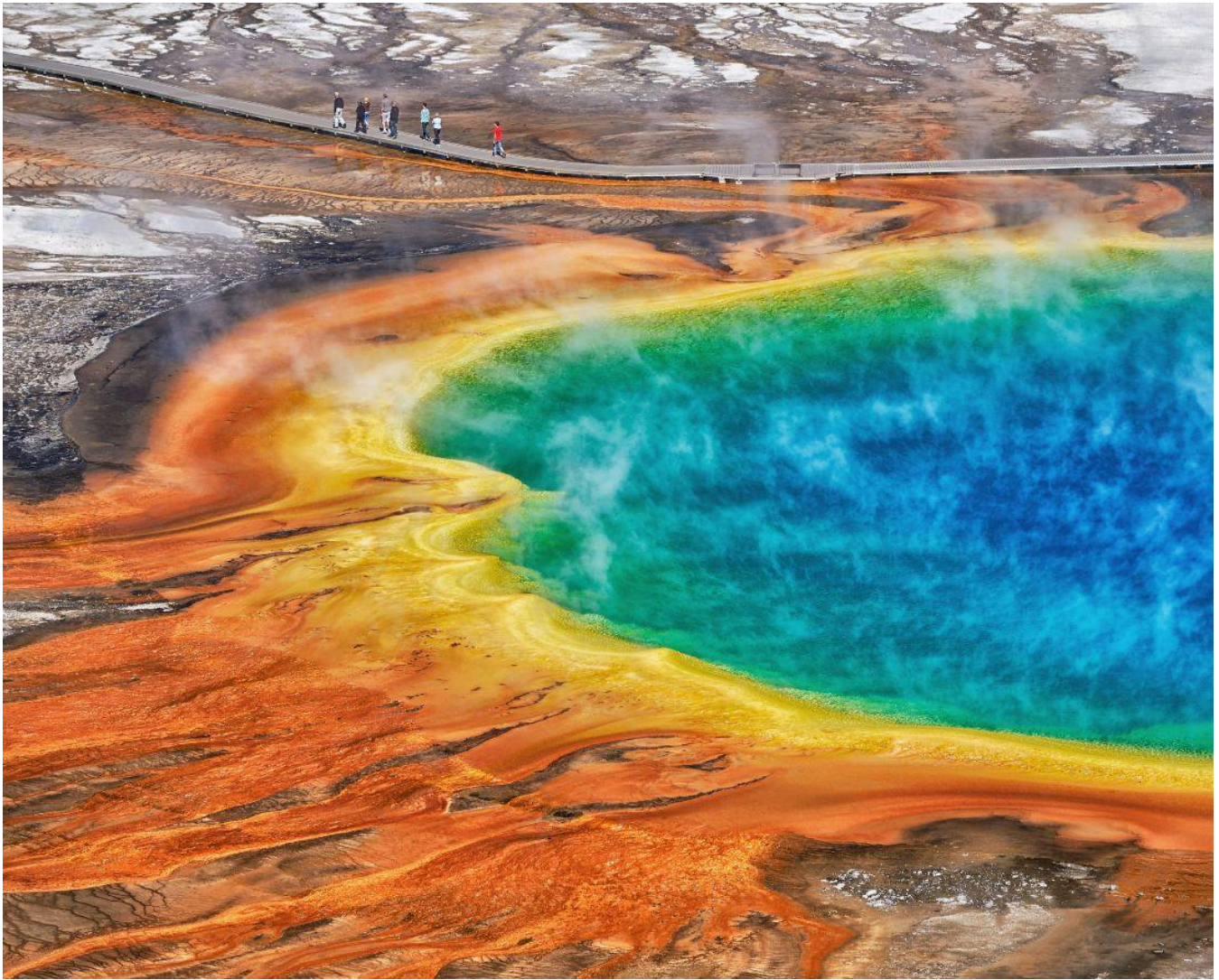


WILDLIFE WALKING TOUR

Yellowstone & Grand Tetons

Wyoming's Cowboy Culture, Geology & Wildlife

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TRAVEL + LEISURE

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 rich the 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.

The Classic Journeys Difference

- ACTIVE HIKING & WALKING
- LOCAL WELL-CONNECTED GUIDES
- PREMIERE HOTELS
- FOODIE FOCUSED
- HANDCRAFTED TRIP DESIGN
- MORE IS INCLUDED

What's Included

- All breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 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
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

→ INVISIBLE CHECK-IN

When your group arrives, we whisk you and your bags to your room immediately. No waiting – no tipping.

→ PRIVILEGED ACCESS EVENTS

One-of-a-kind access to remarkable people, places and activities arranged just for you.

Terrain

Easy to moderate on national park trails.

CLASSIC JOURNEYS ITINERARIES MAY BE SUBJECT TO SLIGHT CHANGES, HOTEL SUBSTITUTIONS, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS.

DAY 1 »

Grand Teton

Set among the breathtaking backdrop of the Teton Mountain Range, Jackson Hole is the picturesque beginning of your time on tour. After meeting your expert local guide, you'll head up to the summit of Rendezvous Mountain in a comfortable aerial tram. Have your camera ready for panoramic views of Jackson Hole Valley, Snake River Valley, and Grand Teton National Park during your scenic ride.

At the top, it's time to explore the high alpine terrain on foot at eye level. Set out on a trail that winds through the lush landscapes and wildflower-covered fields. Pause at overlooks to experience the best views as well as opportunities to spot wildlife in their natural habitat.

Following your nature walk, stop at Corbet's Cabin which is situated at an impressive 10,450 feet. Enjoy the cozy, rustic atmosphere with incredible views from the open deck area. Famous for its homemade waffles, enjoy a snack while your guide shares stories about this area's history and geology. Then make your way back down to Jackson Hole and settle into your perfectly sited accommodation before dinner together in town.

MEALS: D

OVERNIGHT: JACKSON

DAY 2 »

Grand Teton / 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 lookout, 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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MEALS: B, D

OVERNIGHT: JACKSON

DAY 3 »

Upper Geyser Basin

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.

MEALS: B

OVERNIGHT: WEST YELLOWSTONE

DAY 4 »

Lamar Valley

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.

MEALS: B,L,D

OVERNIGHT: WEST YELLOWSTONE

DAY 5 »

Grand Canyon of Yellowstone / Hayden Valley

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 chances 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 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, and 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.

MEALS: B,L,D

OVERNIGHT: WEST YELLOWSTONE

DAY 6 »

Gardiner / Bozeman

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

MEALS: B

Tour Hotels



[Rustic Inn Creekside Resort & Spa](#)

Named a top 5 resort in Wyoming in Travel + Leisure's 2023 World's Best Awards, the 4-star lodge sits on 12 acres and offers a full-service spa, outdoor pool, hot tub and sauna. Enjoy seasonal fire-pits, a wetlands walk, and access to downtown Jackson.

NIGHTS: 2 nights



[Explorer Cabins at Yellowstone](#)

Located in the heart of West Yellowstone, Explorer Cabins is just minutes from the park's West Entrance and a short drive from Old Faithful. Enjoy this charming retreat's modern amenities, relax by the fireplace, and soak in nature's views from your porch.

NIGHTS: 3 nights

Arrival & Departure

→ ARRIVAL DETAILS

START LOCATION: **Lobby of Rustic Inn**
START CITY: **Jackson Hole**

→ DEPARTURE DETAILS

END LOCATION: **Bozeman Airport**
END CITY: **Belgrade**
END TIME: **11:00 AM**