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Ultimate Yellowstone & Grand Teton Safari

An Intimate, Expertly Guided Encounter with Iconic Western Wildlife & Landscapes

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Trip Details:

Days
7 Days / May–Oct

Price
From $8495

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When President Theodore Roosevelt encountered Yellowstone's wondrous geology and abundant animals during a visit to America's first national park in 1903, he proclaimed it “absolutely unique in the world.” Embracing natural beauty as a shared asset, he championed the idea of national parks, building a priceless legacy for generations to follow. In the northwest corner of Wyoming, two of America's most treasured parks offer scenic grandeur and prolific wildlife unparalleled in the Lower 48. This classic small-group safari through Yellowstone and the Tetons takes us into the domain of elk and bison, moose, bighorn sheep, coyotes, foxes, bald eagles and, of course, black bears, grizzlies and wolves. From plains to peaks, Yellowstone Country still works strong magic.

Trip Highlights

Our Local Knowledge Facilitates Exclusive Access

Discover wildlife spots most visitors miss, plus other surprises revealed only by our naturalist Expedition Leaders, who know Yellowstone Country intimately

Scenic Snake River Float in the Shadow of the Tetons

Take a mellow raft trip through Jackson Hole beneath the Grand Teton spires as we scout for elk, moose and otters and watch for eagles soaring overhead

Custom Safari Vehicles for Prime Wildlife Watching

Our new, fully customized Mercedes Sprinters have luxury captain's chairs, USB chargers and pop-top roofs for a total 360° view



Ultimate Yellowstone & Grand Teton Safari Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Jackson
Day 2	Grand Teton National Park
Day 3	Oxbow Bend / Yellowstone National Park
Day 4	Hayden Valley / Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone / Northern Range
Day 5	Lamar Valley
Day 6	Mammoth Hot Springs / Paradise Valley / Bozeman
Day 7	Bozeman



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Day 1

Jackson

Begin in Jackson, gateway to Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks

- Arrive in Jackson, an Old West town beneath the Teton Range
- Join your Expedition Leaders and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner

Jackson lies on the edge of Grand Teton National Park, in the shadow of the mountain range's jagged spires. This historic ranching town turned luxury outpost refuses to give up its dungaree and work glove vibe, and its Western heritage is on full display here, from the saddle-seat bar stools at the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar to its wooden boardwalks and elk antler arches on the corners of the town square. With a local ski hill a few blocks from the center of town and rodeo grounds nearby, it's typical to see mountain athletes alongside working cowboys. The southern gateway to Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks, Jackson is surrounded by vast wild terrain home to apex predators like grizzly bears and wolves, plus plenty of hoofed herbivores, some of which occasionally wander through town. Despite its growing opulence, Jackson retains its Old West character, exuding a deep reverence for all things wild. We spend the first night of our Yellowstone Country safari here, meeting our Expedition Leaders and fellow adventurers at a welcome dinner this evening.

Day 2

Grand Teton National Park

Search for wildlife beneath the jagged Teton peaks

- Traverse Grand Teton in a custom Safari Cruiser with a pop-top wildlife-viewing roof
- Look for elk, pronghorn, mule deer and bison across the valley floor
- Float the Snake River beneath the Tetons, watching for moose, beavers and ospreys

Nothing quite prepares you for the drama of the Grand Tetons, which rear up in a row of pointed peaks from the floor of Jackson Hole. Protected forever in one of America's most stunning national parks, the Tetons are icons of the West's wild majesty. Grand Teton's wildlife is as magnificent as its mountains, and we may see elk, pronghorn antelope, mule deer, bison and eagles as we traverse the park today in our North America Safari Cruisers. With large windows, comfortable bucket seats with charging points, and a pop-top roof that lifts completely up for a 360° view on the landscape, these custom vehicles are designed for optimal wildlife viewing. This afternoon, water level permitting, float the placid Snake River beneath the jagged backdrop of the Tetons, looking out for moose, beaver, osprey, pelicans, or even a black bear near the river's edge.

Day 3

Oxbow Bend / Yellowstone National Park

Enter Yellowstone's geothermal landscape

- Search the willow bottomlands of Oxbow Bend for moose and river otters
- Walk among fumaroles and simmering springs near Old Faithful
- Learn how Yellowstone became the world's first national park in 1872

Moose are our goal this morning as we search the willow-covered bottomlands of Oxbow Bend just east of Jackson Lake, an area relished by this largest member of the deer family. The slow-moving water provides habitat for fish that are food for other wildlife, and we may spy river otter, beaver, muskrat, osprey, bald eagles and American white pelicans. Continuing north to enter Yellowstone, we get our first glimpse of the geothermal features that dot the park landscape. From bubbling mud pots to eruptions of boiling water rocketing skyward, Yellowstone's geysers and hot springs captivated early explorers like John Colter and Jim Bridger and prompted conservationists like Teddy Roosevelt to encourage protection of the park's natural wonders. In 1872, Yellowstone became the world's first national park. We also learn about fire ecology as we drive through recovering areas once ravaged by wildfires. At Old Faithful this afternoon, there's ample time to see the famous geyser erupt and to walk among the fumaroles and simmering springs nearby.

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Day 4

Hayden Valley / Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone / Northern Range

Track wolves and bears across Yellowstone's Northern Range

- Watch large herds of bison and elk grazing across Hayden Valley
- Look into the thousand-foot gorge where Yellowstone Falls plunges below the canyon rim
- Scan the remote Northern Range for grizzly bears and wolves, listening for updates on park research radio channels

Much more of Yellowstone lies ahead, including Hayden Valley, a favored grazing area for large herds of bison and elk. The park is home to some 4,000 bison, the largest land mammals in North America, which we expect to encounter today. Bighorn sheep are likely to be on view near Mount Washburn, and we may also spot coyotes and bald eagles. A stop at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, where Yellowstone Falls pours off a sheer cliff into a thousand-foot-deep gorge, offers the park's most inspiring vista. This afternoon, continue into the Northern Range along the park's remote top edge, where we use spotting scopes to search for grizzly bears and wolves. Though Yellowstone's famous gray wolves are elusive and almost always seen at a substantial distance, the park's remote northeast sector is the best place in North America to look for them. We also listen in on park research radio channels for updates that may help us locate wolf activity. At the end of an exhilarating day, head to our hotel near the northern boundary of the park where we spend the next two nights.

Day 5

Lamar Valley

Search for predators and prey across the Lamar Valley

- Head into the broad meadows at dawn to look for wolves and grizzly bears
- Learn how the return of wolves in 1995 helped restore balance to the valley's ecosystem
- Watch large herds of elk and bison move across the open landscape

Early this morning, head east into the broad meadows of the Lamar Valley in search of wolves, grizzly bears and large herds of elk and bison. Gray wolves were reintroduced here to their native ecosystem amid much controversy in 1995. After a 70-year absence following their government-sanctioned eradication, wolves have again flourished, supported by bountiful prey, and their predatory presence has helped to right imbalances in the ecosystem. But as prey numbers have diminished and wolf hunting outside the park has increased, the frequency and proximity of wolf sightings has dropped. We often spy them, though, and our guides' high-powered spotting scopes bring their activities in for a closer view. Late in the day, we make one more traverse of the Lamar Valley, skirting the Northern Range as we continue to look for wildlife, including wolves that are often more prevalent around dusk.

Day 6

Mammoth Hot Springs / Paradise Valley / Bozeman

Walk Mammoth's terraces before returning to Bozeman

- Explore the travertine terraces of Mammoth Hot Springs, watching for elk nearby
- Follow the Yellowstone River through Emigrant Canyon into Paradise Valley
- Join your Expedition Leaders and fellow travelers for a farewell dinner in Bozeman

This morning, we stop to walk among the white limestone terraces of Mammoth Hot Springs, where we often see many elk in the area. Steaming with thermal water that spills over the travertine layers, the springs have been described as a "cave turned inside out," with heat-loving organisms called thermophiles adding distinct colors to the mineral-laden formations. After a last opportunity for wildlife viewing in the Northern Range, we exit the park and follow the Yellowstone River through Emigrant Canyon into the scenic Paradise Valley, flanked by the Absaroka and Gallatin ranges. Arriving in Bozeman, we check in to our hotel in the city's historic downtown and recount our adventures over a farewell dinner this evening.

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Day 7

Bozeman

Explore Bozeman before departing for home

- Enjoy free time in Bozeman, with the option to independently visit the Museum of the Rockies
- Transfer from your Bozeman hotel to the airport for homeward flights

Our Yellowstone safari concludes this morning. If your flight schedule permits, the day is free to enjoy Bozeman, a historic Old West/New West town with a rich mining, ranching and trapping heritage. The city boasts 47 individual properties on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, its thriving economy is increasingly driven by tourism and technology, and it's also home to Montana State University. Bozeman offers a wide range of cultural and outdoor activities. A highlight is the Museum of the Rockies, a Smithsonian Affiliate and repository for state and national dinosaur fossils, including Montana's mounted T. rex skeleton. A transfer to the airport to meet departing flights is included.

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Jackson Lake Lodge

Built in 1955, Jackson Lake Lodge is the first example of modernist architecture in a national park, showcasing the lake and full glory of the Tetons through the 60-foot-tall windows in its dramatic main lounge.



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.



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.



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.



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.

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

An Expertly Guided Adventure Through America's Wild Icons

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Among America's best-known and best-loved national parks, Yellowstone and Grand Teton host 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, less crowded 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 seven guests per private safari vehicle!* With a maximum of 13 guests (in two vehicles) per departure, plus two Nat Hab Expedition Leaders and a support staff member, 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 larger tours can't reach.

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

Our itinerary features out-of-the-way corners of Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks that most visitors miss. With in-depth knowledge of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, our Expedition Leaders 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.

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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 **Extended Time 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 noted outlets. His wolf images are particularly renowned, and he is an important Yellowstone naturalist in his own right.

7 **A Diversity of Seasons, So You Can Choose Your Preference**

No matter when you visit Yellowstone Country, you are in for an exciting nature display. In spring, crowds are fewer, the landscape is bright green with mountain peaks still blanketed by snow, and babies abound: bear cubs, bison and 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. 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, with autumn's golden palette of aspen and willow contrasting against brilliant blue skies, and the sound of bugling elk in the air. Crowds drop off, too, as we scout for bears fattening up before winter.

8 **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.**

9 **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.

10 **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
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Group Size
Limited to 13 Travelers

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
May 11 - May 19, 2027	**$9995**	Photo Expedition
May 20 - May 28, 2027	**$9995**	Photo Expedition
May 22 - May 28, 2027	**$8695**	Jackson to Bozeman
May 29 - Jun 4, 2027	**$8695**	Bozeman to Jackson
May 29 - Jun 6, 2027	**$9995**	Photo Expedition
Jun 12 - Jun 18, 2027	**$8695**	Bozeman to Jackson
Jun 26 - Jul 2, 2027	**$8695**	Bozeman to Jackson
Jul 10 - Jul 16, 2027	**$8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Jul 17 - Jul 23, 2027	**$8495**	Jackson to Bozeman · Natural Habitat Explorers Pricing Available
Jul 24 - Jul 30, 2027	**$8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Aug 7 - Aug 13, 2027	**$8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Aug 14 - Aug 20, 2027	**$8495**	Jackson to Bozeman

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Aug 21 - Aug 27, 2027	**$8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Aug 28 - Sep 3, 2027	**$8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Sep 4 - Sep 10, 2027	**$8695**	Bozeman to Jackson
Sep 11 - Sep 17, 2027	**$8695**	Jackson to Bozeman
Sep 11 - Sep 17, 2027	**$8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Sep 18 - Sep 24, 2027	**$8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Sep 18 - Sep 24, 2027	**$8695**	Jackson to Bozeman
Sep 25 - Oct 1, 2027	**$8695**	Jackson to Bozeman
Sep 25 - Oct 3, 2027	**$9995**	Photo Expedition
Oct 2 - Oct 8, 2027	**$8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Oct 4 - Oct 12, 2027	**$9995**	Photo Expedition

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
May 9 - May 17, 2028	**From $9995**	Photo Expedition
May 18 - May 26, 2028	**From $9995**	Photo Expedition
May 20 - May 26, 2028	**From $8495**	Jackson to Bozeman
May 27 - Jun 2, 2028	**From $8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
May 27 - Jun 4, 2028	**From $9995**	Photo Expedition
Jun 3 - Jun 9, 2028	**From $8495**	Jackson to Bozeman
Jun 10 - Jun 16, 2028	**From $8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Jun 17 - Jun 23, 2028	**From $8495**	Jackson to Bozeman
Jun 24 - Jun 30, 2028	**From $8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Jul 1 - Jul 7, 2028	**From $8495**	Jackson to Bozeman
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Jul 29 - Aug 4, 2028	**From $8495**	Jackson to Bozeman
Aug 5 - Aug 11, 2028	**From $8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Aug 12 - Aug 18, 2028	**From $8495**	Jackson to Bozeman

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Aug 19 - Aug 25, 2028	**From $8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Aug 26 - Sep 1, 2028	**From $8495**	Jackson to Bozeman
Aug 26 - Sep 1, 2028	**From $8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Sep 2 - Sep 8, 2028	**From $8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Sep 2 - Sep 8, 2028	**From $8495**	Jackson to Bozeman
Sep 9 - Sep 15, 2028	**From $8495**	Jackson to Bozeman
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Sep 16 - Sep 22, 2028	**From $8495**	Jackson to Bozeman
Sep 16 - Sep 22, 2028	**From $8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Sep 23 - Oct 1, 2028	**From $9995**	Photo Expedition
Sep 30 - Oct 6, 2028	**From $8495**	Bozeman to Jackson
Oct 2 - Oct 10, 2028	**From $9995**	Photo Expedition

See https://www.nathab.com/us-national-parks-tours/yellowstone-safari/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 Leaders and local guides, 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, they are still very 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 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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