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3 nights Yellowstone Winter Wonderland Wildlife Safari with Snowshoeing

Wolves howling, Diamond dust, Pure blue skies, Eagles' cries
Yellowstone in winter is a wonderful once-in-a-lifetime experience!

The northern part of Yellowstone is home to the largest herds of Big Game in all of North America—elk, bison, wolves, bears, and more! October through June is prime time for watching gray wolves together with all of the other species that have lived in northern Yellowstone for the past 8,000 years.

During your time in Yellowstone country you will have many opportunities to explore primeval America. Our Winter Wildlife Safaris start around daybreak to take advantage of the most active time for wildlife. Using mini-vans or similar vehicles, the North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park is open all-year for road based touring. As we search for wildlife your National Park Service licensed guide will help you learn about the wonders of Yellowstone.

Hearty field breakfasts, photography stops, and breaks for restrooms, sorry not heated, provide you with the chance to get out of the vehicle. Short walks away from the vehicle may be necessary for the best wildlife viewing. A hot spring dip might also enhance your adventures in Yellowstone country!

Lunch stops in the cute town of Cooke City, population 50, will allow you to view the high mountain scenery of Northern Yellowstone as well as enjoy the luxury of a warm restroom. Your guide will suggest several locations for you to purchase your meals.

We provide spotting scopes and binoculars so you can search for those elusive wolves or bighorns. We also supply interpretation materials, first aid gear, and all of the other group items you will need. Field snacks and drinks are also provided.

Your overall itinerary will be:

Day 01 Arrive Bozeman Airport and meet your guide. Bozeman is known as America's Most Liveable City with the world famous Museum of the Rockies, home to Jurassic Park dinosaurs! If your arrival is before 3 PM you will transfer directly to Yellowstone's North Entrance. For later flight arrivals your first night will be in Bozeman-

we do not want to risk your safety as hundreds of elk, deer, and bison cross the major highways.

Day 02 You will depart at day break to search for wolves, bison, elk, golden or bald eagles, and much more. On this day you will visit the single most famous place in all of North America for wildlife: the Lamar Valley- known as America's Serengeti. Please be sure to have extra batteries for your camera! It is common for guests to take over 1,000 pictures during the next two days!

On day 2 the focus will be on wildlife. Snowshoeing to search for wildlife will be included- with luck maybe you can even track a wolf pack! Your tour will return to Gardiner in the late afternoon.

Day 03 Again you will depart at day break for one more chance to view America's wildlife. We will visit the same areas, but each day is different as the animals' behavior changes. In the late morning a snowshoe to view part of the spectacular Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone is included. In the afternoon a visit to the beautiful terraces of Mammoth Hot Springs will swath you in clouds of steam! And if you desire a dip in the Boiling River can be included- please prepare your swimsuit, towel, closed sandals, and robe. (Open beach sandals that do not strap to your feet are difficult to use.)

Day 04 Your guide will meet you in the early morning to take you to Bozeman. Per your flight departure time there might be a chance to visit the Museum of the Rockies or shopping time in historic downtown Bozeman.

If your flight time is before 12 noon then the night of Day 03 will be spent in Bozeman and you will depart Yellowstone for Bozeman in the late afternoon of Day 03 to arrive in Bozeman before dark.

You are responsible for your own personal clothing and gear. We recommend that you dress in layers. Park entrance fees, guide gratuity, lunches and dinners are not included. Breakfast on day 04 not included. Please advise if you have any food allergies and health conditions. Some meals may be served inside and itineraries may need to be adjusted if conditions require. Reservations are required.

To Make a Reservation

The base rate for a safari is:

\$ 995/ person for 2-4 adults, minimum 2 people. Children under the age of 18 are 50% off utilizing the same room and bedding with 2 adults. Maximum 4 people per room. Single room supplement is \$250.

Included are the following:

- A. Three nights lodging, B class hotel in Gardiner or Bozeman.
- B. 4 days services of a private National Park Service Licensed guide.
- C. All transportation from Bozeman airport roundtrip and during the tour.
- D. Two field breakfasts and field snacks and drinks

- E. Use of high quality spotting scopes and binoculars
- F. All other necessary field gear. Complimentary snowshoe use.
- G. If you prefer to cross country ski rentals are available. The rental fee is not included.

Not included:

- A. Park entrance fees or Museum of the Rockies entrance fee.
- B. Any meals except as listed above.
- C. Gratuities or baggage handling.
- D. Incidentals such as movies or alcohol, additional bed charges at hotels.
- E. For more than 6 people two vehicles might need to be used for winter driving safety. Group and educational rates also available. Please contact us with your details so we can respond with a quotation. When snow conditions permit complimentary snowshoe use is also included. Ski rental fee not included.

To confirm your safari guide reservation

Please remit a check for 50% of the safari fee to YGA, PO Box 746, Bozeman, MT 59771 USA. We also accept wires and international bank drafts. For your protection and to keep safari fees as reasonable as possible we do not accept credit cards. The final remaining balance will be due three weeks before your arrival. Since all of our trips are tailored to meet your individual needs detailed price quotations will be provided once we have all of the details of your trip. After receiving your payment we will contact you to confirm arrangements for your trip. Also, please be sure to check with us for any last minute news from the field.

Our cancellation policies are flexible up to three weeks before arrival. We understand that family emergencies can happen. If the weather should be very bad on the day of your trip we will also reschedule or refund your payment- we prefer to treat you with respect and the reality is that we do not want you out in a major snowstorm without being able to see anything. However, sudden cancellations "just because" are not acceptable and no refunds will be made.

We can assist you with wheelchair and other special needs arrangements as well. Please be sure to call us in advance to be sure all the arrangements for your family are just as you would like them to be.

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