

Creature Comforts

While safari-goers in Africa may have their Big Five—lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, and buffalo—guests on an equivalent adventure through the Jackson Hole valley can pursue six sizable, and no less spectacular, species. Elk, bison, mountain lions, moose, black bears, and grizzly bears share the

valley with mule deer, pronghorn, trumpeter swans, and sandhill cranes. Guests of the Amangani resort track these animals from SUVs equipped with binoculars and window-mounted scopes, allowing for an up-close view into this pristine habitat near Grand Teton National Park.

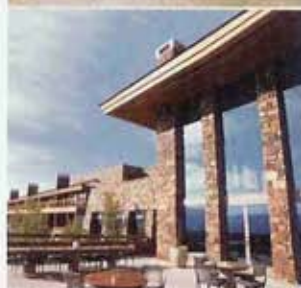
Amangani itself affords equally inspiring views of the surroundings. The three-story, 40-suite resort hovers 7,000 feet above sea level, atop East Gros Ventre Butte outside of Jackson. Guests can enjoy sunset panoramas of Grand Teton from a quartzite-tiled pool, or through the floor-to-ceiling windows in the resort's lounge. Suites at Amangani overlook the Snake River Valley and

include daybeds, backlit cedar or fir planks, deep soaking tubs, and faux wolf throws.

Amangani's guests can take a complimentary shuttle to the resort's Ski Lounge, a ski-in/ski-out facility in Teton Village. Après-ski activities back at the hotel include reclining in one of the cowhide chairs in the main building's lounge and ordering an appetizer by the fire. Those with more energy to burn can head to the wellness studio at Amangani's Health Center for a training session, then to one of the facility's four treatment rooms for a massage.

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SETTING

On the crest of East Gros Ventre Butte, outside of Jackson, Wyo.

SLEEPING

With its sweeping mountain views from a private terrace, the top-floor Grand Teton Suite is the highlight of the resort's 40 guest rooms. Four-bedroom homes on the property also are available.

DINING

Fine American cuisine served in the Grill, a 65-seat dining room decorated with metal elk sculptures.

DIVERSIONS

Downhill and cross-country skiing, heli-skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, dogsledding, and horse-drawn sleigh rides during the winter and spring. Wildlife safaris, hiking, mountain biking, climbing, fly-fishing, white-water rafting, canoeing, and kayaking during the warmer months.

RATES

\$565-\$4,800