

5 Reasons to Visit Jackson Hole, Wyoming in Winter

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Fall came and went with no real sign of winter being as severe as it was last year. I was thinking perhaps the eight-foot slammer in upper NY before the winter solstice could even say ‘hello’ would be a tall tale sign of what’s to come for us on the east coast. Mild temperatures so far aren’t so promising of enjoyable wintry playgrounds. I’m still hoping we get a decent season for snowboarding and other winter sports. The all-weather outdoorsy type more oft than not have to travel way up north or trek mid-country for decent terrain. But if you choose carefully, a 6-hour flight to the perfect destination is well worth the hike.

I’m speaking out of experience, having ended up in Jackson Hole, WY last February by no choosing of my own. I had no previous knowledge of the cowboy town until I got there. And immediately I realized why it’s an American gem. The **Grand Tetons** set the backdrop for a varied and spectacular vacation no matter the time of year.

If you’re considering taking a few days off this winter, make your way to Jackson Hole. After a short 5-day visit to the valley I found more than 20 reasons to go (and back again), but here 5 major convincing ones:

3. The food scene is better than you could ever imagine. From whole-in-wall cowboy bars with excavated tree trunks to fine dining, every palate is served. A favorite is **Bin22**, the only wine and tapas restaurant in the city, which features wines from all over Latin America, Europe, and Australia. The unexpected ultra-chic space has dishes out more 40 tapa options – all come extremely close to what you’d find in Spain though the chef isn’t Español. Order the chocolate sausage for dessert. Thank me later.