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Winter Yellowstone & Grand Teton Photo Expedition

In-Depth Photography of Wildlife & Landscapes in Snowy Solitude

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Trip Details:

Days
9 Days / Jan–Feb

Price
From $11195

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Winter is a magical season for photographers in Yellowstone and the Tetons. Silence reigns, crowds are nonexistent, and legendary western wildlife stands out against a snowy white tableau. The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem contains the largest concentration of free-roaming wildlife in the Lower 48—a nature photographer's grail—and we stay at coveted spots inside the park for easy access to sunrise and sunset shoots. Seek wolves on the hunt in the open expanse of the Lamar Valley. Get close-ups of bison along the Madison River, with ice-crusted coats and nostrils blowing steam in the frigid air. Photograph herds of elk on the floor of Jackson Hole. Geothermal features make entrancing subjects, too, as geysers erupt in a crystalline spray.

Trip Highlights

Capture Images of Iconic Wildlife & Western Landscapes

The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem abounds with elk, bison, bighorn sheep, coyote and elusive wolves—get dramatic shots against winter's snowy backdrop

Track Wolves with Expert Guides

Spend three days pursuing elusive wolves in Yellowstone's Lamar Valley and Northern Range, the world's best place to seek photos of them using digiscopes

Overnight in the Winter Wilderness, Accessed by Private Snowcoach

Reach the silent interior of Yellowstone National Park by snowcoach, gaining rare access for a stay at Old Faithful Snow Lodge

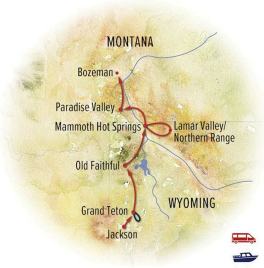


Winter Yellowstone & Grand Teton Photo Expedition Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	JACKSON
Day 2	JACKSON HOLE
Day 3	GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK / OLD FAITHFUL
Days 4–5	OLD FAITHFUL / MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS
Days 6–7	LAMAR VALLEY / NORTHERN RANGE
Day 8	MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS / PARADISE VALLEY / BOZEMAN
Day 9	BOZEMAN



Day 1

JACKSON

Begin your winter photo expedition in historic Jackson

- Explore the Old West town of Jackson, gateway to Grand Teton National Park
- Join your Photo Expedition Leader and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner and photography orientation

Our Yellowstone wildlife photo tour begins in the classic Western town of Jackson, which sits at the edge of Grand Teton National Park. This evening, meet your Photo Expedition Leader and fellow travelers at an informal welcome dinner and orientation. Your guide will offer an overview of the adventure to come and answer questions about gear and photo opportunities.

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Day 2

JACKSON HOLE

Photograph thousands of elk wintering in Jackson Hole

- Ride an open sleigh through the National Elk Refuge for low-angle wildlife images
- Capture elk against snowy meadows beneath the surrounding mountains
- Look for bighorn sheep, golden eagles, moose and coyotes across Jackson Hole

This morning, explore the broad valley of Jackson Hole at the base of the Tetons, where we go in search of bighorn sheep, bald and golden eagles, coyotes, bison, mule deer, moose and elk.

Our tour takes us to the National Elk Refuge, established in 1912 to protect the habitat of one of North America's largest elk herds. The refuge provides an unparalleled setting for photographing not only elk but other iconic Rocky Mountain mammals and stunning mountain backdrops.

After lunch at the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson, we travel by horse-drawn sleigh through the National Elk Refuge. The open sleigh offers unique low-angle perspectives, ideal for creating dynamic compositions with leading lines in the snow or the arresting contrast of elk against the snowy white meadow expanse. Experiment with depth of field to isolate subjects, or use a wide-angle lens to emphasize the grandeur of the Teton tableau.

Day 3

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK / OLD FAITHFUL

Capture Teton alpenglow before entering Yellowstone

- Photograph sunrise on the Teton peaks while refining depth of field and exposure
- Watch for moose, river otters and trumpeter swans en route to Old Faithful
- Frame Old Faithful's eruptions with guidance from your Photo Expedition Leader

Rise early for a sunrise photo shoot in Grand Teton National Park, hoping to capture the golden rays of dawn on the Tetons' jagged spires. The range is a striking backdrop for wildlife subjects, and we look for large mammals roaming the valley floor.

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 Geyser 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.

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Days
4–5

OLD FAITHFUL / MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS

Photograph Yellowstone's steaming geyser basins in winter solitude

- Travel by private snowcoach over roads closed to regular vehicles in winter
- Capture ice crystals forming in geothermal mist above mineral-lined pools and terraces
- Look for trumpeter swans, bald eagles, elk and bison near the geothermal basins

Yellowstone’s geysers are legendary, and we capture their wonder as we explore via private snowcoach, with a special emphasis on iconic Old Faithful geyser. Most of the park roads are closed in winter, yet we are able to access this remarkable landscape via special over-the-snow vehicles.

Very few people are present, and we relish the rare solitude and profound silence of the white-mantled land around us. Yet everywhere we turn, the blanket of snow and ice contrasts with steaming heat from the geothermal features that simmer beneath, breaking through in shots of boiling spray and bubbling mud.

Have your wide-angle lens ready to frame all the drama we witness, from vast landscapes to rocketing geysers. Dial your gaze in close, too, to capture intricate ice crystals forming in geothermal mist, experimenting with composition, macro angles and exposure against the vibrant colors of the mineral-laden crust in the geyser basins.

Our Photo Expedition Leader provides expert guidance and insight into the natural history of the park's geology that creates this wondrous tableau. Beyond famous Old Faithful itself, the Firehole River Basin boasts the highest density of geothermal features on Earth, offering shots of geysers, hot springs, mud pots and fumaroles.

Winter adds special allure as steam vents and bubbling mud attract wildlife to the warmth, creating the possibility for photos of trumpeter swans, bald eagles, elk and bison against the steaming landscape.

On Day 5, we traverse Yellowstone’s interior by snowcoach on our transfer from Old Faithful to Mammoth Hot Springs. Our Photo Expedition Leader will determine our route based on current wildlife sightings and snow conditions. We may spend time along the Madison River, watching for bison, coyotes and eagles, or in Hayden Valley.

This over-the-snow journey gives us access to remote geothermal areas, where steaming features remain active even in the coldest months. Along the way, our guides share insights into Yellowstone’s seasonal ecology, with ample chances to photograph wildlife and the wintry white landscape.

Arriving at Mammoth Hot Springs in the afternoon, we often see elk near the white travertine terraces. Here, thermal water flows over limestone formations shaped by mineral deposits and heat-loving microorganisms called thermophiles, which create vivid color patterns across the rock.

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Days 6–7

LAMAR VALLEY / NORTHERN RANGE

Photograph wolves and winter wildlife at first and last light

- Reach the Lamar Valley at daybreak to scan the snowfields for wolves
- Learn digiscoping techniques for photographing distant wildlife through high-powered spotting scopes
- Visit Dan Hartman's gallery in Silver Gate on Day 6 for his wolf images and field insights

Each morning, we rise early to reach the Lamar Valley at the break of day in hopes of spotting wolves. As dawn breaks over the snowy expanse of the Northern Range, the broad glacial valley offers wide-open vistas of a sublime landscape.

If wolves are present, they are likely to stand out against the snowy backdrop, although they are almost always seen at a distance. Our Photo Expedition Leaders carry high-powered spotting scopes on board our vehicles, allowing us to observe wolf activity from a distance without disturbing their natural behavior.

If we are fortunate to spy wolves, we'll have the opportunity to obtain images via digiscoping, with coaching from our guides. 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 and photograph these charismatic animals in their natural surroundings.

Other wildlife is abundant, and we're sure to come away with exhilarating images that may include coyotes, foxes, moose, elk and ice-crusted bison plowing through snowdrifts.

On Day 6, we'll stop in Silver Gate, just outside the park's northeast corner, for 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 Yellowstone's winter wildlife. Then, as the light wanes by mid-afternoon, we return to the Lamar Valley to turn our focus on wolf tracking again, knowing our chances to see them are best at dawn and dusk.

On Day 7, we continue our exploration of the Northern Range, spending another day in search of Yellowstone's legendary wolves and the other wildlife that inhabits this remarkable winter landscape. Our Expedition Leader determines where to focus our efforts based on recent wildlife activity, giving us further opportunities to practice the photographic techniques we've been honing throughout our adventure.

Day 8

MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS / PARADISE VALLEY / BOZEMAN

Capture Yellowstone's geothermal landscapes before crossing Paradise Valley

- Photograph Mammoth Hot Springs' travertine terraces, colored by heat-loving thermophiles
- Look for resident elk roaming among the geothermal features
- Follow the Yellowstone River through Paradise Valley between the Absaroka and Gallatin ranges

This morning, we depart Mammoth Hot Springs and travel north toward Bozeman. As we exit Yellowstone National Park at Gardiner, keep an eye out for wintering bighorn sheep in Gardiner Canyon.

We follow the Yellowstone River north through the aptly named Paradise Valley, flanked by rugged heights of the Absaroka and Gallatin ranges, which provide a dramatic backdrop for landscape photos. Along the way, look for rough-legged hawks, eagles, mule deer and pronghorn antelope.

Crossing Bozeman Pass, follow the historic route of the Lewis and Clark Trail into Bozeman for our final night. Our hotel is in the heart of the city's historic downtown. Fast-growing Bozeman was originally built upon mining, trapping and ranching, but today its economic base includes a booming tech industry, Montana State University and an expanding tourism sector.

Gather with our Expedition Leader this evening for a farewell dinner.

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Day 9

BOZEMAN

Depart Bozeman with a Greater Yellowstone photo portfolio

- Explore historic downtown Bozeman as your flight schedule permits
- Transfer to Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport for homeward flights

If your flight schedule permits, you may enjoy exploring Bozeman on your own today. This historic Old West/New West town boasts 40 individual properties on the National Register of Historic Places. 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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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.



Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel

Built in 1936 near the north entrance of Yellowstone National Park, the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel is a welcoming lodge built in the Art Moderne architectural style and is famed for its signature map room containing a large wooden map of the United States.



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.



The Rockwell Inn at Jackson Hole

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



Ridgeline Hotel at Yellowstone

Our rooms at this well-appointed boutique hotel overlook the Yellowstone River, in walking distance of the historic center of Gardiner, the northern gateway to Yellowstone National Park.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/us-national-parks-tours/winter-yellowstone-wolves-photo-expedition/accommodations.

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Yellowstone's Ultimate Wolf & Wildlife Photography Opportunity

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Yellowstone and the Tetons offer a spectacular backdrop for wildlife and nature photography, especially as winter's light plays upon a frosty white canvas. While most other outfitters offer shorter trips through a limited section of the parks, our comprehensive winter journey includes both Yellowstone and Grand Teton, plus the National Elk Refuge in Jackson Hole. Learn more about what puts this photo safari ahead of the others:

1. **The Most Immersive Yellowstone Photo Safari on Offer**

   Our decades of experience in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem ensure that you benefit from our deep local knowledge, including where the best wildlife photography opportunities lie. We get you into areas of the parks that most travelers rarely see, to facilitate the photography opportunities you covet.

2. **A Small Group Ensures Intimate Wildlife Encounters**

   Our group of no more than 12 photographers is divided into two smaller groups aboard separate vehicles, each with an Expedition Leader, for the quietest and most personalized experience. Traveling in a small group allows us to move quickly to places where wolves have most recently been spotted.

3. **Stay at Old Faithful Snow Lodge (Two Nights in 2027)**

   A coveted element of our itinerary! With most roads closed in the park during winter, the only way to reach Old Faithful is via snowcoach—and we get you there to stay in peace and solitude at Old Faithful Snow Lodge. You'll have access right out the door to the famous geyser, to photograph it any time you want. We spend one night here in 2026, while our 2027 itinerary includes two nights at the lodge.

4. **Specialized Hatch-Roof Safari Vehicles Enhance Photography Access**

   Our spacious North America Safari Cruisers are luxury vans with large side windows and a pop-top roof hatch offering a 360° view on landscapes and wildlife. Every traveler has a window seat plus plenty of space for your camera equipment and other gear.

5. **The Best Snowcoaches for Remote Winter Access**

   To get deep into the remote reaches of Yellowstone's interior, which is off-limits to regular vehicles in winter, we charter special over-the-snow vehicles. These private snowcoaches are the most comfortable and reliable winter vehicles in the park, with huge tires, big picture windows, and a high ceiling for easy access.

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6 **Our Photographer Guides Are Also Professional Naturalists**

You simply won't find a more superlative guide for your Yellowstone photography adventure. Our Expedition Leaders are professional photographers *and* naturalists, with in-depth knowledge of the natural history of the places we visit. Their intimate knowledge of resident wildlife is a boon, and our guides are in constant communication with local wolf researchers, providing the most up-to-date knowledge of wolf locations and activities. Our Yellowstone Photo Expedition Leaders also receive additional training and resources from WWF's top scientists. We can proudly state that they are the guides called upon to train and teach other local guides. **See Expedition Leader bios** with traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

7 **Meet a Renowned Yellowstone Wildlife Photographer**

Drawing on our years of connections in the region, we've arranged personal time with one of the country's premier wolf and wildlife photographers. We'll visit the home and gallery of famed local naturalist-photographer Dan Hartman, renowned for his images of wolves in particular and pleased to share with you his tips for how to capture the best shots of these often-elusive animals.

8 **Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Outstanding Photo Tour**

When you travel with Natural Habitat Adventures, you get our exclusive guarantee that 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. **Read our important promise.**

9 **Feel Good About the Way You Travel**

We all care about the planet, and you can travel with us knowing that the emissions from your trip are 100 percent carbon-offset. Natural Habitat Adventures is the world's first carbon-neutral travel company, a feature that is especially critical when considering that wildlife and their habitats are under substantial threat from our planet's warming temperatures.

10 **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 its worldwide travel partner—a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $11195

Group Size
Limited to 12 Travelers

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 5 - Jan 13, 2027	**$11195**	Jackson to Bozeman
Jan 14 - Jan 22, 2027	**$11195**	Bozeman to Jackson
Feb 7 - Feb 15, 2027	**$11195**	Jackson to Bozeman

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Dates not confirmed for 2028		
Jan 4 - Jan 12, 2028	**$12095**	Jackson to Bozeman
Jan 13 - Jan 21, 2028	**$12095**	Bozeman to Jackson
Feb 6 - Feb 14, 2028	**$12095**	Jackson to Bozeman

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Included

Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s) and local staff, transportation and local snowcoaches, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some 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, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), optional travel protection and medical evacuation insurance.

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

This trip begins in Jackson, Wyoming, and ends in Bozeman, Montana. **You must arrive in Jackson by 4 pm on Day 1** in order to attend a welcome dinner beginning at 6 pm. (Please note: Alternating departures operate in reverse, beginning in Bozeman and ending in Jackson.)

You may depart from Bozeman at any time on the final day.

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