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Yellowstone's Geysers & Wildlife

May, June, August & September

**TOUR RATING: EASY/MODERATE** 



#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Multiple opportunities to go on wildlife safaris with expert guides
- Enjoying Old Faithful and 20 surrounding geysers
- Exploring the geology of the park at Mammoth Hot Springs, Norris Geyser Basin, and Grand Canyon of Yellowstone
- Relaxing at Chico Hot Springs

Each day we will head out explore Yellowstone National Park in search wildlife while enjoying the unique geological formations that make this park one of a kind. Our first day is full of thermal features including the Lower, Midway, & Upper Geyser basins as well as time at Old Faithful and the 20 geysers that surround it. Wildlife viewing is the name of the game the next two days before we spend two nights at Mammoth Hot Springs and it's iconic limestone terraces. Throughout the journey there will be plenty of opportunities to lace up your boots and explore some of the trails.

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#### Arrivals in Bozeman, MT

Arrive in time for a welcome orientation this evening before a group dinner together to get you ready for the adventure ahead. Meals included: Dinner



#### Yellowstone National Park: Old Faithful & Lake Yellowstone

A scenic one-hour drive through Gallatin Canyon passes by the cliffs of Castle Mountain and winds along Gallatin River before reaching the West entrance to Yellowstone National Park. We spend the day exploring many of the thermal features of the park including the Lower, Midway & Upper Geyser Basins including painted pots and Grand Prismatic Spring. In the afternoon, we walk the boardwalks surrounding Old Faithful and over 20 other geysers to get a sense of the power under the surface of the park. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



### Hayden Valley & Grand Canyon of Yellowstone

We will have breakfast in the field this morning to enjoy the best chance for wildlife viewing in Hayden Valley at first light which may include bison, moose, pronghorn antelope, and possibly even grizzly and black bears. Enjoy a picnic lunch while taking breathtaking views of the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone including a short walk to the Upper and Lower Falls viewpoints. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



## Norris Geyser Basin & Mammoth Hot Springs

Our morning drive north will provide another opportunity to spot wildlife along the Yellowstone River in Hayden Valley before heading west to Norris Geyser Basin. We will make stops at Roaring Mountain, Obsidian Cliff, and Sheepeater Cliff before arriving at Mammoth Hot Springs. A network of boardwalks allows us to explore the travertine terraces formed over thousands of years of geothermal activity this afternoon. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



## Lamar Valley & Cooke City

First thing this morning we will head to Lamar Valley for our best chance to see wildlife. The valley has been called "America's Serengeti" with a high diversity of animals including some of the largest herds of bison and home to several of Yellowstone's wolf packs. We will enjoy lunch in Cooke City just beyond the eastern border of the park to get a taste of local life. A number of easy hikes will be offered this afternoon as we make our way back to Mammoth Hot Springs. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner





### Yellowstone Hike & Chico Hot Springs

One last opportunity to go for a wildlife drive this morning before visiting Tower Fall. We will continue north along Old Yellowstone Trail providing ideal conditions to see pronghorn antelope. Our mid-afternoon arrival to Chico Hot Springs allows time for a pre-dinner hike and a soak in the hot springs steps away from your room. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



## Departures from Bozeman

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel we will make our way back to Bozeman for afternoon flights. Meals included: Breakfast

## Pricing

TRIP COST	PAYMENT TERMS
<ul><li>\$3,495 each based on double occupancy</li><li>Single Supplement: \$695</li></ul>	<ul> <li>\$750 deposit due to hold space</li> <li>Balance due 90 days prior to departure (can be auto-collected if you pay by credit card)</li> </ul>

TRIP PRICE INCLUDES	TRIP PRICE EXCLUDES
<ul> <li>Lodging as outlined in lodging section below based on double occupancy</li> <li>Meals as noted in itinerary above</li> <li>Snacks and beverages</li> <li>Park admission and museum admissions for all included activities</li> <li>Services of professional trip leader(s)</li> <li>Ground transportation for all included events during the trip &amp; porterage service</li> <li>Black Sheep Adventures reusable water bottle, wool (baaaah) socks &amp; luggage tags</li> </ul>	Pre & post tour travel  Alcoholic beverages  Gratuities for your BSA guides

# Lodging

#### Springhill Suites Bozeman - 1 night

Not an ordinary Springhill Suites, this hotel was custom built for Bozeman that features studios with a semi-divided living and sleep area, workspace, pantry with microwave and mini-fridge, sofa sleeper, plush bedding, and a flat-screen TV.

#### Pahaska Tepee Resort - 2 nights

Located between Shoshone National Forest and Yellowstone National Park offers quaint cabins centered around a historic lodge built by Buffalo Bill in 1904.

#### Best Western Mammoth Hot Springs - 2 nights

Adjacent to the Yellowstone River at the northern edge of Yellowstone National Park, this hotel has classic rooms feature free Wi-Fi and cable TV, along with microwaves, minifridges and coffeemakers as well as an indoor pool, whirpool, and two saunas.

#### Chico Hot Springs Resort - 1 night

In the heart of Paradise Valley just north of Yellowstone this hotel sits right below the Absaroka Mountain Range. With natural hot springs feeding two pools a few steps from your room this hotel makes for a great ending to a Yellowstone tour.

## Terms

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

If you cancel for any reason the following refund schedule applies:

- 91+ days prior to trip start: A \$100 fee per person will be deducted from any refund.
- 61-90 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 25% of trip cost
- 31-60 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 50% of trip cost
- 0-30 days prior to trip start: No refund

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

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#### **WAIVER**

All participants must complete our waiver online at www.smartwaiver.com/v/bsawaiver/

#### **DISCLAIMER**

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