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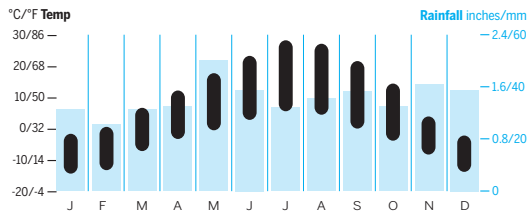
## Why Go?

Outside the park boundaries, the landscape doesn't turn dull – it continues the rampage of beauty with cold clear rivers, winding single tracks and steep powder runs. One of the best times to visit this region is in winter, when Jackson Hole and Grand Targhee serve up deep, pillowy snow to ride. Lodges light roaring fires and the wilderness becomes a haven for dogsledding, snowshoeing, ski touring and winter fun.

Posh and popular Jackson serves as the regional hub and base camp, where you can browse for Western baubles, down pints of fresh organic lager or wrap yourself in honey and rose petals. The foodie scene is one of the best in the West, with an emphasis on local, farm-raised food. On the Idaho side, rural Teton Valley is another world. If you have come to embrace every scrap of solitude, a trip west across the divide might be in order.

## When to Go

### Jackson Hole



**June-August** Farmers' markets, fat-tire adventures and the Grand Teton Music Festival

**September** Crisp air coincides with the Jackson Hole Fall Arts Festival

**January & February** Snow-dusted peaks, powdery slopes, après-ski parties deluxe

## Jackson

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Beautiful and studiously rustic, technically this is Wyoming, but with the highest per-capita income in the US. Once a diamond in the rough, now McMansions spread here like brucellosis: it's a haven for millionaires since there's no income tax. This is the new West, a human confluence that includes

ranchers, rhinestone cowboys, mountain athletes and an army of service workers. As the community evolves, tensions sometimes flare over wilderness, since 97% of Teton County is, in fact, public land.

Yet Jackson is abuzz with life: trails and outdoor opportunities abound, fresh sushi is flown in daily and generous purse strings support a vigorous cultural life. When it becomes a little much, just skip the souvenir



### Around Grand Teton Highlights

- 1 Ride through the wildflower meadows to explore Idaho's **Teton Valley** (p225) on horseback
- 2 Tear down single-track trails on mountain bikes only to catch your breath on the gondola ride up at **Jackson Hole** (p219)
- 3 Cross streams and crest lofty ridges on the trail to **Table Mountain** (p224)
- 4 Luxuriate at **Rock Spring Yurt** (p221) in a guided overnight trek to the backcountry
- 5 Soak in **Granite Hot Springs** (p222) pool after a hard day on the hoof
- 6 Shred powder at the legendary **Jackson Hole Mountain Resort** (p219)
- 7 Hit happy hour at one of **Jackson's upscale eateries** (p216)