

With the ski crowds gone, summer is prime time to explore Jackson Hole's destination-worthy sights, shopping and restaurants.

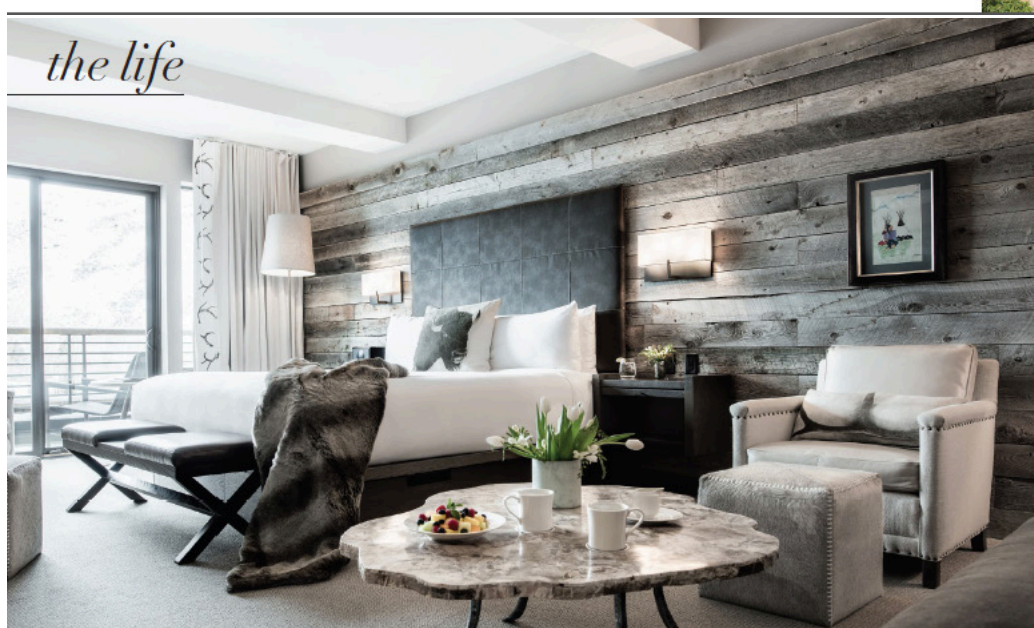
**F**irst things first: "Jackson Hole" is a valley in northwestern Wyoming, just south of Yellowstone National Park and at the base of the Teton Range of mountains. "Jackson" is the valley's largest and only incorporated town (pop. 10,000). Other communities in Jackson Hole include Kelly, Wilson, Teton Village, Hoback Junction and Moose.

Wherever you are in the valley, it's the Tetons that dominate, rising 7,000 feet from the floor without so much as a foothill to temper their ascent; Teddy Roosevelt said the Tetons "are what mountains are supposed to look like." Add shopping (of a much lower-key kind than in Aspen or Vail), fine dining, and plenty of culture to everything outdoorsy you can do, and it's no wonder most locals will tell you they came here for a year ... 20 years ago.

**STAY**

Five years ago, a summertime stay in Teton Village, the community at the base of the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, was what you did when you wanted peace and quiet. That's changed. You can still kick back inside the cowboy-chic **Four Seasons Resort Jackson Hole** ([fourseasons.com/jacksonhole](http://fourseasons.com/jacksonhole)), especially at its 11,600-square-foot spa. But you can also find plenty of summer action: Steps from the 124-room/suite property's Base Camp are lift-serviced downhill mountain biking trails, hiking trails, free outdoor concerts, and a gondola ride to the valley's best margaritas. The only LEED-certified hotel in downtown,

A view from Hotel Jackson, top, and from the Four Seasons Resort Jackson Hole, right. Hotel Jackson features a rooftop hot tub, and Four Seasons guests can kick back at the property's expansive spa.



Clockwise from left: Suites at Hotel Jackson are decorated in leather and reclaimed wood; a breakfast biscuit at Picnic (below) and its seating area (bottom), which was designed by co-owner Ali Cohane; a slice of quiche at Persephone, Picnic's sister restaurant, as prepared by chef Kevin Cohane, Ali's husband.



**Hotel Jackson** ([hoteljackson.com](http://hoteljackson.com)) is completely contemporary. Its 58 rooms are decorated in reclaimed barn wood, leather and patina-ed metals. The Town Square and all of downtown's shopping and dining are just outside the front door. On the roof? A hot tub.

**EAT**

The husband-and-wife team of Kevin and Ali Cohane satisfy multiple senses with their two cafes, **Persephone** ([persephonebakery.com](http://persephonebakery.com)) and **Picnic** ([picnicjh.com](http://picnicjh.com)). Trained at Cordon Bleu in Paris, Kevin makes flaky, buttery pastries and crusty baguettes (Persephone) and brownies and breakfast sandwiches (Picnic). Ali, a graphic designer, designed each space.

Next door to Persephone is **Healthy Being Juicery** ([healthybeingjuice.com](http://healthybeingjuice.com)), where founder/juice chef Jessica Marlo Vandenbroeke has recently added a raw-foods menu and where her cold-pressed Longevity drink starts with more than 2 1/2 pounds of produce.

Being in Wyoming, it feels natural that you can get a pizza topped with raw beef. As done by **Snake River Grill** ([snakerivergrill.com](http://snakerivergrill.com)), one of the valley's first fine-dining restaurants, this steak tartare pizza — Black Angus beef, garlic aioli, red onion, capers, parsley — is not a gimmick; it is likely the best pie you'll ever have.



Olympic gold medalist Tommy Moe lives in Jackson Hole. So does Olympic gold medalist Oscar Ortega. Tommy won his medal in downhill. Oscar won his in pastry, at the Olympic Culinary Games. Even if you don't have a sweet tooth, stop in to Ortega's sleek **CocoLove** ([atelierortega.squarespace.com](http://atelierortega.squarespace.com)) in downtown Jackson to gawk; there's always a phantasmagorical sculpture made entirely from chocolate and spun sugar on display.

**SHOP**

**Stio** ([stio.com](http://stio.com)) makes clothing that looks as good as it performs. Its Sidley shirt, for example, is smart enough (pearl snaps and a hem that works tucked in or not) for Persephone, but rugged enough (made from water-resistant fabric with UPF 50+ rating) for hiking at Jenny Lake. Stio only

sells direct to consumers, so if you find something you like, best to get it while you're here.

Jackson Hole has long been celebrated as a mecca for western and wildlife art. Frequent Art Basel Miami Beach attendee Mariam Diehl is working to get it on the map for contemporary art collectors, too. **Diehl Gallery** ([diehlgallery.com](http://diehlgallery.com)) represents artists such as Hung Liu, Hunt Slonem, Caprice Pierucci and Kate Hunt.

Architectural Digest and Vogue have featured homes by **WRJ Design** ([wrjdesign.com](http://wrjdesign.com)). The design firm's 2,800-square-foot Jackson showroom is an exquisitely curated selection of sophisticated home goods, from brass skulls mounted with real animal horns by San Francisco-based artist Ashley Tudor to 17th-century European antiques.

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The steak tartare pizza at Snake River Grill, left, is a revelation; the Sidley shirt from Stio, below, is casually versatile; the sweets at downtown Jackson's CocoLove, below left, are as delicious as they are pretty; at Diehl Gallery, bottom, owner Mariam Diehl shows works from artists Hung Liu, Hunt Slonem and others.



**THE DESERT IS CALLING, TOO**

If hoodoos, pinnacles and cacti are more your vision of idyl than snow-capped, pine-forested peaks, consider Amangiri ([aman.com/resorts/amangiri](http://aman.com/resorts/amangiri)). Situated in Utah about 600 miles south of Jackson Hole (and a gorgeous 4 1/2-hour drive from Las Vegas), the mesa-minimalist resort has 34 soothingly monochromatic suites with walls of glass that open to the Colorado Plateau. Lying in bed, press a button to open the shades and, for as far as you can see, there's nothing but natural landscape, a work in progress for more than 180 million years.

Amangiri offers adventures like hot-air ballooning, fossil hunting, kayaking, hiking, horseback riding, yoga and rock climbing. But it's perfectly acceptable to spend days by the hotel's pool; it curves, lima bean-like, around a dramatic finger of sandstone. —DM



Brother-and-sister shops **Mountain Dandy** and **MADE** ([mountaindandy.com](http://mountaindandy.com), [madejacksonhole.com](http://madejacksonhole.com)) sell functional art and antiques collected by owners John Frechette and Christian Burch on semi-annual roadtrips. MADE stocks smaller, whimsical items, while Mountain Dandy skews larger (and more masculine) with items like leather club chairs, cashmere pillows, and industrial desks.

**DO**

This summer, **Jackson Hole Mountain Resort** ([jacksonhole.com](http://jacksonhole.com)) unveils the country's newest via ferrata (Italian for "iron way") climbing routes. Take the Bridger Gondola to 9,000 feet and, with the help of bolts, iron rungs and strands of cable affixed to vertical rock, go for a climb. Part of one course includes a 110-foot suspension bridge over an 80-foot-deep chasm.

Looking for something more grounded? Jenny Lake is the most popular spot in **Grand Teton National Park** ([nps.gov/grte](http://nps.gov/grte)), and for good reason: It's stunning. Escape the crowds by taking a 10-minute ferry ride to the lake's western shore, where you can do a short hike to Hidden Falls.

At the **National Museum of Wildlife Art** ([wildlifeart.org](http://wildlifeart.org)), it's likely you'll see wildlife —

bighorn sheep and coyote, usually — in real life on the walk from the parking lot to the museum. Inside, the definition of wildlife art is diverse. This summer's shows include Andy Warhol's *Endangered Species Portfolio*, a collection of hummingbird prints from British ornithologist John Gould, and selected images from National Geographic fellow Joel Sartore's *Photo Ark* collection. **Palate**, the restaurant that opened here in May, has already established itself as the place for weekend brunch.

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