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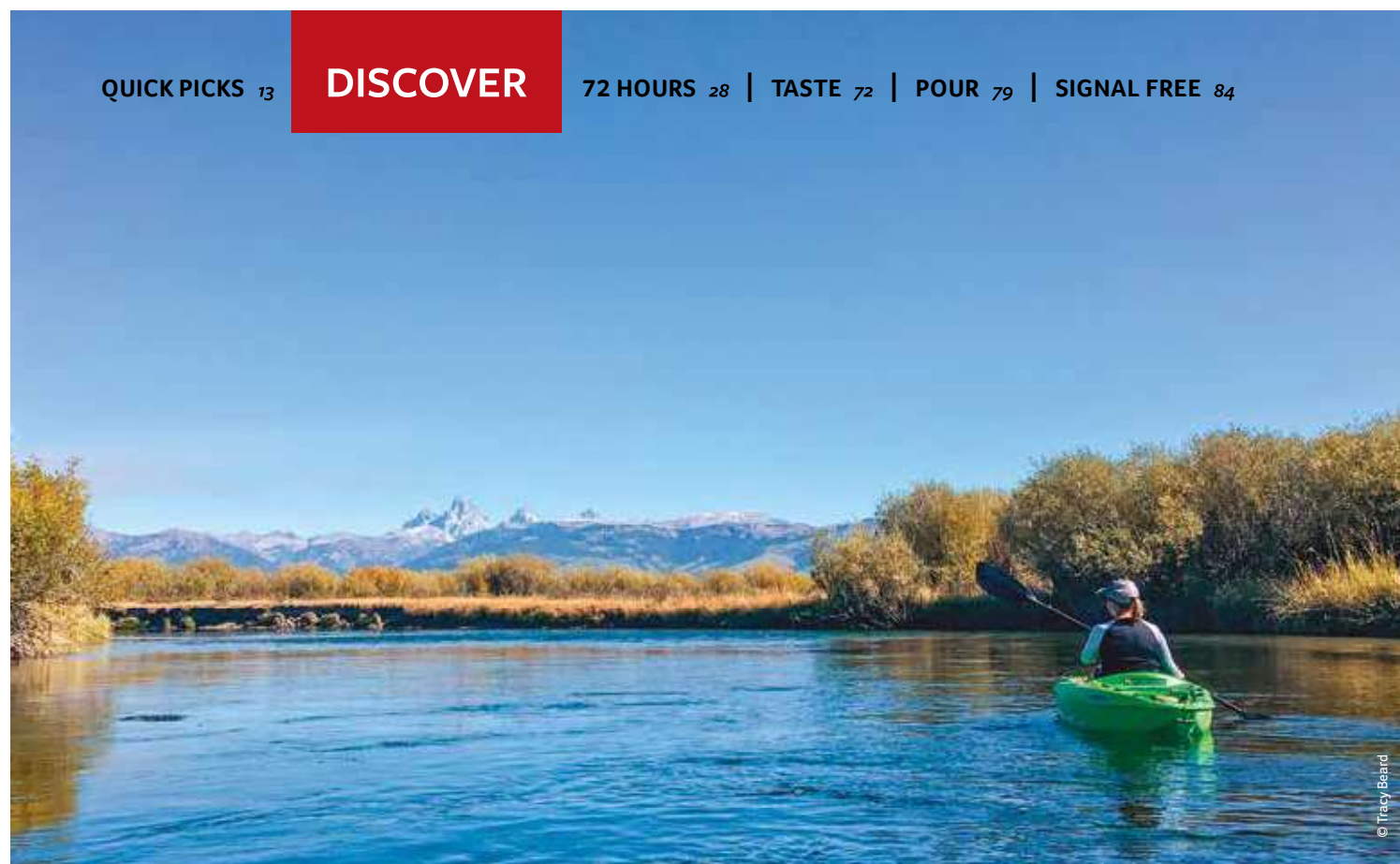
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TETON VALLEY, ID

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The drive into Victor, Idaho, is stunning. This quiet little town surrounded by foothills forested with pine, fir and aspen trees is located at the bottom of Teton County in Southern Idaho. Each season inspires outdoor enthusiasts to participate in a plethora of exciting activities. During the late spring, summer and early fall, Victor is perfect for fishing, mountain biking, hunting, kayaking, golfing and backpacking. The remainder of the year it receives an average of 110 inches of snowfall, beckoning adventurers to break out their snowshoes, cross-country skis and snowboards. Victor is 25 miles from Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and is close to several world-class ski resorts and groomed cross-country trails.

The small town has five city parks and, with a population of under 2,100 residents, boasts a family-friendly vibe. The local cuisine is eclectic featuring delicious BBQ, burgers, Thai food and pizza.

Kayaking on the Teton River is an exercise in tranquility and simultaneously a thrilling way to get close-up views of the local wildlife. The slow-moving water is suitable for all kayakers, and the eddies along the way gently spin paddlers around to give a comprehensive 360-degree view of the area. While floating downriver, listen for the sounds of frogs and birds. Keep alert, and you may glimpse a moose hidden in the

brush munching on the twigs and leaves of nearby willow trees growing along the banks. Antelope, elk, deer and even bears dine and sleep alongside the river; but if the animals choose not to come out for a photo op, the magnificent Grand Tetons are always willing to pose for a picture.

World Cast Anglers specialize in fishing trips, gear and licensing. Book an outing and drift down the Snake River fly fishing, where it is more about "catching" than fishing. Local waters are teeming with trout, catfish and bass; and regardless of your experience, your guide will happily give instructions to make your day a success. Standing secured in the boat, you cast, mend the line, and recast until you reel in the big one. Eagles soar, rapids roar and the occasional majestic waterfall peppers the experience.

While visiting Victor, stay at Teton Springs Lodge & Spa. The lodge features well-appointed rooms, delicious dining, e-bikes and a golf course. A spa treatment is the perfect way to end a day of outdoor activities in Victor, Idaho. Book your reservation at tetonspringslodge.com.

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