



Camping in style: Moose Creek Ranch's cabins, fully outfitted Conestoga wagons, and Airstreams offer glamping at its finest.

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Ranch Vacations

With Paramount's *Yellowstone* reaching new heights of popularity, the Wild West is on our minds ... and maybe in our vacation plans. We corralled three spectacular spots where the ranch life and impossibly gorgeous scenery are real, and guests can indulge in a ten-gallon hat's worth of cowboy fun.

- In the heart of Yellowstone Country, **Mountain Sky Ranch** (mountainsky.com) sits on nearly 17,000 acres of unspoiled Montana wilderness, with grass-covered hills, thick pine forests, stands of aspen trees, and 4.5 miles of Big Creek waters to remind visitors just how beautiful the 41st state is. Try archery, skeet shooting, fly fishing, and cow penning, or take a day-long guided trek through Yellowstone National Park on horseback. Some of their 33 guest cabins date to the 1920s, but all have been refurbished with style and comfort in mind (think private baths, some fireplaces, and cozy bed linens). Dinners are served family-style in the lodge, and fresh cookies are baked and served daily.
- Just 40 minutes from Grand Teton National Park in Victor, Idaho, sits 25-acre **Moose Creek Ranch** (moosecreekranch.com), a campground for cowboy living with modern comforts. Lodging options include cabins, lodge suites, and creek-side

Airstreams (plumbing and electricity included). The Conestoga "covered" wagons will up your Instagram game to new heights, and have one king and bunk beds, electricity, running water, A/C, full bathrooms, outdoor firepits, and Wi-Fi, making them an ideal place to rest after a day of hiking, fly fishing, or riding horses into the surrounding Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

- For a get-your-boots-dirty experience, **Badger Creek Ranch** (badgercreekranch.com) in central Colorado has a five-night Ranch Stewardship program that invites guests to join the crew and learn the inner workings of the 4,000-acre ranch, from horse riding and stockmanship to regenerative agriculture and fence mending, while surrounded by the Collegiate Peaks and the Sangre De Cristo Mountains. Meals are served at the lodge's communal dining table, and stays are in rustic glamping tents with shared bathhouse, bunkhouse rooms, or stand-alone cabins.

PRACTICAL MATTERS
TRAVEL ADVISORS

The devil (and hassle) is in the details when it comes to travel planning, especially during peak periods, and a good advisor is as essential as sunscreen. Newcomer **Napa Valley Noir** (nvnoir.com) is laser-focused on delivering insider experiences in the world-famous wine region (home to more than 600 wineries). Lean on them to organize meet-and-greets at top tables and tastings at lesser-known vineyards, as well as comfortable transportation in between. For pack-and-go ease, **Road Scholar** (roadscholar.org), a leader in educational vacations for older adults, has dozens of ready-made journeys classified by location, interest, activity level, budget, and duration, while destination-specific advisors answer questions and handle all the logistics. Pleasing everyone is stressful, which is why the advisors at **Ciao Bambino!** (ciaobambino.com) have been the go-to gurus for multigenerational family vacations for 20+ years, with memory-making custom itineraries their top priority in the USA and abroad.

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