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Wild Yellowstone Escape

A Five-Day Encounter with Iconic Wildlife & Natural Wonders

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Trip Details:

Days
5 Days / May–Jul, Oct

Price
From $4995

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Yellowstone’s natural beauty, abundant wildlife and wondrous geothermal features make it one of the world's most celebrated national parks. The crown jewel of the American national park system, Yellowstone remains one of the wildest destinations in the Lower 48. This intimate safari takes us deep into Yellowstone's timeless marvels. Traverse the domain of elk, bison, moose, bighorn sheep, bald eagles, and of course bears—both black and grizzly—and search for elusive wolves in the remote Northern Range. Witness Yellowstone's remarkable geothermal sights, including Old Faithful and Mammoth Hot Springs, as we connect with the land and animals that inspired the establishment of the world’s first national park in 1872.

Trip Highlights

Unmatched Experience & Small-Group Access

Alongside our naturalist Expedition Leaders, whose Yellowstone knowledge is second to none, just 14 travelers will discover special wildlife spots known to few

Enhanced Chances to See Wolves & Other Wildlife

Yellowstone’s Lamar Valley in the remote Northern Range is the world's best place to spot highly elusive wolves, and our intensive focus ups your odds

World-Famous Geothermal Wonders

View Yellowstone's famed hot springs, mud pots and geysers, including Old Faithful, and learn about the powerful geothermal activity shaping the earth’s crust

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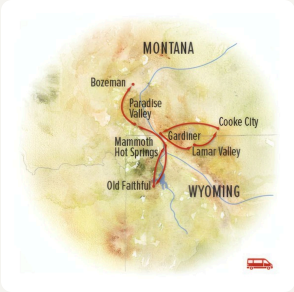


Wild Yellowstone Escape Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Bozeman
Day 2	Paradise Valley / Yellowstone National Park
Day 3	Lamar Valley
Day 4	Upper Geyser Basin
Day 5	Bozeman



Day 1

Bozeman

Arrive in Bozeman on the northern edge of Yellowstone country

- Visit the Smithsonian-affiliated Museum of the Rockies and its extensive dinosaur fossil collection
- Join your Expedition Leaders and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in Bozeman

Surrounded by the Rocky Mountains just north of Yellowstone National Park, Bozeman is a historic Old West town with a rich mining, ranching and trapping heritage. Today, it has become a booming center for tourism, tech and higher education, home to Montana State University. Although our trip officially begins with a welcome dinner this evening with our Expedition Leaders and fellow adventurers, guests arriving before 1 pm have the option to visit the Museum of the Rockies with one of our Expedition Leaders. The Smithsonian-affiliated museum has an extensive collection of dinosaur fossils, planetarium and a distinctive regional focus highlighting the area's natural and cultural history.

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Day 2

Paradise Valley / Yellowstone National Park

Follow the Yellowstone River to Mammoth Hot Springs

- Look for elk, bison and pronghorn roaming the meadows of Paradise Valley
- Walk among Mammoth Hot Springs' travertine terraces, colored by heat-loving thermophiles
- Watch for bald eagles, golden eagles and ospreys along the Yellowstone River

Big Sky Country awaits as we follow the Yellowstone River south toward the park through Montana's renowned Paradise Valley. Flanked by the Absaroka and Gallatin ranges, the valleys expansive meadows and surrounding serrated peaks offer some of the Rocky Mountain West's finest scenery. Famed for its diverse and abundant wildlife, we hope to see some of the valley's resident elk, bison and pronghorn roaming the lush grasslands, knowing that elusive grizzlies, black bears and wolves prowl the forested slopes of the surrounding mountains. Look for a range of raptors, including bald and golden eagles and osprey.

Entering Yellowstone National Park through the gateway town of Gardiner, we arrive at Mammoth Hot Springs. Here, thermal water spills over travertine terraces that have been described as a "cave turned inside out." Heat-loving microorganisms called thermophiles add distinct colors to the mineral-laden formations. Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, this landscape provides a vivid introduction to Yellowstone's geothermal phenomena, while prolific grazing elk are among the first of many wild animals we will see.

Day 3

Lamar Valley

Search for wolves and bears in the broad Lamar Valley

- Rise early to look for wolves across Yellowstone's remote northeast corner
- Watch for grizzly bears and large herds of elk and bison in the meadows
- Follow wildlife activity with high-powered spotting scopes and updates from park researchers

Rising early, we set out in search of wolves, grizzly bears and large herds of elk and bison in the broad meadows of the Lamar Valley. Located in the park's remote northeast corner, the valley is sometimes referred to as "America's Serengeti" for its abundant and diverse wildlife. It is also one of the very best places to see wolves in the wild. In 1995, the federal government reintroduced wolves into Yellowstone amid much controversy. After a 70-year absence following their government-sanctioned eradication, the wolf population has flourished, supported by bountiful prey—and the wolves' predatory behavior has helped restore balance to the ecosystem, bringing prey numbers back to a sustainable level. But as prey has decreased and wolf hunting outside the park has increased, the frequency and proximity of wolf sightings has diminished. We do often spy them, though, as we are in constant contact with wolf researchers in the park, and our guides' high-powered spotting scopes bring their activities in for a closer view. Late this afternoon, traverse the Lamar Valley once more in hopes of spotting more wildlife before returning to Gardiner for the night.

Day 4

Upper Geyser Basin

Explore Yellowstone's geysers, hot springs and mud pots

- Watch Old Faithful send boiling water skyward
- Walk among bubbling mud pots, steaming pools and fumaroles in the Upper Geyser Basin
- Learn how fire renews Yellowstone's forests while crossing recovering burn areas

Today we take a closer look at Yellowstone's celebrated geothermal features. From bubbling mud pots and steaming thermal pools to geysers that rocket boiling water skyward, these natural phenomena have long intrigued and enchanted visitors. The park's dynamic landscape is a testament to the powerful forces shaping Earth's crust. Early explorers like John Colter and Jim Bridger revered these natural wonders, and the geothermal activity prompted the protection of the area as the world's first national park in 1872. Conservationists like Teddy Roosevelt were also inspired to protect Yellowstone's natural assets for future generations to come. Of course, we stop to witness the park's most famous geyser, Old Faithful, with ample time to watch it erupt and to walk among the nearby fumaroles and hot springs. Traversing more of Yellowstone, learn about fire ecology as we drive through recovering areas once ravaged by earlier conflagrations.

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Day 5

Bozeman

Make a final wildlife search before departing from Bozeman

- Look for wildlife while traveling north through Paradise Valley
- Fly home from Bozeman or explore the town independently

While our Yellowstone wildlife adventure comes to a close this morning, we have a final chance for wildlife viewing as we make our way back through the Paradise Valley to Bozeman. If your flight schedule permits, you may enjoy exploring this lively western town and surroundings on your own.

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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.



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.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/us-national-parks-tours/yellowstone-safari-explorer/accommodations.

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An Expertly Guided Adventure Through America's Wild Icons

Wild Yellowstone Escape

Among America's best-known and best-loved national parks, Yellowstone hosts several million visitors each year—which is precisely the reason you should see them with us. Our decades of experience and deep local knowledge make a big difference in providing a richer, easier and less commercialized experience of these legendary vacation destinations.

1 **Don't Go It Alone—Let Us Take the Hassle Out!**

When you travel on your own, you spend a lot of time researching, planning, asking questions, competing for reservations, or driving around trying to figure out where to go and what to do. As a result, you lose precious time and miss the secret spots known only to locals. We've taken out the legwork and guesswork: because we've already researched and tested everything, and we coordinate reservations far in advance, you'll experience much more than most people can accomplish on their own.

2 **Small Groups Make a BIG Difference**

In contrast to motorcoach tours, our small groups are limited to just 7 guests per private safari vehicle. With a maximum of 14 guests per departure—we offer a matchless guide-to-guest ratio and a far more intimate nature adventure. We can move more quickly to areas where wildlife has recently been spotted and access roads and places buses can't reach.

3 **"Hidden" Wildlife Enclaves, Private Experiences & Fewer Crowds**

Our itinerary features out-of-the-way corners of the Yellowstone National Park that most visitors miss. With in-depth knowledge of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, we take you to lesser-known areas where wildlife viewing is better, and crowds are fewer. Over the years we've developed relationships with a range of interesting locals, and you'll get personalized experiences you wouldn't have access to on your own, such as a home visit with a famous local wildlife photographer.

4 **Expert Naturalist Guides Add Immeasurably to Your Experience**

Our Expedition Leaders are professional naturalists and biologists who know this region like few others. Many guide and teach here year-round, all have in-depth knowledge of the places we visit, resident wildlife behavior, and where and when to be in particular places to see animals. Our guides are the most senior in the region, called on to train other local guides. *We can't emphasize enough how much difference this expertise makes to your overall experience.* They are also in constant communication with local wolf researchers, providing our groups the most up-to-date knowledge of wolf locations and activity. **See Expedition Leader bios** with traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

5 **Exclusive Nat Hab Safari Cruisers—Pop-Top Roofs Enhance Viewing**

A far cry from the typical buses or vans other companies use, Nat Hab has crafted new Mercedes Sprinters into specialty **North America Safari Cruisers**. Featuring luxury bucket seats, USB chargers, expansive side windows and a pop-top roof offering 360° views on the landscape, these impressive vehicles provide a superlative wildlife viewing experience, not to mention exceptional comfort. Every guest has a window seat and plenty of room for camera equipment and other gear. These exclusive vehicles make a big difference!

6 **Personalized Encounters with a Local Naturalist Photographer**

Exclusively for Nat Hab guests, we have arranged a private home and gallery visit with Dan Hartman, one of Yellowstone's most famous wildlife photographers, whose work has been featured in *National Geographic* and other notable outlets. His wolf images are particularly renowned, and he is an important Yellowstone naturalist in his own right. Photo safaris also spend a day in the field with Dan, gaining insight and tips from this local pro.

7 **Fewer Days, Just as Much Wildlife and Nature**

We've shortened this popular trip to five days to accommodate busy schedules while maintaining the superlative experiece you expect from Nat Hab. Carefully curated to maximize wildlife and natural wonder viewing opportunities, this Yellowstone safari is as in-depth as ever.

8 **A Diversity of Seasons So You Can Choose Your Preference**

No matter when you visit Yellowstone Country, you are in for an uplifting nature display. In spring, crowds are fewer, the landscape is bright green with the peaks still blanketed by snow, and babies abound: bear cubs, bison calves, moose calves, fawns and wolf pups. Bears are especially active searching for food after hibernation, and cooler temperatures tend to mean more wildlife activity. In high summer, wildflowers are in full bloom and animals are still very active. Long days allow us to rise early and linger late, maximizing time for the best wildlife viewing when visitors have left the park or aren't yet out and about for the day. Fall is splendid here, with autumn's palette of golden aspen and willow contrasting against brilliant blue skies and providing a superb backdrop for wildlife photos. Crowds are fewer again, too, as we listen for bugling elk and look for rotund bears, fattening up before winter.

9 **Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Yellowstone Adventure**

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee, stating clearly that we will meet the lofty expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. We think this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. **Read our important promise.**

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 WWF's Travel Partner**

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



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $4995

Group Size
Limited to 13 Travelers

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
May 7 - May 11, 2027	**$4995**	
May 12 - May 16, 2027	**$4995**	
May 17 - May 21, 2027	**$4995**	
Jun 18 - Jun 22, 2027	**$4995**	
Jun 23 - Jun 27, 2027	**$4995**	
Jul 11 - Jul 15, 2027	**$4995**	
Jul 16 - Jul 20, 2027	**$4995**	
Jul 21 - Jul 25, 2027	**$4995**	
Oct 9 - Oct 13, 2027	**$4995**	
Oct 14 - Oct 18, 2027	**$4995**	
Oct 19 - Oct 23, 2027	**$4995**	

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
May 5 - May 9, 2028	**From $4995**	
May 10 - May 14, 2028	**From $4995**	
May 15 - May 19, 2028	**From $4995**	
Jun 16 - Jun 20, 2028	**From $4995**	
Jun 21 - Jun 25, 2028	**From $4995**	
Jul 9 - Jul 13, 2028	**From $4995**	
Jul 14 - Jul 18, 2028	**From $4995**	
Jul 19 - Jul 23, 2028	**From $4995**	
Oct 7 - Oct 11, 2028	**From $4995**	
Oct 12 - Oct 16, 2028	**From $4995**	
Oct 17 - Oct 21, 2028	**From $4995**	

See https://www.nathab.com/us-national-parks-tours/yellowstone-safari-explorer/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

Included

Accommodations, meals from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on final day, drinking water throughout the trip, services of Nat Hab Expedition Leader, airport transfer on Day 1 and final day, some gratuities, all permits, entrance fees and taxes.

Not Included

Travel to and from start and end points of trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees, optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, souvenirs, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes, optional travel 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, the animals are still elusive and generally do not come within close range of humans. Since our trip offers a totally natural, uncontrived experience, most wolf viewing is done at a distance through spotting scopes. We are thus able to watch the packs go about their normal behavior uninfluenced by the presence of humans. It is important to understand that it is extremely difficult to see wolves without the use of a spotting scope (which Nat Hab provides). Often, the best way to get wolf photos 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 wolves. However, we are likely to see plenty of the region’s other iconic species at closer range, and the sheer beauty and grandeur of the landscape provides magnificent nature imagery.

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Our Expedition Leaders, who know the Greater Yellowstone region intimately, are adept at getting our groups to less-visited areas away from crowds. But of course, Yellowstone is a very popular destination, so be prepared for a fair amount of company no matter when you travel. We operate this Rocky Mountain safari in a manner similar to our African safaris: visiting prime wildlife locations in the early morning when viewing opportunities are best and most visitors are still asleep.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins and ends in Bozeman, Montana. **You must arrive in Bozeman by 4 pm on Day 1** in order to attend a welcome dinner beginning at 6 pm. Guests arriving before 1 pm on Day 1 may join an optional visit to the Museum of the Rockies with one of our Expedition Leaders.

You may depart Bozeman any time after 12 pm on the final day.

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