

Wyoming's Cowboy Culture, Geology & Wildlife

Yellowstone & Grand Tetons Cultural Walking Adventure

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Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks

When an early explorer described Wyoming's wild wonders, people proclaimed them 'tall tales' and declared him delirious. But Wyoming truly is as fantastical as it sounds. Volcanoes sculpt this ever-changing scenery, where plains of bubbling geysers and technicolor springs merge into wildflower meadows, pine forests and sky scraping peaks. The wildlife is as jaw-dropping as the landscape—from grazing elk to howling wolves, and prowling grizzlies to soaring bald eagles. Lasso in the rich cowboy culture only found in the true Wild West, and you have yourself a week so unforgettable, folk back home might think you're telling 'tall tales' too.

DAY 1

GRAND TETONS

- Saddle up on horseback
- Enjoy stunning views and possible wildlife sightings

Welcome to America's spectacular national park known for its iconic views. You're not just in Wyoming, you're in the Cowboy State, as you've likely passed cattle ranches, watering holes and hitching posts on your way. And what better Wild West welcome than exploring by horseback? Enjoy a leisurely ride and immerse yourself in the undisturbed quietness of nature. Scenic views and the possibility of animal sightings are high.

After, you'll check into your lodge with time to relax before dinner.

Overnight: Jackson

Meals: D

DAY 2

GRAND TETONS / SNAKE RIVER

- Explore the best spots in Grand Teton National Park
- Float on the cinematic Snake River

Good morning, Grand Teton! Teetering above the sagebrush flat, epic Teton peaks welcome you as your guide takes you to some of the best spots in the park. On your walks, you'll stop at Ox Bow Bend, Signal Mountain look out, Jenny Lake, and other picture-perfect places. Be sure to have your camera ready to capture the rugged wilderness all around you.

Later, you'll soak up western Wyoming's wondrous landscape from the water, on a cinematic raft float down the winding Snake River. Good news; motors are prohibited here, so with an expert rafter at the helm you'll enjoy a peaceful journey through the center of Grand Teton National Park. As you learn about the surroundings from your guide, look out for adorable beavers playing on the riversides and bald eagles soaring overhead.

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Overnight: Jackson

Meals: B, D

DAY 3

GRAND CANYON OF YELLOWSTONE / HAYDEN VALLEY

- Step into a real-life Ansel Adams landscape
- Walk cinematic canyon trails that lead to a 300-foot thundering waterfall
- Follow riverside trails that reveal cutthroat trout, elk, grizzly and black bear

You've probably seen it in black and white pictures by the likes of Ansel Adams and other iconic photographers of the American West but you'll realize they don't do it justice when you see Yellowstone's Grand Canyon today. The majesty of the two-part waterfall, carved by the Yellowstone River and thundering down more than 300 feet, can only be truly appreciated in person. You'll have plenty of chance to do that, along our favorite trails and overlooks in the canyon area.

In the afternoon, you'll continue to follow the Grand Loop Road through to Hayden Valley, where your guide will lead you on a scenic afternoon walk. This is yet another amazing wildlife spot in the park, where bison, elk, grizzly, coyote, wolves, swans, pelicans are not uncommon. You'll also have a chance to walk along the Yellowstone River, in search of the large, protected Yellowstone cutthroat trout.

Overnight: Gardiner

Meals: B, D

DAY 4

UPPER GEYERS BASIN

- Check off a bucket list item when you come face to face with Old Faithful, the most famous geyser in the world
- Marvel at the bubbling mud, the vivid colors of the Hot Springs, and the hiss of the steam vents

This wouldn't be a trip to Yellowstone if it didn't bring you face to face with its most famous feature: Old Faithful. Discovered in 1870 and named for the predictability of its eruptions, Old Faithful is one of almost 500 geysers in Yellowstone, which together make up half of all the geysers on earth.

Together, they perform a spectacular hydrothermal display, erupting before your eyes with great bursts of steam erupting skywards. You'll blink to check your vision because their colors—the most crystalline blue, glowing yellow, deep terracotta red— seem too vivid to be natural. Your guide will explain how these phenomenal features are formed as you weave between them along the boardwalk of the Upper Geyser Basin.

Besides hydrothermal spectacles, the volcanic nature of the region creates rich soil and riveting plant life. This afternoon, you'll see both as you walk among wildflower meadows and along the shore of Yellowstone Lake to the West Thumb Geyser Basin. Gaze into the Abyss Pool, and watch the bubbling waters of the Fishing Cone, where fishermen used to boil their catch.

Overnight: Gardiner

Meals: B, D

DAY 5

LAMAR VALLEY

- Explore the fantastic colors and shapes of hot spring terraces which mimic inside-out caves
- Walk through a glacier-carved valley
- Watch for wolves, bison and other wildlife

Today you'll see one of the most striking parts of Yellowstone National Park: Mammoth Hot Springs. Listen to them fizzing out of 50-something fissures from an underground chamber, where magma-warmed water has whittled color-streaked travertine terraces out of ancient limestone. You can feel the heat and humidity as you approach, and the shapes seem too fantastical to be real. From pillowy to jagged, and bright white to deep red, the fascinating formations almost resemble an inside-out cave.

After, you'll head to Glacier-carved Lamar Valley. This is one of the best spots in the world to watch wolf packs in the wild, spy lone bison grazing in a field, or get a glimpse of grizzly bears within the brush. Pause at a perfect vantage point for a mid-day picnic spot. Don't worry if you get distracted by the bright colors of grasses, lupines and forget-me-nots, the swirling river water or distant peaks that seem to hover on the horizon.

Overnight: Gardiner

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

GARDINER / BOZEMAN

- Transfer to Bozeman Airport for your departure flight home

On your final day, you'll transfer to Bozeman and bid farewell to your guide.

Meals: B



Tour Hotels



Rustic Inn

Experience all the rugged beauty and wild adventure of Jackson while enjoying the comfort of luxurious accommodations. The amenities, the rustically refined environs, and knowledgeable concierge team to ensure your experience around the National Parks.

OVERNIGHT: Jackson | **NIGHTS:** 2



Ridgeline at Yellowstone

Enjoy charm and scenic surroundings at this boutique hotel in Gardiner. The location is minutes away from the Yellowstone River access and to Roosevelt Arch. Rooms are spacious and amenities include a restaurant and spa.

OVERNIGHT: Gardiner | **NIGHTS:** 3

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Trip Essentials

- TRIP LENGTH** 6 Days, 5 Nights
- START** Lobby of Rustic Inn, Jackson Hole, United States
- END** Bozeman Airport, Belgrade, Montana, United States
- TERRAIN** Easy to moderate on national park trails.

What's Included

- Hotels that provide you unlimited access to the people and places, culture and history you came to experience
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch and all 5 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
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- All land transportation during the trip

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Franklin
President & Founder



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Included Activities:

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Small Group Travel:

With an average of just 10-12 guests, it's a small footprint that guarantees you access that's off-limits to larger groups.



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Unmatched Value:

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You'll enjoy these handcrafted travel experiences in Yellowstone & Grand Tetons...

- Spotting freely roaming wildlife like elk and bison
- Floating on the Snake River through Grand Teton National Park
- Marveling at the spectacle of Yellowstone's legendary geyser Old Faithful
- Crossing Wyoming's plains on horseback like the first pioneers on your way to a Wild West cookout

"It's difficult to choose our favorite aspect of the trip. The scenery was magnificent, the guide perfect and the group very congenial. A great trip!"

-Bert and Jo Ann E.,