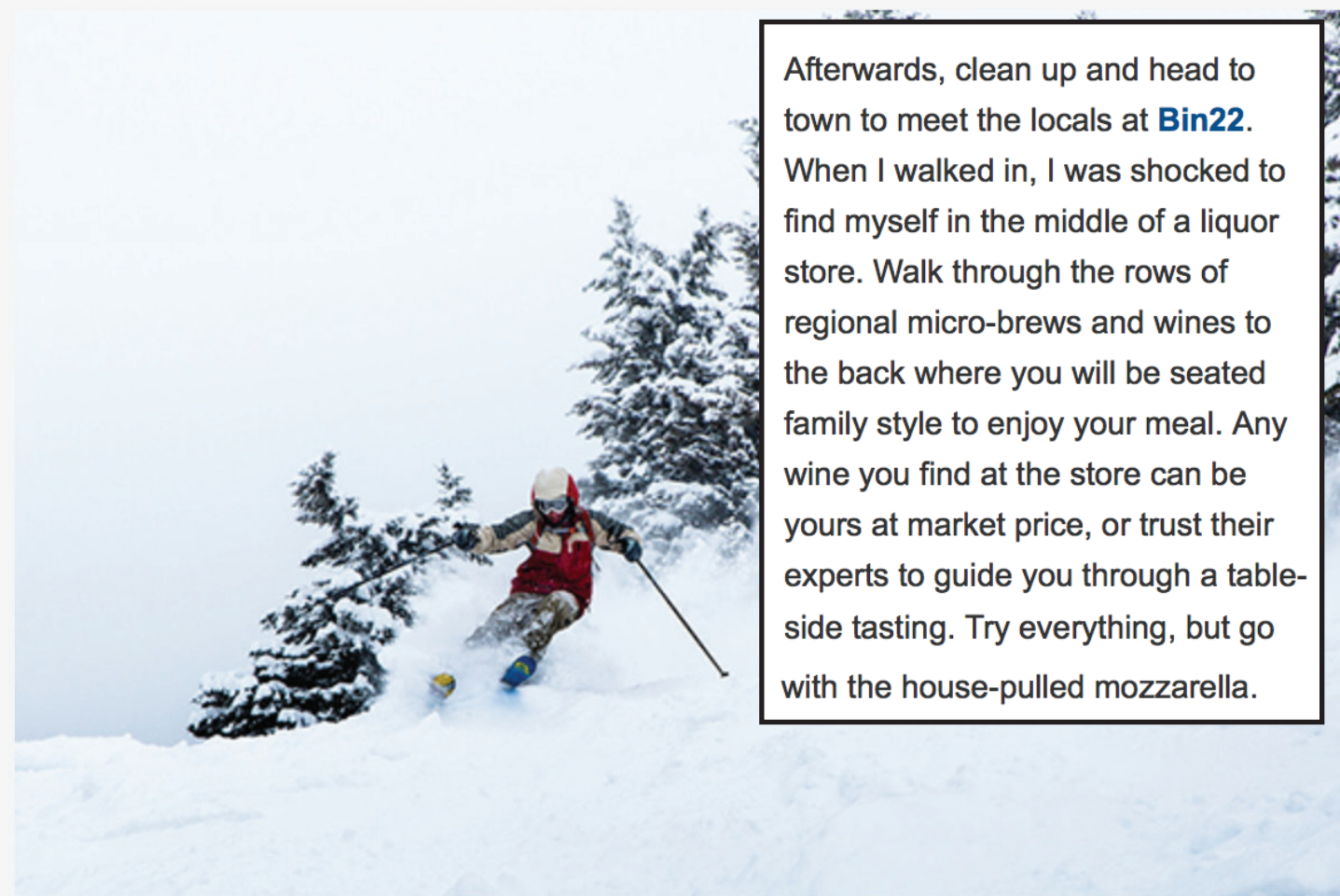


Just Back: Jackson Hole

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Nat Geo staffer **Erin Block** just returned from a winter adventure in **Jackson Hole, Wyoming**. “As a rule, I am a warm-weather person,” she says. “But one day I decided it was high time I stepped far out of my comfort zone.” That’s how she decided to try her hand at skiing for the first time—on some of the biggest and steepest slopes in the United States. The last word? “There was no better place to bundle up and leave the warm behind.”



Afterwards, clean up and head to town to meet the locals at **Bin22**. When I walked in, I was shocked to find myself in the middle of a liquor store. Walk through the rows of regional micro-brews and wines to the back where you will be seated family style to enjoy your meal. Any wine you find at the store can be yours at market price, or trust their experts to guide you through a table-side tasting. Try everything, but go with the house-pulled mozzarella.

Jackson Hole, the popular name for a valley near Wyoming's border with Idaho, is an outdoor enthusiast's dream. (Photograph by zachd1_618, Flickr)