1
2–5 miles/day
2–3 hours/day

LEVEL 2
5–7 miles/day
2–4 hours/day

LEVEL 3
7–9 miles/day
3–5 hours/day

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

Ventre Ranges. At Teton Village, settle into the Snake River Lodge & Spa, which offers plenty of amenities, from a swimming pool and hot tubs to a full-service spa. This evening, you're on your own to dine in Teton Village or in Jackson, just a short shuttle away. You can plan your dinner around your spa appointment. Reservations are strongly recommended and should be made between 4:30 and 8 p.m.; spa treatments are not included in the trip price. For more information, call the Snake River Lodge at 866-975-7625 or visit their Web site at www.snakeriverlodge.rockresorts.com. *Lodging: Snake River Lodge & Spa*

DAY 5

FOSSIL ROCKS LOOP 5 MILES (900-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

SHORTER OPTION: ROCK SPRINGS CANYON LOOP 4 MILES (800-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

LONGER OPTION: SUBLETTE HIGH POINT LOOP 6 MILES (1,000-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

We begin the day with a gondola ride from Teton Village to Rendezvous Mountain, where our final hike begins. At the top, breathtaking views of the Grand Tetons, the Snake Mountains and the Gros Ventre Range await. Far below in Jackson Hole is the Snake River, winding southward through the valley. We begin hiking through the open bowls and meadows that define this high-alpine scenery. Along the way, we get an in-depth look at the area's geology, including some of the oldest visible rocks on earth.

There's time this afternoon to explore the shops in Teton Village or to enjoy the amenities at the Snake River Lodge & Spa, such as spa treatments or relaxing by the pool. (Reservations for spa treatments should be scheduled between 3 and 6 p.m.) After our farewell dinner, stroll to the famous Mangy Moose Saloon for local color and live music. *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 30 MINUTES

The grand finale to our week is a gentle float trip on the Snake River. In the hands of expert river runners, we cruise down a scenic section of the Snake, keeping an eye out for wildlife and soaking up the views. This leisurely excursion is a great way to experience the wilderness from a different perspective. Back on dry land, we enjoy a farewell picnic together in the Wild West town of Jackson. Our trip ends with a shuttle to downtown Jackson hotels, the Jackson airport and the Snake River Lodge & Spa. Please see "Arriving & Departing" for end-of-trip logistics.

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 hiking 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.) From here we shuttle about 4 hours to Yellowstone National Park.

West Yellowstone pick-up 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 45 minutes to 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.**



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.

CONCLUSION OF THE TRIP

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

Drop-offs at the airport are between 2:30 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 4:30 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
- *Rusty Parrot*, 175 North Jackson Street; phone: 800-458-2004 or 307-733-2000
- *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 flying 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's 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. (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 4:30 p.m.

Flights into West Yellowstone, Montana: SkyWest, in partnership with Delta Airlines (phone: 800-221-1212; 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

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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).

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) 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) 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. Some hotels offer airport shuttle service; inquire when booking your reservation.

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). 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	◆◆◆◆◆

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. (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**.

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; 73 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; 118 rooms and 30 suites. Rates: ◆

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; 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; 20 rooms and 2 suites. Rates: ◆◆

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\$201–300	◆◆◆
\$301–500	◆◆◆◆
\$501 and up	◆◆◆◆◆

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; 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; 82 cabins. 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; 37 rooms and 8 suites. Rates: ◆◆◆

RUSTY PARROT (A DROP-OFF LOCATION ON DAY 6)

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, who 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; 32 rooms. Rates: ◆◆◆◆

SNAKE RIVER LODGE & SPA

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; 136 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; 36 rooms and 25

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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; 40 rooms. Rates: ◆◆◆◆◆

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; 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; 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; 74 rooms and 6 suites. Rates: ◆◆

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