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A Weekend in the Last Stronghold of America's Prehistoric Past

Staying and safari-ing in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where conservation efforts have helped keep the area wild



Courtesy of The Cloudveil

The lobby at The Cloudveil hotel features Southwestern décor, cozy couches, and a large fireplace to counter the winter chill.

Around the property, guests have access to a swimming pool and hot tub, a Parisian-style bistro for all-day dining (get the French onion soup), a fitness center, and a rooftop deck. Each floor also features a snack station filled daily with complimentary items like chips, trail mix, fruit leather, hot cocoa, and sparkling water.

Easy to take this place and its beauty for granted. Earlier in the week, at The Kitchen restaurant, I dined on Asian-inspired fare like duck breast with smoked miso, corn, crispy tofu, cucumber salad, and Thai basil alongside local flavors like bison tartare. As I think about today's adventure and about that meal, I hear Ryder's voice.

Soon, I'll head to dinner at Code Red, a taqueria known for its pozoles and unique taco selections like elk carne asada. I'll drink local beer from Snake River Brewing