



## Finding Home Within and Without

## The LARK Bozeman

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here are many sayings about the alaudidae, or lark, as you are more likely to know it. To be specific, only the horned lark makes North America its home, but to be "happy as a lark," "carefree as a lark," "up with the larks," "on a lark" is to be carefree, whimsical, salubrious, energetic, lighthearted. All characteristic, I discovered, of The LARK Bozeman. A boutique hotel with a unique and vibrant designation, the space focuses its attention on the world beyond its walls - yet never forgets an important interior detail.

With a focus primarily on creating simple yet modern interior rooms that welcome guests for a restful, thoughtfully curated overnight stay it is easy to get up and get out into the city as early as you want. While many hotel properties strive to keep guests on the premises as much as possible,

The LARK's goal is to get you out to explore the environs and find your "perfect adventure."

The custom-designed Map Room will even help you find your way (think USGS maps, a collective work area with access to all the essentials - computer, phone, printer, copier) in an environment as cozy as your favorite coffee shop.

Instead of a concierge, The LARK's crew genuinely care about this place and the possibilities it holds - "guides" who are excited to help guests navigate the local scene

right outside the doors and within easy walking distance to downtown restaurants, bars and shops.

The Bozeman ethos is defined by quality of experience, not quantity of stuff - a trait that carries throughout the guest experience - from the 67 one-of-a-kind thoughtfully crafted guestrooms to the spacious outdoor walkways, landscaped plaza and covered sitting area with wood burning fireplace - the ideal spot to gather and take in the local scene. Indoors, wall installations in the guestrooms are created by local Montana artists for a truly unique, intriguing local and regional connection. Bonus! Guests are afforded complimentary access to Ridge Athletic, a local Bozeman gym located 10 minutes away.

Since Bozeman boasts the fourth-largest cityscape in Montana, there won't be a shortage of options for the kiddos either. Discover the rich history of the area at the **Museum of the Rockies**, a world-class cultural and natural history museum renowned for its extensive collection of dinosaur fossils, planetarium shows and changing

exhibits from around the world. Our teens were particularly enthralled with the fully-mounted Montana T-Rex skeleton.

Get to know the local bear population at the **Montana Grizzly Encounter**. Take advantage of seasonal activities like skiing or hiking, with a short ride back to The LARK at the end of the day. Whatever it may be, you won't be bored. After all, that's uncharacteristic of the lark.





