

~ Wolves, Bears & Geysers ~

A Classic Yellowstone Expedition

As Yellowstone Lake begins to thaw, Canada goose goslings are hatching, grizzly bears are waking from a long winter's hibernation and the bison and elk calves are playing in the meadows. Witness the awesome power of the great bears and listen to the howling harmony of the gray wolf. It's Springtime in Yellowstone, the Serengeti of North America!

Join us on the premiere wildlife viewing adventure of the Rockies! You will be amazed as you witness the abundant wildlife and natural wonders of Yellowstone National Park. Whether you are a professional photographer, amateur naturalist or someone who just loves the beauty of nature - this ultimate wildlife extravaganza is for you!



Highlights:

- Travel into Yellowstone's premiere locations for wildlife viewing. Accompanied by a local expert naturalist, you may witness the awesome power of the magnificent grizzly and listen to the unmistakable howl of the gray wolf.
- Days will be spent in the field, observing and learning wildlife behavior and ecology.
- Explore the major geyser basins and witness the ever-changing thermal activity and the spectacular colors of the hot springs and pools.
- Witness the sights and sounds of this remarkable region. Whether it is hundreds of bison and elk crossing vast valleys, or blasts of steam erupting from the many geysers, you will experience the real Yellowstone!



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Program Fee: \$2695/person/double, \$400 single supplement

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Daily Itinerary

DAY 1 (Saturday): Arrive Bozeman, Montana

Arrangements will be made to meet our guests at the airport in Bozeman and start the trip toward Yellowstone National Park, 85 miles away. We will follow the Yellowstone River thru Paradise Valley, making several stops along the way for natural and cultural resource interpretation. Our guides will explain the natural and cultural history surrounding the Yellowstone ecosystem. We will travel through Gardiner, Montana, the original entrance to Yellowstone National Park, to Mammoth Hot Springs. We will gather for a reception and welcome dinner in the Mammoth Hot Springs dining room.

Overnight: Mammoth Hot Springs (D).

DAY 2 (Sunday): Springs, Wildlife & Waterfalls

After breakfast, we will travel to Yellowstone's northern range and Lamar Valley-- the Serengeti of North America. Our morning will be spent observing the many wildlife species and taking in the grandeur of this spectacular area. After a picnic lunch on Soda Butte Creek, we will offer an easy hike to the bottom of Tower Falls. We will then travel back to Mammoth Hot Springs, where we will visit the Visitor's Center and the site of historic Fort Yellowstone. A short hike to the Upper and Lower Terraces will afford some magnificent photographs of the delicate travertine deposits formed by the hot springs. Dinner will be in the Mammoth Hot Springs dining room. *Overnight: Mammoth Hot Springs (B, L, D).*

DAY 3 (Monday): Wolves & Bears In Lamar Valley

This morning we depart before daybreak to travel back into Lamar Valley and set up our observation stations and wait for our first sightings of the day. We will enjoy breakfast in the field this morning. The sunrise over the valley will awe you with its beauty and serenity. With patience, we may observe interactions between the wolf, elk and the grizzly bear, as they search for food within the same habitat. What a "first-hand" experience you will have! Depending on weather, we will either enjoy a picnic lunch or lunch in Cooke city, and then slowly travel back toward Mammoth, searching for wildlife and special natural features as we go. After an afternoon break, we will travel back in to Gardiner to enjoy dinner and to take evening photos under Roosevelt arch. *Overnight: Mammoth Hot Springs (D).*

DAY 4 (Tuesday): Grand Canyon, Hayden Valley & Yellowstone Lake

After breakfast, we will travel south to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Here we can take in the magnificent view of the Lower Falls of the Yellowstone - nearly twice as high as Niagara! We will offer an option of easy hikes around the canyon rim before a picnic lunch near the shore of the Yellowstone River. Then, we will continue through Hayden Valley, the park's largest meadowland, where grizzly bears, elk and bison roam. We will spend some time observing and photographing the newly-born young of the year. Afterward, we will continue our drive south along the Yellowstone River to the famed Yellowstone Lake, North America's largest mountain lake. *Overnight: Old Faithful Inn or Snowlodge (B, L, D).*

DAY 5 (Wednesday): Yellowstone Lake & Old Faithful

An early breakfast then back to Yellowstone lake to scope for grizzly bears and bison. We will travel to Sylvan Pass and then to Lake Butte, an area overlooking the most remote area in the lower 48 states. After a picnic lunch along the banks of the Yellowstone River, we will continue to the Upper Geyser Basin and witness the world's most famous geyser, Old Faithful. Here, we will have some free time to hike the geyser basins and photograph the nearby wildlife.

Overnight: Old Faithful Inn or Snowlodge (B, L, D).

DAY 6 (Thursday): Geysers, Trumpeter Swans & Moose

A full day awaits us as we travel north to the Fountain Paint Pots of the Lower Geyser Basin and Firehole Lake Drive. This area is simply beautiful! Continue north to Madison Junction and National Park Mountain, where the early explorers met and conceived the idea for the National Park Service. Here we may witness the magnificent trumpeter swan in all its graceful glory. Later, we will drive along the Madison River searching for the new born bison and elk calves of the year. Also, look for moose! On to West Yellowstone, Montana, where we will spend the evening and later gather for a farewell social and dinner. *Overnight: Holiday Inn, West Yellowstone, Montana (B, L, D).*

DAY 7 (Friday): West Yellowstone to Bozeman

Wake early and enjoy a relaxing breakfast. We will leave for Bozeman and the airport at 8:30 a.m. As we travel back to Bozeman, we will follow the Gallatin River through the magnificent Gallatin Valley, constantly looking for bald eagles perched majestically in the shoreline trees and for moose foraging on the willows. You will develop many wonderful stories and many rolls of film after this trip. We will return to the Bozeman airport around 11:00 AM. *(B).*