

Yurts, circular tents originally made from wood and felt. have been used as dwellings by Mongolian nomads in central Asia for at least three thousand years. In the last few decades, however, vurts have become popular with a different culture: backcountry skiers. Here are five more vurts worth checking out.

IDAHO

You and 13 friends can reserve these two Mongolian-style yurts, which sit side-by-side in Idaho's northern Sawtooth range, at the base of some rugged ski tetrain. Bonus: There's a wood-fired sauna.

From \$40/person/night (8 person minimum, \$250 fee for first timers) sawtoothquides.com

YURTOPIA YURT

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Operated in conjunction with Wildhorse Catskiing, you can access the Ymir Yurts via snowmobile, cat, or ski touring. Once you're there, you'll enjoy 2.000-vertical-foot descents and perfectly gladed trees.

From \$39/person/night ymiryurts.com

RENDEZVOUS BACKCOUNTRY TOURS

WYOMING

The only backcountry hut system in Wyoming's Teton Range, Rendezvous offers guided hut-to-hut trips or yurt rental at their four backcountry yurts on the western slope of the Tetons.

From \$44/person/night (plus tax) skithetetons.com

40 TRIBES

KYRGYZSTAN

Opened in 2010 by Coloradoan Ryan Koupal, 40 Tribes' handmade yurt sits in a remote range in Kyrgyzstan. You'll skin up a path used by locals tracking wolves and renowned Canadian mountaineer Ptor Spricenieks will be your guide.

From \$150/person/night fortytribesbackcountry.com

THREE SISTERS YURT

OREGON

These two yurts in Oregon's Three Sisters Wilderness have stocked kitch ens, a wood-fired sauna, and access to 280,000 acres of bowls and oldgrowth hemlock trees. You can even have the staff deliver a keg from the local Three Creeks Brewery.

From \$45/person/night (2 person minimum)

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