

A Few Days In

A Weekend That Puts the Why in Wyoming

by Jean Tang

Jackson Hole, Wyoming, sees millions of tourists in the summer due to its proximity to some of America's best national parks. In the winter, the landscape is powdered, peaceful, and full of elk. Jean Tang shares her off-piste itinerary.

JACKSON HOLE, Wyoming – Like many, my first trip to **Jackson Hole** was during the summer. I rode bikes, hiked gravel trails, day-tripped to Yellowstone, went fly fishing (or tried to, at least), and took the tram to the town's largest ski resort for a meal. Now that I've been in winter, I'd recommend it for relatively quiet (400,000 visitors versus millions) and thrilling adventure.

WHERE TO EAT

The Bistro

The newest addition to a local restaurant empire owned by Chicago native Gavin Fine, The Bistro opened inside the Cloudveil Hotel in 2021. I recommend the classics – delicate mussels, briny raw oysters (North American, not French), buttery escargots, demi-glace laced meatloaf, and frisee aux lardons with a perfectly poached egg.

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What a brilliant idea: A wine bar built amidst rows of wine on sale, available for opening and serving on the spot. The entire restaurant is served by a wine list hundreds of bottles long, and the accompanying menu – thin-sliced charcuterie, unique cheeses, hand-pulled mozzarella – is built to suit.

Il Villaggio Osteria

My pick at the base of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, this civilized Italian gem serves a delicate venison carpaccio, a salad rolling in warm roasted wild mushrooms, hearty elk lasagna, fresh-made fennel sausage pizza, meats, and a giant wine list. For dessert we picked tidy housemade ice cream sandwiches anchored by crispy chocolate chip cookies and rolled in sprinkles.