



VITAL STATS

- Base elevation: 1924m
- Summit: 3185m
- Vertical drop: 1262m
- Skiable area:
2500 acres
(10km²)

Jackson Hole [USA]

PROS

- A Wild West culture you won't find anywhere else
- Big vertical and home to the famous Corbet's Couloir
- Excellent snow record and in-bound challenging skiing
- Great après compared to some US resorts

CONS

- Pricey to stay and ski in Jackson Hole
- Ski area is a bus ride from the old town
- Queues build for lifts and traffic on the roads
- Limited skiing for beginners

WHERE ELSE MIGHT YOU COME ACROSS

A 700KG MOOSE while skiing, drop into the most famous couloir in the world and then sit in a western ranching saddle, sipping a beer? Only in Jackson Hole. This Wyoming resort is so next level for just about everything: scenery, steepness, snow record, party atmosphere and serious skiing that it's not hard to nail down exactly why this deserves its place at the top of skiers' To Do lists.

Start the day by riding the iconic Jackson Hole Tram and stopping for a coffee and Top Of The World Waffle at Corbet's Cabin, a tradition in itself, and the best way to savour the 360-degree views of the Tetons and Jackson Hole Valley. Without going out of the gates, there's more than enough steep, double-black diamond chutes and tree runs to keep a good skier busy, accessing some of the most challenging skiing on the planet without the expense of hiring a guide.

Jackson Hole is on the Ikon Pass which makes the lift pass cheaper, but also means that weekends can be busy with American skiers flocking by car to the Big Hills, so ski mid-week.

The main town filled with cowboy saloons, pool halls and wooden walkways is a half-hour drive from the base of the ski area – which is a fun spot as well – but the two, like many US resorts, are a bus ride away from each other.

Make the most of your time there and visit the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and make sure to come home with a Stetson.