The Wolves and Wildlife of Yellowstone

A 7-DAY WINTER WONDERLAND ADVENTURE

FEBRUARY 17-23, 2024

See reservation panel for details.

RESERVE RISK FREE
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Please join us on an extraordinary winter adventure: a seven-day wildlife expedition to Yellowstone—North America’s best wolf-watching habitat.

Dressed magnificently with frost and snow, and with visitors few and far between, experience an ecosystem when its beauty is more untouched by the outside world than any other time of the year. Hushed and magical landscapes are the setting for steaming geysers, trees covered in ice crystals, and the movements of bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, and other wildlife—followed closely by the park’s wolves.

Safari aboard custom vehicles with expert naturalists as we explore and learn about the animals, environment, hydrothermal activity, and history of the park. Enjoy a private sleigh ride through the National Elk Refuge and meet an award-winning wildlife photographer for a presentation during a visit to his gallery. Each evening, overnight in atmospheric hotels and a park lodge.

This is a small-group expedition and space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at wustl.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Susan Cohen
Associate Vice Chancellor, Alumni and Constituent Engagement
Washington University
Your 7-Day Itinerary

The itinerary for this wintertime program is a guideline that may change in order to maximize wildlife spotting, natural encounters, and weather conditions.

Day 1: Arrive in Jackson, WY (D)
Welcome dinner
Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Day 2: Jackson / Grand Teton National Park / National Elk Refuge / Jackson (B,L)
Half-day wildlife safari, sleigh ride
Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Day 3: Jackson / Old Faithful (B,L,D)
Castle Geyser and Upper Geyser Basin
Overnight: Old Faithful Snow Lodge

Day 4: Old Faithful / Mammoth Hot Springs / Lamar Valley / Gardiner, MT (B,L,R,D)
Lower Geyser Basin, Gibbon Falls, Artists’ Paintpots, Norris Geyser Basin, half-day wildlife safari, reception
Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

Day 5: Gardiner / Lamar Valley, WY / Cooke City, MT / Gardiner (B,L,D)
Full-day wildlife safari, gallery visit, snowshoe
Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

Day 6: Gardiner / Lamar Valley, WY / Paradise Valley, MT / Bozeman, MT (B,L,D)
Half-day wildlife safari, special farewell dinner
Overnight: GranTree Inn

Day 7: Depart Bozeman (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

Activity Level: The majority of the program’s activities will take place outdoors. A fair amount of walking on varying terrain is to be expected. Guests should be sure-footed on uneven, frozen, or snow-covered terrain as well as able to get in and out of all-terrain vehicles and manage stairs without assistance. They should also be prepared for cold temperatures.

Maximum elevation: 8,262 feet at the Continental Divide

Your Expedition Leaders

From their inside knowledge of the best wildlife viewing spots to identifying the wolves’ signs and tracks, your two expert Orbridge Expedition Leaders and naturalist guides will make all the difference in your wildlife expedition. Enriched by their expertise, you’ll bring home a deeper understanding of the apex predator’s reintroduction to Yellowstone, along with a new appreciation of the drama and beauty of nature’s hierarchy.
Discover
• Immerse yourself in the unspoiled natural beauty, diverse wildlife, and dramatic tales of this unique ecosystem during this exclusive wintertime program.
• Experience Yellowstone in its winter incarnation: a world with frozen geyser rain, ghost trees with a frosty glaze, surprising winter wildflowers, and dynamic hydrothermal features set in snow and ice.

Explore
• Scout for wildlife from the comfort of a custom-outfitted, heated vehicle featuring oversized windows and a rooftop viewing hatch. Yellowstone is considered one of the best wolf-watching habitats in the country.
• Joined by two expert Orbridge Expedition Leaders and professional naturalist guides, learn informed perspectives and first-person accounts of the wolves’ setbacks, survival, and victories.
• Keep binoculars close at hand: this is the Serengeti of North America, home to the largest concentration of mammals in the lower 48 states. Resident bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, moose, and other wildlife live among seven large predators, one of the most elusive being the gray wolf.

Interact
• Set out on a snowshoe adventure plus meet an award-winning wildlife photographer for a presentation during a visit to his gallery.
• Enjoy a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the National Elk Refuge. Created in 1912, this sanctuary is home to one of the largest elk herds in North America.

What’s Included
• 6 nights accommodations
• 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners (including special welcome and farewell dinners), and a wine and cheese reception
• A fully-guided program with 2 Orbridge Expedition Leaders as well as expert local guides and naturalists
• All unique excursions and activities listed in the 7-day itinerary including transportation
• Use of in-field gear, including high quality binoculars and spotting scopes, Yaktrax, snowshoes, and adjustable hiking poles
• Hot beverages, water, and snacks throughout touring
• Admission and park fees throughout
• Luggage porterage
• Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leaders, local guides, hotel housekeeping staff, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Accommodations (subject to change)

THE LEXINGTON AT JACKSON HOLE
Located in the heart of picturesque Jackson with endless mountain views, The Lexington offers comfortable, contemporary western-style accommodations with a cozy and charming atmosphere. After a full day of outdoor activities, sip a hot chocolate beside the fireplace or take a dip in the beautiful indoor pool or hot tub.

OLD FAITHFUL SNOW LODGE
A short walk from its famous namesake, the Old Faithful Snow Lodge makes abundant use of natural wood, big-beam construction, and fixtures that echo back to historic Yellowstone lodges. The rooms are simple, comfortable, and outfitted with lodge details, such as wooden shutters over windows that open for fresh air.

YELLOWSTONE GATEWAY INN
Conveniently located near the North Entrance of Yellowstone, this all-suite property features recently renovated apartment-style rooms. Each spacious suite offers a fully-equipped kitchen and living room, and easy access to nearby restaurants and shops.

GRANTREE INN
The GranTree Inn features comfortable guest rooms near the best of Bozeman, Montana. Relax at the indoor pool and hot tub at this property which has been awarded the “Best of Housekeeping” distinction by AAA.
Amidst crisp air, bare trees, frosted earth, and brilliant thermal features of Yellowstone National Park, the wildlife viewing in winter is better than any other time of year. The elements of nature are in full sway, and its wild inhabitants—close-knit packs of wolves—are hunting, mating, and surviving.
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GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation):
Email: ____________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________ Alt. Phone: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: ____________________________ State: _______ Zip: ____________
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation):
Email: ____________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________ Alt. Phone: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: ____________________________ State: _______ Zip: ____________

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:
☐ Check ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House) ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card #: ____________ Exp. Date: ____________ CVV: _____

Name (as printed on card): ____________________________
Billing Address (if different from above): ____________________________
City: ____________________________ State: _______ Zip: ____________

DEPOSIT:
# guests joining program ($850/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $ ____________

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and the COVID-19 Acknowledgement at orbridge.com/wellness; and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________
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Special Alumni Rate: **Save more than $1,000 per couple**

What Guests Are Saying...

Our guides were fantastic—we were in very good hands! I enjoyed all aspects of the trip, especially opportunities to hike/walk/snowshoe in the beautiful surroundings. The program is very well run—structured without being rigid; the expertise of the guides was absolutely critical to the overall success of the trip.

~ Lauren L., Whitehouse Station, NJ

Words are inadequate to describe this program. The fact that I’m planning to come back and do this again soon should be a small token of how much fun, informational and life changing it was.

~ Tom S., Dallas, TX

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