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Yellowstone: Ultimate Wolf & Wildlife Safari

A Rare Winter Wildlife Expedition Deep into Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks



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Trip Details:

Days:
7 or 8 Days

Price:
From \$6695
(+ Air)

Physical Requirements:
Easy to Moderate

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In the pale light of sunrise, we survey the open expanse of Yellowstone’s Lamar Valley, searching for wolves. Alongside expert naturalist guides, with spotting scopes and cameras poised, we hope to see a pack emerge from the forest, energized by the awakening day. In the distance, a large male halts and sniffs the frozen air. Elegant predators, wolves are an important part of the Yellowstone ecosystem, where great herds of elk, snow-crustrusted bison and other prey provide sustenance. Winter’s white mantle offers a pristine backdrop against which to search for these elusive icons of wilderness. The landscape holds magic, too, with steaming geysers, bubbling mud pots and trees covered in glittering ice crystals beneath an immaculate blue sky. Discover Yellowstone and the Tetons on a rare winter wildlife safari—your spirit will never be the same.

Trip Highlights

Alongside naturalists and scientist researchers, search for wolves in Yellowstone's remote Lamar Valley—the best place on Earth to find them

Make the winter journey to Old Faithful in a private snowcoach, and watch steaming geysers erupt in a crystalline spray against the snowy backdrop

Travel by horse-drawn sleigh across the National Elk Refuge in Jackson Hole for close-up views of the vast winter herds beneath the Teton spires



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Ultimate Wolf & Wildlife Itinerary

Watch elk in Jackson Hole and explore the Grand Tetons before heading into the deep reaches of Yellowstone and the Lamar Valley, the heart of the gray wolf's wild domain. 7 Days / Limited to 13 Travelers



Ultimate Wolf & Wildlife Photo Itinerary

Photograph the awe-inspiring scenery and wildlife of Grand Teton and Yellowstone under the guidance of expert photographers and naturalist guides, in an incomparable winter setting. 8 Days / Limited to ~12 Travelers



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Itinerary At A Glance

Please note

Day 1

Jackson, Wyoming

Day 2

Jackson Hole—National Elk Refuge

North American Safari Trucks

North American Safari Trucks

Day 3

Grand Teton National Park / Yellowstone National Park—Old Faithful

Day 4

Mammoth Hot Springs / Lamar Valley / Cooke City

Day 5

Lamar Valley Wolf Safari

Day 6

Lamar Valley / Bozeman

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Please note:

Alternating trips run in the opposite direction, starting in Bozeman and ending in Jackson. All inclusions are the same.



Day 1: Jackson, Wyoming

Our Yellowstone wildlife tour begins in the Old West town of Jackson, which sits at the edge of Grand Teton National Park in the shadow of the mountain range's jagged spires. This evening, meet your Expedition Leader and fellow adventurers at an informal welcome dinner and orientation.



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Itinerary At A Glance

Day 7
Bozeman / Depart

Day 2: Jackson Hole—National Elk Refuge

Our winter safari begins in the broad valley of Jackson Hole aboard our specialty

North American Safari Trucks

. Taking advantage of double-wide pop-top roof hatches, look for bald and golden eagles, bighorn sheep, coyote, bison, mule deer, moose and elk. After lunch at the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson, travel by horse-drawn sleigh through the National Elk Refuge. Gliding over the snow that blankets the valley floor, we capture close-up photos of the massive herd that winters here, with thousands of animals roaming the range.

Day 3: Grand Teton National Park / Yellowstone National Park—Old Faithful

A traverse of Buffalo Valley and the northern sector of Grand Teton National Park offers a panorama of the iconic peaks rising above the Snake River. Reaching the boundary of Yellowstone, we board heated snowcoaches that convey us into the pristine winter splendor of America's first national park. We stop at West Thumb Geysir Basin on the edge of Yellowstone Lake, looking along the way for moose, river otters and trumpeter swans before arriving at Old Faithful Snow Lodge. Because winter access to the park's interior is limited to snow vehicles, an overnight stay here is a coveted experience. In silent seclusion, witness the park's most famous geothermal feature, Old Faithful geyser, erupt in a crystalline veil of spray. And on a clear night, we may even get to watch it shoot skyward by the light of the moon.

Day 4: Mammoth Hot Springs / Lamar Valley / Cooke City

Back aboard the snowcoach, head north through Yellowstone's famous geyser basins to the white limestone terraces of Mammoth Hot Springs, where we often see many elk. Here, thermal water spills over travertine terraces that have been described as a "cave turned inside out," with heat-loving organisms called thermophiles adding distinct colors to the mineral-laden formations. As dusk descends, an early-evening drive through the Lamar Valley in Yellowstone's far northeast corner offers a good chance to see bison, their shaggy coats encrusted with ice, and our first chance to search for wolves,. This is the best place in the world to view these charismatic predators, and we dedicate the next two days to finding them. Although pack movements are unpredictable, and the impact of past human interactions tends to make wolves shy in the presence of humans, our Expedition Leader is an experienced tracker, teaching us about wolf behavior and how to look for them through spotting scopes. We are also in close contact with scientists who conduct research on wolves in the region, and they will help us locate them based on recent sightings. Continuing east, we reach our destination of Cooke City, Montana, which lies just outside the park's northern boundary.



Day 5: Lamar Valley Wolf Safari

A full day is ours to scout for Yellowstone's legendary wolves. Reintroduced to the park in 1995 amid much controversy, the gray wolf was returned to this native ecosystem after a 70-year absence following a policy of government-sanctioned eradication. Since then, they have flourished, supported by bountiful prey including a multitude of elk. Yet much rancor continues to surround their presence, and we learn in detail from our guides about the current conditions in which wolves exist within the greater Yellowstone area. As the wolves have restored more balance to the natural ecosystem, elk numbers have dropped, and we may not be as likely to see as many wolves as visitors did several years ago. If we are especially lucky, though, we might see a pack test an elk herd for a weak or sick animal, or spot lone individuals foraging on their own. But even if the wolves remain elusive, the winter landscape is magical, and we're sure to see plenty of other wildlife native to the park.

After an exhilarating morning, return to Cooke City for lunch and a visit to the Hartman Gallery, with a slide presentation by Dan Hartman. Dan is a local naturalist and renowned Yellowstone wildlife photographer whose wolf images are widely acclaimed. He'll share insightful observations about wolf behavior gleaned from countless hours in their presence, as well as tips for pursuing photos of wolves and other wildlife. In the waning light of mid-afternoon, we head back to the Lamar Valley for more wolf tracking, knowing our chances to see them are best at dawn and dusk.

Day 6: Lamar Valley / Bozeman

As dawn illumines the snowy meadows of the Lamar Valley, we return once more in search of wolves. If we are fortunate to sight them, our onboard spotting scope enhances our observation of their activities from a distance without disturbing their natural behavior. Many of our Expedition Leaders have worked for years with the on-site researchers who track these wolves daily, and together they provide us every opportunity to find these intriguing animals in their natural surroundings. Returning to Mammoth Hot Springs, we leave Yellowstone's frozen silence and continue up the Paradise Valley along the Yellowstone River, flanked on either side by the Absaroka and Gallatin ranges. Reaching Bozeman for a final night, we gather for a farewell dinner this evening.

Day 7: Bozeman / Depart

If your flight schedule permits, you may enjoy exploring Bozeman on your own today. This historic Old West/New West town, with a rich mining and trapping heritage, boasts 40 individual properties on the National Register of Historic Places. It is home to Montana State University, with a thriving contemporary economy built on growing tourism and tech sectors. With a wide range of cultural and outdoor activities, Bozeman offers plenty to do. A transfer to the airport is included to meet your departing flight.



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Itinerary At A Glance

- Day 1**
Bozeman, Montana
- Day 2**
Paradise Valley / Mammoth Hot Springs / Northern Range / Cooke City—Hartman Gallery
- North American Safari Trucks**
North American Safari Trucks
- Day 3**
Wolf Quest in the Lamar Valley
- Day 4**
Lamar Valley / Norris Geyser Basin / West Yellowstone
- Day 5**
Snowcoach Tour to Old Faithful
- Day 6**
Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center / Grand Teton National Park / Jackson

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Day 1: Bozeman, Montana

Arrive in Bozeman and transfer to our hotel in the heart of the city's historic downtown. Fast-growing Bozeman was originally built upon mining and ranching, but today its economic base includes a booming tech industry, Montana State University and an expanding tourism sector. This evening, meet your Expedition Leader at a welcome dinner.



Day 2: Paradise Valley / Mammoth Hot Springs / Northern Range / Cooke City—Hartman Gallery

Depart early this morning, traveling in specialty



Itinerary At A Glance

Day 7

Jackson Hole—National Elk Refuge

Day 8

Jackson / Depart

North American Safari Trucks

to follow the Lewis & Clark Trail over Bozeman Pass to the Yellowstone River. We spend the morning in the Paradise Valley in search of rough-legged hawks, eagles, mule deer and pronghorn antelope. The ragged heights of the Absaroka Range provide a dramatic backdrop for landscape photos. En route, look for wintering bighorn sheep in Gardiner River Canyon. Stop for lunch at Mammoth Hot Springs, with time to photograph the thermal activity as super-heated water flows over the white limestone terraces, which some observers describe as a "cave turned inside out."

Toward evening, we enter Yellowstone's Northern Range, the best place in the park to search for wolves. We often spot coyotes, elk and bison against the snow-mantled landscape. Our day concludes in our destination of Cooke City, just outside the park boundary, with a presentation at the Hartman Gallery. Owner Dan Hartman is a renowned Yellowstone wildlife photographer and local naturalist whose wolf images are widely acclaimed. He'll share slides, insights and observations about wolf behavior gleaned from countless hours in their presence, as well as tips for pursuing photos of wolves and other wildlife.

Day 3: Wolf Quest in the Lamar Valley

As the sun breaks over the frosty meadows of the Lamar Valley, we rise early to look for wolves. The broad glacial valley offers wide-open vistas of a sublime landscape, and if wolves are present, they are likely to stand out against the snowy backdrop. Be sure to bring your telephoto lens: if we are fortunate to spy wolves, they are often at a distance. We'll also have the opportunity to obtain images via digiscoping, with coaching from our Expedition Leader. Other wildlife is abundant, and we're sure to come away with some exhilarating images, including shaggy bison with heavy coats encrusted with ice. As the light wanes by mid-afternoon, we turn our focus more closely on wolf tracking again, knowing our chances to see them are best at dawn and dusk.



Day 4: Lamar Valley / Norris Geyser Basin / West Yellowstone

Dawn illuminates the snowy expanse of the Lamar Valley, and we return once more in search of wolves. An onboard spotting scope is always at the ready, allowing us to observe the wolves' activity from a distance without disturbing their natural behavior. Many of our Expedition Leaders have worked for years with on-site researchers who track the packs daily, and together they provide us every opportunity to find these charismatic animals in their natural surroundings.

Leaving the valley, we travel southwest across the park to reach our next base in West Yellowstone. Aboard a chartered snowcoach, traverse Yellowstone's wild interior, accessible in winter only by over-the-snow vehicles. Along the Madison River, a lower-elevation corridor with abundant winter wildlife, we find excellent opportunities for photos of bison, elk and winter birdlife, while large bison herds are often spotted on the Central Plateau. We'll hope for more wolf sightings, too, though they are less frequent here. Stop for photos at the hottest geothermal feature in the park, Norris Geyser Basin, flowing with acidic waters that create unique color patterns. The world's tallest active geyser is found here—Steamboat Geyser—though its timetable for eruptions is highly erratic.

Day 5: Snowcoach Tour to Old Faithful

This morning, board our private snowcoach and head into the park for an all-day adventure in the Old Faithful region. Because winter access to the park interior is limited to snow vehicles, we enjoy a peaceful opportunity to witness the magic of Old Faithful erupting in a crystalline veil of spray. But the park's most famous geyser isn't the only attraction. This basin surrounding the Firehole River holds the highest density of geothermal features in the world, with opportunities to photograph more geysers, hot springs, mud pots and fumaroles. Because of the warmth provided by the steam vents and bubbling mud, wildlife congregates in the area during the winter—we'll hope to photograph trumpeter swans, bald eagles, elk and bison. Return to West Yellowstone for the night.

Day 6: Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center / Grand Teton National Park / Jackson

Rise early for a sunrise photo shoot on the open landscape outside West Yellowstone. Following a hearty breakfast, visit the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center, an educational facility that houses rescued animals unable to survive in the wild for various reasons. Get close-up photos of these magnificent predators and learn how they are helping to product-test items like bear-resistant food bags, bear-proof trash cans and other items to help keep wild bears out of trouble. Leaving West Yellowstone, we drive south to Grand Teton National Park, stopping for a snowshoe outing along the way and our first views of the Teton spires. More great shots await as sunset casts alpenglow on the jagged range, providing an incomparable backdrop for wildlife such as elk, bighorn sheep and moose.



Day 7: Jackson Hole—National Elk Refuge

Our winter safari continues into Jackson Hole, the broad, open valley at the base of the Tetons, in search of bighorn sheep, bald and golden eagles, coyotes, bison, mule deer, moose and elk. Back in town, stop for lunch at the National Museum of Wildlife Art, featuring more than 5,000 pieces by 550 different artists. The American collection from the 19th and 20th centuries is particularly strong, recording European exploration of the American West. Many of these works predate photography, making them vital representations of the frontier era in U.S. history. This afternoon, board a horse-drawn sleigh to glide across the snow-covered National Elk Refuge where we get close-up photos of the massive herd that winters there, with thousands of animals roaming the valley floor.

Day 8: Jackson / Depart

After breakfast, the day is yours to explore the town of Jackson before you depart. Take the hotel's complimentary shuttle to the airport to connect with individual flights home.



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Accommodation Details:

Armory Hotel

The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Old Faithful Snow Lodge

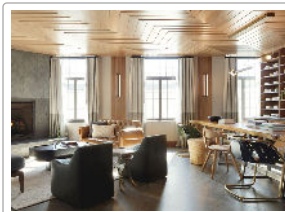
Explorer Cabins at Yellowstone

Super 8 Cooke City

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/us-national-parks-tours/yellowstone-wolves-wildlife-adventure/accommodations/

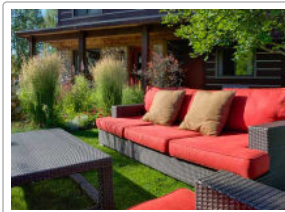
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Armory Hotel

One block off historic Main Street, Bozeman's only 4-star hotel melds old and new to create sophisticated boutique lodgings that honor the heritage of the landmark Armory building.



The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Ideally located in the heart of Jackson, Wyoming, the Lexington accommodates guests in an atmosphere of rustic mountain elegance that perfectly blends Old West heritage with contemporary comforts.



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Old Faithful Snow Lodge

Located near Yellowstone's most famous geyser, Old Faithful, the Snow Lodge is the newest of Yellowstone's full-service hotels and has been recognized with the Cody Award for Western Design.



Explorer Cabins at Yellowstone

These cabins in the heart of West Yellowstone are conveniently located near the park's west entrance, offering rustic appeal on the outside with plenty of amenities inside for a truly comfortable stay.



Super 8 Cooke City

Cooke City, near the entrance to Yellowstone's Lamar Valley, offers close proximity to prime wolf-watching habitat, and the Super 8 provides the small town's best available lodging.



Wolves, Elk, Bison & More on One EPIC Winter Wildlife Adventure!

You simply won't find a more comprehensive winter itinerary in Yellowstone Country. Our peerless wildlife odyssey includes all the highlights, including the Grand Tetons and extended wolf-watching time in Yellowstone's Lamar Valley...and we capitalize on the quiet season when wildlife viewing is best: crowds are non-existent, animals stand out against winter's white mantle, and Yellowstone's hidden pockets feel like ours alone. Here's what else makes this adventure so distinctive:

1 A Small Group to Enhance Wildlife Observation

With fewer travelers, we can use smaller vehicles with access to backroads and more remote areas. Explore with approximately 13 guests plus two guides and an adventure assistant—photography departures are limited to 12. In a nimble small group, we can move quickly to places where wolves and other wildlife have recently been spotted, and to observe without disturbing them.

2 Two Expedition Leaders for the Utmost in Attention & Interpretation

Travel with two naturalist guides whose in-depth knowledge and experience mean better, closer and more inspiring encounters with natural habitats and wildlife. With two guides, we can divide the group into two vehicles, offering the utmost in personalized interpretation. And we can split up for excursions based on physical ability and interest. You won't find a better guide-to-guest ratio!

3 Exclusive Nat Hab Safari Trucks with Pop-Top Roofs

Our custom adventure vehicles are designed for wildlife viewing. Nat Hab has crafted new Mercedes Sprinters into specialty North American Safari Trucks. Three double-wide pop-top roof hatches plus large side windows offer a 360-degree vantage point. Everyone gets a window seat and plenty of room for camera equipment and other gear. These vehicles make a big difference!

4 Access the Heart of Yellowstone by Snowcoach

Much of Yellowstone National Park, including the Old Faithful area, is off-limits to regular vehicles in winter. But you won't miss out: We get you there via the park's newest state-of-the-art snowcoaches, with Bigfoot tires to reduce noise as we travel through quiet, wild habitat.

5 Enjoy Coveted Stays at Secluded Yellowstone Destinations

Very few visitors have the opportunity to stay at Old Faithful Snow Lodge near Old Faithful geyser. Inaccessible by road during winter, our non-photo itineraries arrive via overland snowcoach—a trip highlight in its own right. On photo departures, you'll enjoy your own private winter cabin, complete with a bonfire pit, at the Explorer Cabins in West Yellowstone.



6 Travel by Horse-Drawn Sleigh through the National Elk Refuge

The National Elk Refuge in Jackson Hole protects and manages winter habitat for the nationally significant Jackson elk herd and for other big game and endangered birds. On a private horse-drawn sleigh ride, get close-up photos of the thousands of elk that winter here.

7 Quality Time with Local Nature Photographers

Over the years, we've cultivated relationships with many locals, including Dan Hartman, a renowned regional naturalist and photographer who lives just outside the bounds of Yellowstone National Park in Montana. We visit Dan at the Hartman Gallery in Cooke City for a private presentation on wildlife photography. On photo departures, Dan also joins us in the field in the Lamar Valley, where we'll have our best chance to see wolves in their natural environment. Acclaimed for his images of wolves and other Yellowstone wildlife, Dan will share tips for capturing the best shots of these often-elusive animals.

8 Your Expedition Leaders are Professional Biologists, Naturalists and Educators

Our Expedition Leaders know the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and its wildlife intimately. They're in constant contact with local wolf researchers, obtaining the most current insider knowledge of wolf locations and activity. Our guides average a decade's experience leading trips in this region, and they receive additional training and resources from WWF scientists. We're proud that our Expedition Leaders are the ones called upon to train and teach new local guides. Expedition Leaders on our photo adventures are accomplished photographers, too, and they are eager to share their expertise and help you get the best photos.

9 Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Outstanding Winter Safari Experience

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee that clearly states that we will meet the high expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.

10 Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

11 Natural Habitat Adventures is World Wildlife Fund's Travel Partner

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our small-group nature adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat Adventures its worldwide travel partner—a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!





Make It Private with Your Family or Friends

Travel privately, exclusively with your immediate family, multi-generational family or group of friends. And when you choose a private departure, you're assured the most exclusive and authentic Yellowstone wolf adventure on offer. Here are some of the advantages when you Make It Private:

- 1 Your private group of family or friends, with special activities for kids**
- 2 Your own private naturalist guide**
- 3 Private snowcoach excursions into the heart of Yellowstone**
- 4 Private transportation in Nat Hab's North American Safari Trucks for the utmost in flexibility**
- 5 Private dining whenever possible**
- 6 Surprisingly affordable pricing**

This **Make It Private** option is available on nearly every Nat Hab trip for family and friend groups. Call an Adventure Specialist at 800-543-8917 or look for the "Make It Private" icon in the **pricing section** of a trip online at nathab.com to see prices based on your specific group size.



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Prices:
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Leaders / ~12
Travelers with
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Leaders on Photo
Departures

**Physical
Requirements:**
Easy to Moderate

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2022 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Dec 28, 2022	Jan 3, 2023	Bozeman to Jackson
Dec 28, 2022	Jan 3, 2023	Jackson to Bozeman
Dec 30, 2022	Jan 6, 2023	Jackson to Bozeman Special Photo Departure

2023 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jan 4, 2023	Jan 10, 2023	Bozeman to Jackson
Jan 4, 2023	Jan 10, 2023	p>Jackson to Bozeman Habitat Club Pricing Available/p>
Jan 11, 2023	Jan 17, 2023	Jackson to Bozeman
Jan 11, 2023	Jan 17, 2023	Bozeman to Jackson



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Departure	Return	Notes
Jan 18, 2023	Jan 24, 2023	Bozeman to Jackson
Jan 18, 2023	Jan 24, 2023	Jackson to Bozeman
Jan 25, 2023	Jan 31, 2023	Jackson to Bozeman
Jan 25, 2023	Jan 31, 2023	Bozeman to Jackson
Feb 1, 2023	Feb 7, 2023	Bozeman to Jackson
Feb 8, 2023	Feb 14, 2023	Jackson to Bozeman
Feb 8, 2023	Feb 14, 2023	Bozeman to Jackson
Feb 9, 2023	Feb 16, 2023	Jackson to Bozeman Special Photo Departure
Feb 15, 2023	Feb 21, 2023	Bozeman to Jackson
Feb 15, 2023	Feb 21, 2023	Jackson to Bozeman
Feb 18, 2023	Feb 25, 2023	Bozeman to Jackson Special Photo Departure
Feb 22, 2023	Feb 28, 2023	Jackson to Bozeman
Feb 22, 2023	Feb 28, 2023	Bozeman to Jackson



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Pricing

2022 Prices

Dec 2022

➤ **Trip Price**

\$6695 to \$6895

➤ **Special Photo Departure Price (see details)**

\$7995 to \$9090

Single Occupancy: For a single room add \$995.

Deposit: \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

Yellowstone: Ultimate Wolf & Wildlife Safari or our **Photo Itinerary**.

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars.

2023 Prices

Jan - Mar 2023

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Group Size

Limited to 13 Travelers with Two Expedition Leaders / ~12 Travelers with Two Expedition Leaders on Photo Departures

A very important feature of this winter wildlife safari is the small group size and exceptional guide-to-guest ratio. A low-impact presence is essential for a quieter, more intimate experience of nature and wildlife, and this is certainly the case when we go in search of wolves. Traveling in Nat Hab's specialty **North American Safari Trucks**, we divide our group into two vehicles, each with a highly qualified Expedition Leader, to ensure a light impact and personalized interpretive experience.

Take this trip on a private basis, traveling exclusively with your immediate family, multi-generational family or group of friends. for details and pricing.

Included

Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s) and local staff, transportation





in Nat Hab's North American Safari Trucks and local snowcoaches, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, most gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, gear including warm parkas and winter boots, use of Nat Hab scopes and binoculars, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), optional travel protection and medical evacuation insurance.

Physical Requirements

Easy to Moderate

Tracking wolves in Yellowstone typically occurs in snowy, icy and/or wet conditions, and temperatures can be very cold, often dropping well below zero at night with daytime highs in the 30s. Our days generally start before sunrise and are filled with activities. Optional hikes and snowshoe excursions require moderate physical exertion, ranging from one to three miles in length over level ground and slight inclines, though snow and ice may create rough and/or challenging terrain conditions. If you opt to snowshoe, you must be able to go at least one-half mile. In order to view Old Faithful, participants must be able to walk 300 yards over icy, snowy pavement and boardwalk. To explore Yellowstone's geothermal basins, you must be able to walk at least one-half to one mile over ice- and snow-covered boardwalk, dirt trails and pavement. While much of our wildlife viewing takes place from our vehicles, participants should be prepared to spend extended periods of time outside in cold temperatures. Travelers should be aware that activities in the park occur at altitudes between 4,810 and 7,380 feet. While travelers are not required to participate in all activities, if you should opt out of any of the day's scheduled activities, we cannot guarantee that alternatives will be available.

On custom or private departures with smaller groups, our ability to accommodate varying levels of physical abilities or interests is limited, since these trips are staffed with a single Expedition Leader who may be assisted, pending availability, by local guides.

Important Information About This Trip

While the Lamar Valley and Yellowstone National Park offer some of the best opportunities to see wolves in the wild, these animals are still very elusive, and they usually do not come in close range of humans. This trip offers a totally natural, uncontrived experience, and as a result, most wolf viewing is done at a distance through spotting scopes. This allows us to watch the packs go about their normal behavior uninfluenced by the presence of humans. It is important to understand that it is incredibly difficult to see the wolves without the use of a spotting scope (Nat Hab provides spotting scopes on your trip). Often, the best way to get photos of the wolves is with a cell phone camera through a spotting scope. Your Expedition Leader will help you with this technique, called "digiscoping." While a long lens is a must for photographers, even then, we can't guarantee excellent shots of the wolves. However, the sheer beauty and grandeur of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem provides magnificent nature imagery, and we are likely to see plenty of the region's other iconic species. Please note that winter temperatures in the region are often very cold, and we do spend a lot of time standing in the



outdoors. At times, temperatures may fall below 0° F. On some dates, our itinerary operates in the reverse order of what is listed on our trip page. Please contact our office for details.

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Getting There & Getting Home

Arrival: Arrive by 4 pm in order to attend a welcome dinner beginning at 6 pm on Day 1.

Departure: You may depart at any time on the final day of your itinerary.



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