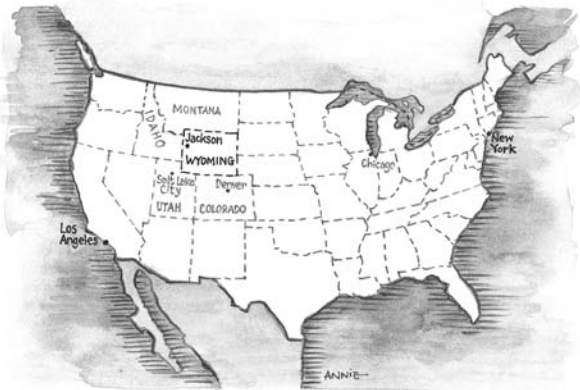


## AMANGANI



### LOCATION

High above the town of Jackson, Amangani is perched on the edge of East Gros Ventre Butte in Jackson Hole, a valley in north-west Wyoming. Nearly 2,135 metres (7,000 feet) above sea level, Amangani overlooks meadows and grazing land but is surrounded by spectacular mountain ranges, hence the word “hole” to describe the valley. Directly across the valley from Amangani is Teton Pass which divides the Snake River Range from the snow-capped Tetons. The Teton Range, dominated by the 4,200-metre (13,770-foot) Grand Teton, is the youngest formation in the soaring Rocky Mountains. Amangani’s peaceful location is at the southern end of this extensive alpine valley. The town of Jackson is the southern gateway to nearby Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone National Park, less than 100 kilometres away. The snow-fed waters of the Snake River gather in the Yellowstone Plateau and wind south through Jackson Hole.

**Getting There:** Amangani is a 20-minute drive from Jackson Hole Airport (located inside the southern boundary of Grand Teton National Park), and a 10-minute drive from the town of Jackson. Major airlines and commuter services provide regular access to Jackson via Denver, Salt Lake City, Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas and Los Angeles. Private flights are served by Jackson Hole Aviation, the airport’s fixed base operation. Charter flights are also available.

### ACCOMMODATION

**Suites:** The 40-suite, three-storey resort follows the contours of

the butte, blending seamlessly with its natural surroundings. Amangani makes extensive use of Oklahoma sandstone and Pacific redwood, and the resort’s roof is of cedar shakes and sod. Douglas fir and cedar also lend shape and style to the resort.

Amangani offers 29 Suites, five Deluxe Suites, one Shoshone Suite, two Amangani Suites, one Sena Suite, one Spring Gulch Suite and one Grand Teton Suite. All suites are carpeted, with a bedroom/living room and a bathroom/dressing room. The living area features a king-size bed, a fireplace, a window-side day bed for lounging, a black resin-and-terrazzo dining table, woven cowhide chairs and a pine-stump table. There’s also a mini bar, CD player, TV, DVD player and two-line phone with data plug-in and high-speed Internet access. Wireless Internet connections are also available. Living area walls are back-lit cedar or fir planks, while sliding glass doors lead to a deck with a wrought iron table and chairs. Every suite enjoys mountain and valley views.

A deep soaking tub with mountain views is central to the bathroom and dressing area. The twin vanities and shower are trimmed in slate. Floors are of clear-heart redwood. Twin dressing areas include a full-length mirror as well as ample drawers, shelves, open closet space for two and a wardrobe.

**Aman Villas:** Known as the Amangani Homes, these have the same aesthetics and design features as the resort. The Homes are spacious, free-standing dwellings offering four bedrooms, daily housekeeping, private dining and full access to the resort’s award-winning facilities.

### FACILITIES AND SERVICES

**Restaurant and Bar:** The Grill is a 65-seat dining room open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The redwood-panelled walls and ceiling, specially-commissioned artwork, a wood-burning fireplace and magnificent views of the mountains lend a mood of stylish comfort. The restaurant offers banquet seating as well as chairs of rawhide and rattan, while tables are of black terrazzo. Slate floors are warmed with rugs. The Grill specialises in local, sustainable ranch meats, fresh fish and seasonal farm-to-table produce. Dinners and receptions can be arranged in the private dining room, and guests can also enjoy in-suite dining. Picnic lunches can be prepared with advance notice.

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The Bar is defined by rugged sandstone columns, half-a-dozen wrought-iron bar stools and intimate, window-side pairings of tables and chairs. In the summer, drinks can be taken out onto the terrace.

**Lounge:** From Amangani's entrance, 20 steps sweep dramatically down to the Lounge which features a soaring redwood ceiling, a two-storey window wall, two wood-burning fireplaces and comfortable seating. This is the ideal venue for casual afternoon and evening dining.

**Library:** Located next to the Lounge, the Library makes extensive use of glass and redwood, and offers beautiful mountain views. A fine collection of coffee table books cover subjects as varied as the region's flora and fauna, Native American culture, Western art and the area's two national parks. A selection of novels, magazines, CDs, DVDs and games is also available. Glass doors lead from the Library to the central terrace.

**The Takoda Room:** Adjacent to the Library, this relaxed venue can be used for meetings, private dinners and events. Regional artwork, panelled redwood walls and a large, wood-burning fireplace reflect the warm hospitality of the American West.

**Gallery:** The Gallery showcases art, antiques, crafts, jewellery, pottery and paintings from the area. A selection of coffee-table books, clothing and Aman's own spa products are also available for purchase.

**Spa and Fitness Centre:** Amangani's Spa and Fitness Centre features two exercise studios, four treatment rooms and separate steam rooms for men and women. A variety of one-on-one programmes are offered including Body Shaping, FitBall training, yoga, Active Isolated Stretching and personal training. The Fitness Centre is equipped with two ellipticals, one recumbent bike and two treadmills. Free weights and an exercise area are also available. Both exercise studios are finished in redwood and offer views over the swimming pool and the valley to the Snake River Range beyond.

The Spa's treatment menu includes a range of massages, facials and healing therapies. Mud, salt and seaweed body treatments are available in the wet room. Haircuts and deep conditioning treatments along with manicures and pedicures, are offered in the beauty salon.

The steam rooms feature slate floors and walls, and can also be used for treatments. Massages and fitness sessions can also be enjoyed by the swimming pool or in the privacy of guest suites.

**Swimming Pool and Whirlpool:** Amangani's 35-metre (115-foot), heated, outdoor swimming pool is finished in frost-coloured quartzite tiles and is linked to a 10.5-square metre (113- square foot) whirlpool. Both enjoy magnificent mountain views, especially at sunset. With a winter water temperature of about 27°C (80°F), the swimming pool can be enjoyed year-round.

## SPRING/SUMMER ACTIVITIES

### AMANGANI IN SPRING

Through the valley flats and into the mountains, spring in Jackson Hole is a time of transition, awakenings, movement, migration and wonder. It is a season celebrated in living colour. From late April to early June, mild days and chilly nights are the rule, with occasional snowfall and spectacular thunderstorms.

**Spring Snow:** While the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort closes in early April, alpine and snowcat skiing continue for another week at Grand Targhee, just an hour's drive from Jackson. Good backcountry and cross-country skiing can often be enjoyed well into the month.

**Elk Watch, Wolf Watch:** Sleigh rides into the National Elk Refuge wind down by early April. The 9,835-hectare (24,302-acre) refuge on the outskirts of Jackson is seasonal home to as many as 10,000 elk. Weakened from the long winter, the elk make their way north from the refuge in spring. They are heading for higher ground, for Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park and old calving grounds. After mid-May, they begin calving.

Most elk shed their antlers in spring. These can weigh as much as five kilograms. Every May, local Boy Scouts scour the refuge, collecting the antlers for Jackson's annual outdoor auction, generally held on the third Saturday in May. Buyers come from all over the world. Purchased by the pound, the antlers are used as raw material for a range of crafts and, in Asia, as medicinal aids.

In early January 1999, wolves were sighted in the National Elk Refuge for the first time in more than 60 years. Soon after, they made their first elk kill. The return of the wolf to Jackson Hole is being followed closely by naturalists, ranchers and wolf watchers alike.

**Nature Walk:** Spring is an idyllic time for a walk through the valley sagebrush and into the hills and forests of Grand Teton National Park. The park maintains more than 360 kilometres

(224 miles) of trails. Patches of snow generally linger in the valley to the end of May. Stands of aspen and cottonwood are still budding in April along with wildflowers in the meadows. Among

the first flowers to greet the new season are buttercups, white phlox, yellow bells and spring beauties.

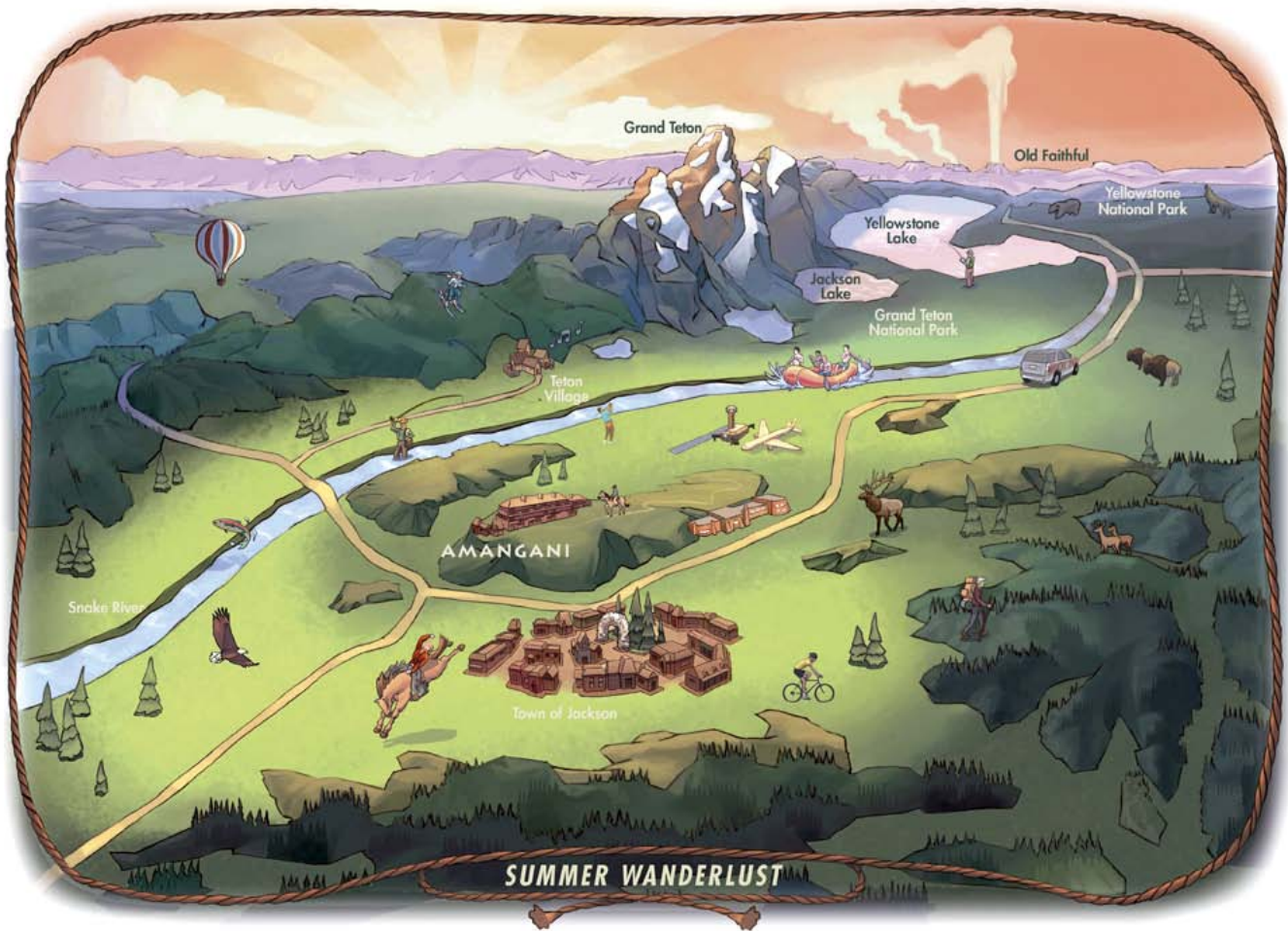
Spring is also paradise for bird watchers. From bald and golden eagles to calliope hummingbirds, Canada geese to great grey owls, nesting time has begun. Jackson Hole's river bottoms, sage flats, lakes, forests and mountainsides are home to over 300 bird species. From early April, moose are a common sight in the sagebrush flats where they feed on the season's first bitterbrush. Later in the month, pronghorn return from their wintering areas, and bison move north toward Yellowstone National Park. In the ranches spread out below Amangani, cattle and horses graze on spring grass with their newborn calves and foals.

**Wildlife Safari:** Take to the flatlands, the wetlands, the valleys and the buttes of Jackson Hole with your own personal guide. Travel in Amangani's four-wheel-drive luxury SUVs. Binoculars, spotting scopes and Amangani's in-house field guide are included. Enjoy an educational and entertaining field study of nature up close. In spring, moose are in the willows, new aspen leaves are lettuce-green, and trumpeter swans, the largest waterfowl in America, are nesting amid the reeds and rushes of the National Elk Refuge. Wildlife safaris run year-round in Jackson Hole and environs, tracking the seasons as they change, subtly and dramatically, week by week.

**Yellowstone in May:** Jackson Hole is the southern gateway to Yellowstone National Park, America's first national park. In a day-long trip (10-12 hours), experience the park's great lower loop, including the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone Lake, one of the largest high-altitude lakes in the world. Yellowstone has more geysers than anywhere else on earth, and you'll see and hear plenty of them, including Old Faithful. Pelicans migrate to Yellowstone in May, getting fat on cutthroat trout. Yellowstone's black bears and grizzlies are particularly active in spring. So, too, are the grey wolves, which were reintroduced to Yellowstone in 1995 after an absence of more than 60 years.

Yellowstone National Park is closed mid-March through early May, and late October through mid-December. In winter the roads are closed to all traffic but snowmobiles and snow coaches.





## AMANGANI IN SUMMER

Most of the summer activities in the greater Jackson Hole area get going in May. By then, the spring air has lost a bit of its bite and the Snake River some of its snowmelt chill. In July and August, the days are generally warm, the nights cool. As the local saying goes: "Sometimes in Jackson Hole, you can enjoy four seasons in one weekend."

**Horseback Riding:** From the very top of East Gros Ventre Butte, more than 2,135 metres (7,000 feet) above sea level, the views below to the town of Jackson, the National Elk Refuge and Flat Creek are unsurpassed. As you ride, western-style, watch red-tailed hawks float in the thermals, spot deer and chance upon yearlings. The butte-top trail eventually drops into cool aspen forest. Half-day and full-day rides into the splendour of the National Forest, including guides and fireside meals, can also be arranged.

Jackson Hole's own rodeo, with cowboys and cowgirls from all over the West, takes place twice a week throughout the summer.

**Mountain Biking:** Ride through Grand Teton National Park, take to the valley's many side roads or follow dirt trails into Bridger-Teton National Forest. Wherever you go, it's hard to lose sight of the Grand Tetons and their snow-capped peaks. Elk, bison, birds and wildflowers are also part of nature's parade. The half-day Antelope Flats tour takes you to Mormon Row at the foot of the Tetons. An area of haunting beauty, Mormon Row was among Jackson Hole's earliest settlements. Day-long mountain-bike tours into Yellowstone National Park are also available.

**Fly Fishing:** Some of the finest fly fishing in North America can be had in the Snake River which winds south through Jackson Hole



from its source in Yellowstone Park. The South Fork of the Snake River, about 100 kilometres (60 miles) southwest of Jackson in Idaho, is particularly favoured by seasoned anglers. The Green River southeast of Jackson is celebrated for its lively mix of brown and native cutthroat trout. In Yellowstone National Park, fishing the deep waters of Yellowstone Lake from the shore is popular. The Firehole River, close to Old Faithful and fed by geysers, is a hot spot for waders. You can try your hand from early April. Fishing picks up in July, when the mountain snowmelt no longer muddies the region's larger rivers and the water has warmed. It's even better as summer fades into autumn.

**Exploring the River:** A scenic float down the Snake River, through Grand Teton National Park, is ideal for pleasure seekers. Travelling at about 10km/h (6.2mph) in a carpeted inflatable six-metre (20-foot) raft, there's plenty of time to photograph the nesting bald eagles, fishing pelicans and mergansers skimming the rushing water line. Wildlife near the water's edge could include moose, deer, bison, beavers, porcupines and more. Thrill seekers may want the rush of white-water rafting found on the Snake River south of Jackson. You can count on guides who know the river and are eager to share their knowledge. Canoeing, kayaking and other water sports are popular on Jackson Lake and the area's many other waterways. Jenny Lake cruises are another option.

**Hiking:** In summer, mountain and valley hiking trails wind through a world bright with wildflowers. The show of blossoms is extraordinarily colourful in July, the very peak of the flowering season. Birds are busy feeding their fledglings and newborns are rife throughout the animal kingdom. If you don't spot a herd of bison on an afternoon hike, you will know they have been around: The trees along many trails often reveal thick nests of blond bison hair left after a good long rubbing. Private guides take you on hikes ranging from a couple of hours to the better part of a day.

**Mountain Climbing:** Jackson Hole is perhaps the nation's premier mountain-climbing destination. Grand Teton, at 4,200 metres (13,770 feet), is the highest mountain in the range and easily the favourite amongst climbers. While most people will need two days for this daunting alpine climb, other summits offer easy hikes and moderate

technical climbing and can be completed in one day. From June to September, the Jenny Lake Ranger Station is headquarters for climbing information.

**Hot Air Ballooning:** There's no more exhilarating way to watch the early-morning sun catch the peaks of the Grand Tetons and spread across the Jackson Hole valley than in a hot air balloon. Available in spring, summer and autumn, weather permitting.

**Jackson Hole Golf:** The valley has two fine golf courses: Teton Pines Resort & Golf Club, an Arnold Palmer-designed course; and Jackson Hole Golf & Tennis Club, designed by Robert Trent Jones II.

**Tennis:** Tennis courts and lessons are available at Jackson Hole Golf & Tennis Club and Teton Pines Resort & Golf Club.

**Grand Teton Music Festival:** The Grand Teton Music Festival is celebrated each year with orchestral and chamber concerts, special tributes and musical events for all ages. Taking place in July and August, all concerts are held in the intimate Walk Festival Hall, in Teton Village.

**Museums, Galleries & Cultural Entertainment:** Private tours of the National Museum of Wildlife Art are available to Amangani guests with advance arrangement. The museum's imaginatively-designed sandstone building overlooks the National Elk Refuge and brings together 2,500 works of wildlife art from the early 19th century to the present. Features include an artist's studio from the area's bygone days, a children's gallery and an art theatre.

Jackson Hole Museum follows the evolution of Jackson from an early hunting and trapping outpost to the modern town of today. Other cultural activities might include a trip to the Center for the Arts or to the Jackson Hole Playhouse, a historic theatre with a restaurant.

Jackson Hole is home to more than 25 galleries devoted to painting, pottery, jewellery, photography and other art forms. Farther afield in Cody, Wyoming is the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, a beautiful half-day's drive from Jackson. Home to four internationally-acclaimed museums, the Center has been called "the Smithsonian of the West."

## AUTUMN/WINTER ACTIVITIES



### AMANGANI IN AUTUMN

Jackson Hole in autumn is just as inviting as it is in high summer. The crowds have thinned, the air is bracing and the eye-catching autumn colours are everywhere you look, from the mountains to the sage flats, from the national forests to Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. In Jackson Hole, many of summer's activities extend well into October.

**On the River:** The half-day float down the scenic Snake River is one of Jackson Hole's most rewarding nature tours. In autumn, beavers and porcupines are active along the banks. Bald eagles, osprey and all manner of waterfowl feast on the Snake River's cutthroat trout. You rarely lose sight of the snow-capped Tetons, and the river flows past forest bursting with autumn colours. For more adventure, there's white-water rafting on the Snake River south of Jackson. The river tours continue until mid-September. Also available are Jenny Lake cruises which explore the lake and its surrounding scenery.

Catch-and-release fly fishing on the Snake River generally runs until early November. A private guide leads groups down one of America's most celebrated trout rivers. The full-day adventure includes a fly rod, flies and vest, along with a fishing hat, lunch and drinks; ponchos are also included depending on the weather.

**Hiking:** By September, the fields full of wildflowers are mostly a summer memory, but scattered blossoms, from forget-me-nots and buttercups to Indian paintbrush (Wyoming's state flower), linger. Flowers aren't needed however, as the cottonwoods which line the Snake River and the aspen that cloak the hillsides are now in full flame. A wide range of terrain suitable for all hikers, from novice

to expert can be found in Jackson and half-day tours are available with a private guide.

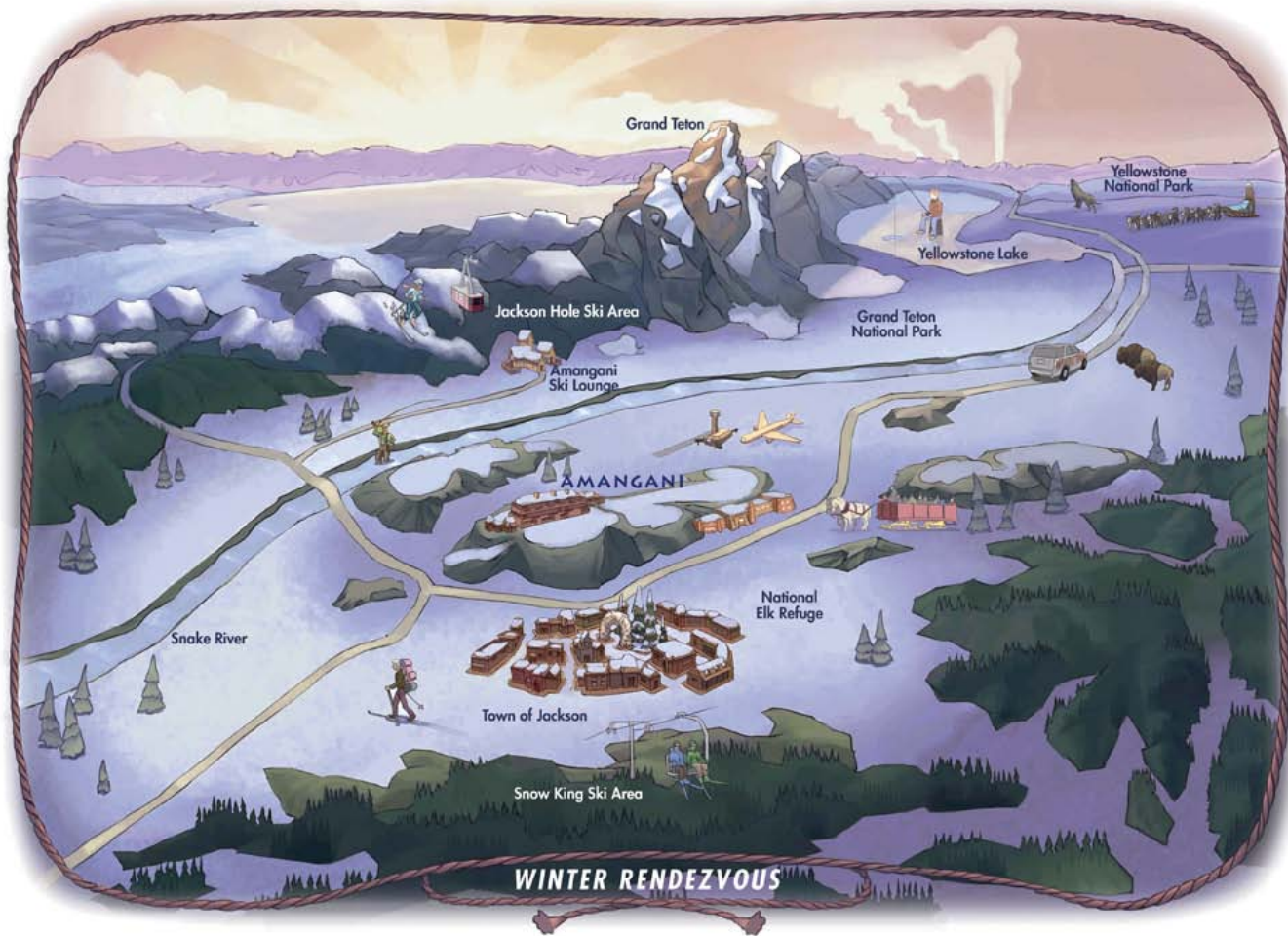
**On the Range:** Horseback riding through the sagebrush of East Gros Ventre Butte continues until late October (weather permitting), offering spectacular views of Jackson, the National Elk Refuge and meandering Flat Creek. Half-day and full-day rides into the splendour of Grand Teton National Forest, including guides and fireside meals, can also be arranged.

**Mountain Biking:** Mountain biking is popular along Antelope Flats until October, or as long as the weather holds out. Following pavement or dirt roads, with the Grand Tetons always looming in the distance, cyclists get closer to nature than they might expect. It's one thing to see a bison from a car window, and quite another when you bike past a herd of the 2,000-pound beasts. Bikes are carefully fitted for each rider, and the workout will suit leisure lovers and thrill-seekers alike. Half-day and full-day tours are available.

**Wildlife Safari:** With Amangani's in-house guides and fleet of luxury four-wheel-drive SUVs, there's no better way to view the wildlife that Grand Teton National Park has to offer. Binoculars, window-mounted scopes and a guide are included in the full-day safari. Autumn is the season of the rut, and moose, elk, pronghorn, mule deer and other wildlife are particularly active during the months of September and October. Autumn is also the season for migration, with the Wyoming skies full of flocking birds and waterfowl.

**Call of the Wild:** It's a sound you will never forget, the bewitching call of the bull elk during the September/October mating season.





Elk bugling is an autumn highlight in Jackson Hole. Your private guide collects you for the trip to Jenny Lake, a popular spooning spot for mating elk.

**The Splendour of Yellowstone:** Save at least one day for Yellowstone National Park. America's first national park, and the largest apart from those in Alaska, Yellowstone boasts its own Grand Canyon and more geysers than anywhere else on earth. There is also Yellowstone Lake, the largest mountain lake in the United States, and a huge diversity of flora and fauna. Wildlife abounds with black bears and grizzly bears, bison, coyotes and wolves. A private guide can accompany you in the comfort of your own vehicle or you can take a tour in an Amangani car. The 10- to 12-hour day trip includes Yellowstone's southern loop taking in Old Faithful, Artist Point, Grand Canyon, the Midway Geyser Basin and historic Lake Hotel. Tours are available until the end of October.

### AMANGANI IN WINTER

Winter in Jackson Hole is the real thing, with snow piling up to four metres (13.5 feet) in the mountains and up to 1.5 metres (5 feet) in the valleys. The entire Jackson Hole valley turns white sometime after mid-November, and winter can stretch past early April. The dry air of Wyoming feels warmer, and temperature inversions are not uncommon, making mountain ski slopes significantly more temperate than the valley floor. Whatever the temperature, Jackson Hole is a wonderland of outdoor fun.

**Alpine Skiing and Snowboarding:** The Jackson Hole Mountain Resort is the largest ski area in Wyoming, delivering more than 1,000 hectares (2,471 acres) of high-thrill skiing and snowboarding terrain. The ski resort also boasts one of North America's greatest lift-serviced vertical drops – 1,260 metres (4,139 feet). Teton Village, an alpine mix of shops, restaurants, bars and recreational activities, including



an outdoor ice-skating rink, is the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort's community centre. Teton Village is less than 20 kilometres (12.4 miles) from Amangani. Here, you'll find the Amangani Ski Lounge. Conveniently located in Walk Festival Hall, just below the gondola, the lounge serves as a meeting and resting place. Scheduled complimentary shuttle services and private transfers run between the resort and the Ski Lounge. Ski equipment and lessons can be organised from the lounge, and there are racks for storing skis and warming boots. Snacks and hot beverages are available, as are phones, bathrooms and a concierge service. All these services are complimentary for Amangani guests. The ski season begins in early December and ends the first week of April, depending on weather conditions.

Grand Targhee, an hour's drive away in the high country of Wyoming's Teton Range, generally closes a week later than Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. Grand Targhee is celebrated for its snowcat skiing in deep, champagne-powder snow.

**Snowcat Powder Skiing:** For adventure skiers, snowcats take guests to the thigh-high powder at the top of Peaked Mountain, the summit of a 732-metre (2,400-foot) vertical drop where skiers can expect to fit in eight to 10 runs a day.

**Heli-skiing:** Heli-skiing allows guests to explore the fresh powder around the Snake River, Hoback, Palisades and South Teton Mountain Ranges. Trips include lunch and a guide is present.

**Snowmobiling:** Guests are picked up early in the morning and driven to one of several far-flung locations in the Jackson Hole region, among them an old trapper's cabin in the rugged Sawtooth Mountains. Lunch is served at the turn-of-the-century mining camp and allows plenty of time to try the rustic sauna.

Another option is to snowmobile through the Bridger-Teton National

Forest to Granite Hot Springs. You'll want to bring your bathing suit. All Amangani snowmobile tours include a snowmobile suit, helmet, boots and your own machine.

**Snowshoeing:** Along with cross-country skiing, snowshoeing is an exhilarating way of tracking Wyoming wildlife in winter. You won't see any bear tracks – they're in hibernation – but evidence of elk, deer, porcupines, coyotes, martens, moose and even mountain lions may be visible in fresh snow. Snowshoeing is growing in popularity, with custom sizes and aluminium frames making the sport as easy as a summer hike in the hills. Half- and full-day trips are available with or without guides through the Grand Teton National Park and other wilderness areas.

**Dog-sledding:** Dog-sledding is a popular winter activity. Half-day and full-day treks take you through the Bridger-Teton National Forest. With the Gros Ventre Mountains in the distance and Granite Creek flowing right next to the trail, have yourself pulled by a team of eight to 14 dogs or learn to mush your own team of huskies.

**Sleigh Rides:** Horse-drawn sleigh rides explore the National Elk Refuge bordering the town of Jackson. Elk come down from the mountains by the thousands to the refuge when snow begins to blanket the high ground. Anywhere from 7,000-10,000 or more elk winter in the refuge, along with much smaller numbers of bison, bighorn sheep, mule deer and the occasional moose and pronghorn. Sca-vengers including coyotes and bald and golden eagles feed on the elk that die in the refuge each winter. Trumpeter swans and other waterfowl also winter on the 9,835-hectare (24,302 acre) refuge. Dinner sleigh rides are a winter highlight at Amangani, especially on a moonlit night. A horse-drawn sleigh takes guests up and along the ridge of the butte from which panoramic views of Jackson and Flat Creek unfold. Dinner follows at Amangani. Alternatively, Amangani guests can enjoy a private tour through the National Wildlife Art Museum followed by a guided 45-minute sleigh ride.



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