

The Wildlife & Wonder of the Grand Tetons & Yellowstone

Private SUV with Driver-Guide or Self-Drive with Private Local Guides Throughout 8 days / 7 nights

Featuring: *Full day private guided tour at Grand Teton National Park and full day private guided tour at Yellowstone National Park. A variety of activities including wildlife safaris, hiking, and a whitewater float trip.*

Day 1 –Arrive Jackson Hole Airport. Free Day to Explore Jackson, WY.

Pick up your rental car upon arrival and drive your lodge accommodations, your base for the next four nights. Today you can explore Jackson, WY, including its shops, galleries and the exceptional National Museum of Wildlife. We will give you suggestions for dinner at one of interesting restaurants in Jackson.

Day 2 –Morning Wildlife Tour & Park Orientation. Afternoon Rendezvous Mountain Hike & Dinner.

A private guide will meet you at your hotel at daybreak to travel the nearby Moose-Wilson Road to view moose, elk, beaver and black bears. Your wildlife adventure will continue to view sites for the buffalo and antelope herds and other wildlife along the Gros Ventre River and Antelope Flats. Rolls, coffee and hot chocolate will be served enroute. Your guide will orient you to Grand Tetons National Park, so you can enjoy hiking and wildlife viewing in the park on your own.

You'll return to your hotel in time for lunch and to relax and enjoy the pool and spa at the hotel. In the mid-afternoon, your guide will return to lead you on the short walk to the tram for the ride to the top of Rendezvous Mountain. From the top of the tram, you'll hike about four miles (mostly downhill, but with some short stretches with steep and strenuous uphill) to the Couloir Restaurant at mid-mountain for dinner. The trail has beautiful alpine scenery, fossils, interesting rock layers and big views. You'll return to your hotel after dinner by gondola ride to the base of the mountain.

Day 3 – Morning Snake River Rafting Trip. Afternoon Grand Tetons Exploration on Your Own.

This is a shared Class II & III river rafting trip through the dramatic Snake River Canyon. The river trip will end in the late morning. The rest of the day is free to explore Grand Tetons National Park on your own, hiking and searching for wildlife at some of the locations your guide pointed out yesterday. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon for dinner.

Day 4-Morning Grand Tetons Hiking & Exploration on Your Own. Lunch at Jenny Lake Lodge. Optional afternoon Horseback Riding.

Relax at the lodge this morning or get up early to look for wildlife on the nearby Moose-Wilson Road – it's your call. Lunch reservations have been made for you at the historic Jenny Lake Lodge, a fine restaurant in a fine setting overlooking Jenny Lake and the surrounding mountains. After lunch, enjoy optional horseback riding near Jenny Lake Lodge with the Tetons as a backdrop. Or take the ferry across Jenny Lake to hikes in the Tetons. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon for dinner at the hotel or in one of the restaurants in nearby Jackson.

Day 5 – Transiting Grand Tetons NP enroute to Yellowstone. The Thermal Features of Yellowstone.

After breakfast and checkout at your hotel, begin your full day journey north through Grand Teton National Park and into Yellowstone National Park. You can stop for lunch at the historic Old Faithful Inn and watch the famed geyser erupt on its eternal schedule. In the afternoon, you can make several stops on the west side of Yellowstone for walks and interpretive exhibits. There may be opportunities for wildlife viewing along the way, especially the elk and buffalo herds which are prevalent here. Your day's journey will end at Big Sky Resort.

Day 6 – Exploring Yellowstone National Park with a Private Guide. Geothermal Features & Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

You'll have a full day today with a private guide to explore the Yellowstone Park, with stops at Mammoth Hot Springs, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River and more. Your guide will interpret the wildlife and geothermal features for you and lead you on off-the-beaten track hikes. You'll stop for a pack lunch in a natural setting in the Park. You'll return to your hotel in the late afternoon. During the day, your guide will

orient you to Yellowstone National Park, so you can enjoy hiking and wildlife viewing in the park on your own.

Day 7 – A Day Exploring Yellowstone on Your Own.

You'll have a full day today to explore Yellowstone on your own. You can go back to places you found interesting, or explore other areas like the Lamar Valley in eastern Yellowstone, where wolves were introduced in the 1980s. Your private guide the previous day will help you plan your day today. You'll return to your hotel in the late afternoon for dinner.

Day 8 – Explore Historic Bozeman, MT. Depart from Bozeman Airport.

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Then drive the approximately 1.5 hours to Bozeman, MT to explore the historic town with its shops, galleries and museum. Continue to Bozeman Airport for your flight home.

Included: Lodging, with all taxes & resort fees.

Picnic lunch on Day 6.

Private guides for the full day Day 2 & Day 6, as described in the itinerary.

Shared Snake River rafting trip on Day 3.

Not Included: Meals, except for lunch on Day 6.

Entry fees to the National Parks.

Scheduled roundtrip air between home city and Jackson, WY.

Spa services & optional activities at the resorts and lodges.

Rental car, which will be booked by your travel consultant.

Gratuities at resorts and for your private guides.

Alcoholic beverages.

All personal items.



