

and snowboarding; it is nestled in a pristine natural environment that will have the whole family in awe.

drive from town and many families opt to stay in Teton Village lodging when focusing on skiing as the primary activity. Adjacent to the main village is a neighbourhood of alpine apartments perfectly set up to be the family base for the duration of the stay. We choose to stay here and when we're ready to hit the slopes, a courtesy bus collects us from the apartments and delivers us to the main village. There are also ski-in, ski-out hotels and lodges if you really want to squeeze every last minute out of your ski experience.

Jackson Hole's Teton Village is small enough to be friendly and easy to get around, yet big enough to provide the services that a family needs for a week or more on the slopes. Great restaurants (including **Teton Thai**, one of the best Thai fine dining, and all necessary amenities means that there is no need to leave the village for days on end.

Planning a family snow holiday always comes with a concern about the weather: will there be snow? That is one of Jackson Hole's trump cards, with 10-12 metres of snow per year ensuring it has some of the best and most reliable snow in North America. There are slopes for all abilities, with guides available for the more adventurous and some of the world's best backcountry skiing. Let's not forget that scenery, with the town boasting the spectacular backdrop of those meringuecovered mountains.

## Memories made at Targhee

To mix it up a little, **Grand Targhee** is a smaller resort that accesses the other side of the Teton Mountains. The drive is guite adventurous, with a steep mountain pass and often icy roads, so go slow or arrange a day tour from Jackson Hole. The route takes you across the border into Idaho, before slipping back into Wyoming where the resort is situated. Grand Targhee Resort is smaller than Jackson Hole with no crowds and a relaxed feel. The very young are trained by certified instructors with fab facilities, ensuring that even their very first experience on the white stuff is enjoyable.

Joy in Jackson Jackson Hole Resort is about a 20-minute

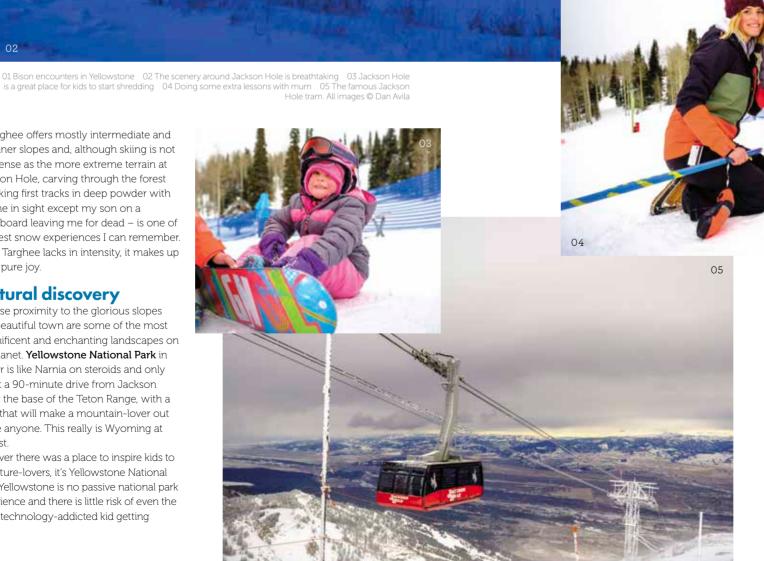
restaurants in the state), as well as pubs and

Targhee offers mostly intermediate and beginner slopes and, although skiing is not as intense as the more extreme terrain at Jackson Hole, carving through the forest - making first tracks in deep powder with no one in sight except my son on a snowboard leaving me for dead - is one of the best snow experiences I can remember. What Targhee lacks in intensity, it makes up for in pure joy.

## Natural discovery

In close proximity to the glorious slopes and beautiful town are some of the most magnificent and enchanting landscapes on the planet. Yellowstone National Park in winter is like Narnia on steroids and only about a 90-minute drive from Jackson along the base of the Teton Range, with a view that will make a mountain-lover out of the anyone. This really is Wyoming at

If ever there was a place to inspire kids to be nature-lovers, it's Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone is no passive national park experience and there is little risk of even the most technology-addicted kid getting



- which will ensure the whole family's enduring love of glorious Wyoming.

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bored. The park is a constant source of

years. The whole place is steaming and

bubbling and there are active geysers

or take 10 minutes.

thermal activity with a landscape created by

several volcanic eruptions over thousands of

everywhere, with Old Faithful going off with

an impressive blast every 90 minutes, give

Visiting the park's interior in winter

requires a guide and special oversnow

vehicle, essentially a monster truck. The

millions of tourists that visit Yellowstone

winter, so you'll feel like you almost have

coyotes, bison, wolves and mountain lions

the park to yourselves - along with the

each year are nowhere to be seen in

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Getting there Jackson Hole Airport is serviced by United, Delta and American Airlines.

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