

A FEW DAYS IN



# A Few Days in Jackson Hole, Wyoming

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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.



Photo courtesy of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort.

## WHERE TO EAT

#### **Rendezvous Bistro**

The start of a local restaurant empire owned by <u>Chicago</u> native Gavin Fine, Rendezvous has been around since 2001. I recommend the classics — delicate mussels, briny raw oysters (North American, not French), buttery escargots, demi-glace laced meatloaf, and butter lettuce salad dotted with candied walnuts and slivers of orange.

#### Bin 22

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, freshmade 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.