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I stayed in a \$1,500 resort and the cheapest hostel I could find during a trip to Jackson Hole. Both felt luxurious.

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The author stayed in some of Jackson Hole, Wyoming's cheapest and most expensive accommodations. Joey Hadden/Business Insider

- **I stayed at Hotel Yellowstone, a luxury resort, and Cache House, a hostel, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.**
- **Hotel Yellowstone costs \$1,500 a night, while Cache House is a more budget-friendly option.**
- **Cache House felt surprisingly luxurious for a hostel, with starting rates as low as \$65 in winter.**

When I visited the luxury vacation hot spot of [Jackson Hole, Wyoming](#), earlier this fall, I simply had to stay at one of the most expensive hotels in the area — [Hotel Yellowstone, an adults-only resort](#) with a starting rate of \$1,500 a night.

The biggest draw for me was the location. The resort sits on a hill with unobstructed views of the Teton Range and Snake River Valley. Photos online showed epic landscapes that I had to see for myself. So I booked a one-night stay in September 2024, though Business Insider paid a media rate.

For [travelers craving luxury on a tight budget](#), a hotel this expensive may need to be paired with a cheaper stay. That's why I spent another night in the cheapest accommodation I could find in Jackson Hole. For \$150, I got a bunk in an [upscale hostel, Cache House](#), though a company representative told BI that starting rates are \$110 in the summer and \$65 in the winter.

Before staying in both accommodations, I thought my preference for the more expensive one would be obvious. Still, my previous travel reporting has shown me that it's not always that simple.

Hotel Yellowstone and Cache House serve completely different vacationers, but both offer luxury in their own ways.

On a trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, I spent one night at Hotel Yellowstone, a resort, and another at Cache House, a hostel.



Hotel Yellowstone and Cache House are in Jackson, Wyoming. Joey Hadden/Business Insider

Cache House is in Downtown Jackson, a walkable neighborhood full of boutiques, restaurants, and, in my experience, traffic.

While Hotel Yellowstone is less than 15 minutes north of the bustling square, it's tucked away in a scenic area with expansive properties. I thought it provided a more isolated experience.

First, I stayed at Hotel Yellowstone, a luxury, adults-only resort that opened in August.



The main building of Hotel Yellowstone. Joey Hadden/Business Insider

I booked a one-night stay at Hotel Yellowstone about a month after it opened. When my cab pulled up, I could tell it was a brand-new establishment.

The four-acre resort had 10 sleek, cabin-style buildings with wide windows and sloped rooftops.



The pond at Hotel Yellowstone. Joey Hadden/Business Insider

Between buildings, lush, extravagant landscaping framed a glistening pond that attracted wildlife — from ducks to moose.

The resort's interior design showcased modern luxury with Western flair.



Inside the Hotel Yellowstone lobby. Joey Hadden/Business Insider

I entered a neutral-toned lobby with cathedral ceilings to check into the hotel. The space had an array of cozy seating, from fur seats to cushioned rocking chairs.

"Hotel Yellowstone's design pays homage to the American West while seamlessly blending influences of modern design," a representative of Hotel Yellowstone told Business Insider.

Before heading to my room, I sat briefly and stared in awe out a vast window that framed the Tetons.



A view out the window. Joey Hadden/Business Insider

Hills and mountains layered the distant landscape, and a rich, green valley brightened the foreground. It looked like a photograph.

After checking in, I headed to my Grand Teton Suite.



Inside the author's room. Joey Hadden/Business Insider

Hotel Yellowstone had nine guest room buildings with four accommodations in each. Each room was 600 square feet and had a private balcony — the main difference between each is the view.

I booked a room with a balcony facing the Teton Range. It had a plush, king-sized bed, a full bathroom, two seating spaces, and glass doors for nonstop views of the mountains.

The accommodation had basic amenities like a TV, a mini fridge, and a fireplace. I used the in-room smart tablet to close the curtains, ignite the fireplace, activate mood lighting, and change the channel.

The space nodded to the American West, from the lighting to the wall art.



A wide view of the room. Joey Hadden/Business Insider

"The intricate design components pull inspiration from Jackson Hole's history, proximity to national parks, and locale on a wildlife refuge — allowing guests to view Jackson Hole's native animals from the comfort of their suites," the Hotel Yellowstone representative told BI.

To me, the bathroom felt like a private spa.



Inside the bathroom. Joey Hadden/Business Insider

The Carrara marble bathroom had floor and towel heaters. A stand-alone rainfall shower was stocked with Byredo toiletries. A large, deep tub sat behind a sliding door, revealing the outdoor views.

Hotel Yellowstone had a restaurant for guests only.



Inside Olivia's, the hotel's restaurant. Joey Hadden/Business Insider

At most hotels I've stayed in, the on-site restaurants are open to the public. Still, Hotel Yellowstone's resto, Olivia's, was exclusively for hotel guests.

It was on the lower level of the main building beneath the lobby. As I stepped down the stairs, I spotted an elegant marble bar with couch seating. Just past the bar was a dining room with floor-to-ceiling windows.

Dining at this establishment that locally sources ingredients almost felt like dining outside — without the discomforts of weather and bugs.

There was also a spa, fitness center, pool, and sauna.



A view of the pool with the retractable [Joey Hadden/Business Insider](#)

The pool — open 24 hours a day, along with the sauna — was made for relaxing. Known as the Negative Edge Pool, it was indoors with retractable glass windows overlooking the valley and surrounding mountains.

**Both accommodations gave me a taste of luxury,
and I'd stay at both again.**



Hotel Yellowstone and surrounding views. Joey Hadden/Business Insider

Hotel Yellowstone would be ideal for the retreat seeker who craves serenity in solitude.

An adventurer who wants to stay out all day sampling the food, shopping, and culture of Jackson Hole would likely have a better time at the centrally located Cache House.

They'd save a buck and still get a taste of luxury.