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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 & Sep-Oct

Price
From \$4895

Physical Requirements
Easy to Moderate

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Yellowstone's striking natural beauty, diverse and abundant wildlife, and unparalleled concentration of 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 wonders. Search for wolves in the remote Northern Range, including the Lamar Valley, and travel through the domain of elk and bison, moose, bighorn sheep, bald eagles and, of course, bears, both black and grizzly. Witness Yellowstone's remarkable geothermal features, 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

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

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

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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Itinerary At A Glance

- Day 1**
Bozeman, Montana
- Day 2**
Paradise Valley / Yellowstone National Park—Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 3**
Lamar Valley Wolf & Wildlife Safari
- Day 4**
Old Faithful & Upper Geyser Basin
- Day 5**
Bozeman / Depart

Wild Yellowstone Escape Itinerary

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Day 1: Bozeman, Montana

Situated in the Rocky Mountains at the edge of Yellowstone National Park, Bozeman is a historic Old West/New West university town with a rich mining, ranching and trapping heritage.



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 of visiting the Museum of the Rockies on a guided tour 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.



Day 2: Paradise Valley / Yellowstone National Park—Mammoth Hot Springs

Big Sky Country awaits as we follow the Yellowstone River south toward the park and through Montana's renowned Paradise Valley. Flanked by the Absaroka and Gallatin ranges, Paradise served as the inspiration for the popular television series "Yellowstone" with its expansive meadows, broad river and surrounding serrated peaks. Famed for its diverse and abundant wildlife, we hope to see some of the valley's resident herds of elk, bison and pronghorn roaming the lush grasslands, knowing that elusive grizzlies, black bears and wolves prowl the forested slopes of 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 an ideal 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 Wolf & Wildlife Safari

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, northeastern corner, the valley is often referred to as "America's Serengeti" due to its abundant and diverse wildlife. It is also considered one of the 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. In addition, their predatory behavior has helped restore balance to the ecosystem. But as prey numbers have diminished and wolf hunting outside the park has increased, the frequency and proximity of wolf sightings has decreased. We often spy them, though, and our guides' high-powered spotting scopes bring their activities in for a closer view. In the afternoon, we visit to the art gallery of Dan Hartman, a local wildlife photographer whose wolf images are highly celebrated. Afterward, we return once again to the Lamar Valley in hopes of spotting more wildlife before returning to Gardiner for the night.

Day 4: Old Faithful & Upper Geyser Basin

Today we delve deeper into the park's remarkable geothermal features. From bubbling mud pots and steaming thermal pools to geysers that rocket boiling water skyward, these natural phenomena have long enchanted visitors. The park's geothermal landscape is a testament to the powerful forces shaping the earth's crust. Early explorers like John Colter and Jim Bridger revered these natural wonders, and the captivating geothermal activity inspired conservationists like Teddy Roosevelt to protect the park's natural assets. We also 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.



Day 5: Bozeman / Depart

While our Yellowstone wildlife adventure comes to a close this morning, we will have a final chance for wildlife viewing as we make our way back through 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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Accommodation Details:

Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel

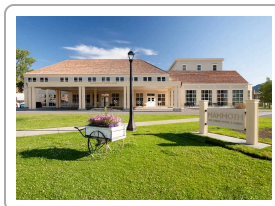
Armory Hotel

Ridgeline Hotel at Yellowstone

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

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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.



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.



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.



Why Choose Our Guided Small-Group Adventure?

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 American 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 experience 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.



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!



Make It Private with Your Family or Friends

Travel privately, exclusively with your immediate family, multi-generational family or group of friends. And when you choose a private departure, you're assured the most exclusive and authentic Yellowstone Safari on offer. Request your private departure by completing the form below.

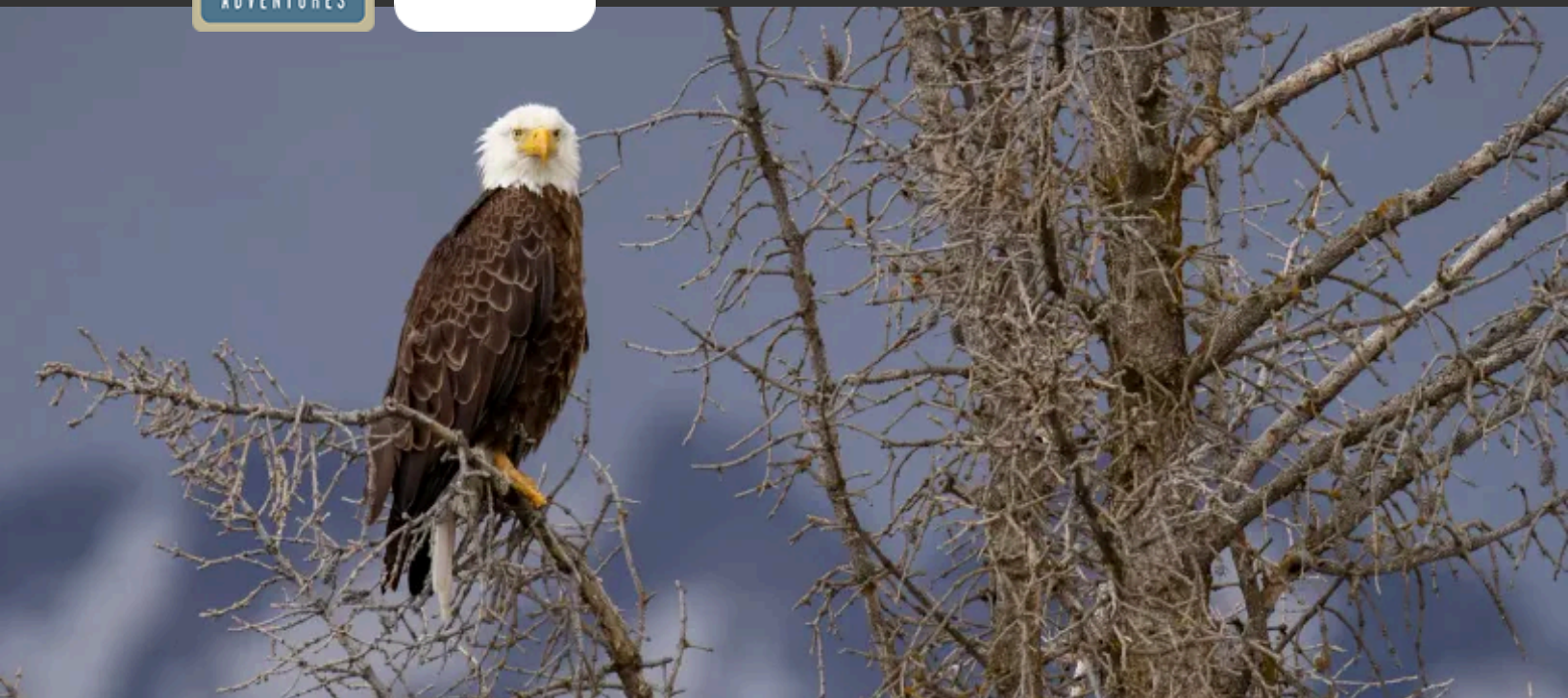
Please note that on Yellowstone Explorer Make It Private departures we require a minimum group size of 7 travelers.

Also, please be aware that your per-person cost on a Make It Private trip will vary depending on the number of travelers in your group and may be as much as 10%-30% higher (ship-based trips may be even higher) than our normal trip cost unless you fill the trip.

This **Make It Private** option is available on nearly every Nat Hab trip for family and friend groups. Call an Adventure Specialist at 800-543-8917 or look for the "Make It Private" icon in the **pricing section** of a trip online at nathab.com to see prices based on your specific group size.



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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices: From \$4895

Group Size: Limited to 13 Travelers

Physical Requirements: Easy to Moderate

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2025 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
May 7, 2025	May 11, 2025	Habitat Club Pricing Available
May 28, 2025	Jun 1, 2025	
Sep 24, 2025	Sep 28, 2025	
Oct 1, 2025	Oct 5, 2025	Habitat Club Pricing Available
Oct 8, 2025	Oct 12, 2025	

2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
May 31, 2026	Jun 4, 2026	
Jun 5, 2026	Jun 9, 2026	
Jun 10, 2026	Jun 14, 2026	
Jun 15, 2026	Jun 19, 2026	



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Departure	Return	Notes
Jul 18, 2026	Jul 22, 2026	
Jul 23, 2026	Jul 27, 2026	
Jul 28, 2026	Aug 1, 2026	



Pricing

2025 Prices

> Trip Price
\$4895

Single Occupancy: For a single room add \$995. **Click here** to learn how you can avoid the single supplement.

Deposit: \$500 per person

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars.

Please read our Payment & Refund Policy here.



2026 Prices

> Trip Price
\$4995

Single Occupancy: For a single room add \$995. **Click here** to learn how you can avoid the single supplement.

Deposit: \$500 per person

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars. **Please read our**

Payment & Refund Policy here.

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.



Physical Requirements

Easy to Moderate

This adventure does not require a high degree of physical fitness; however, in order to get the most out of your experience, you must be able to walk at least one mile unassisted on dirt trails with potentially uneven terrain and inclines, and possibly muddy or slippery surfaces, at altitudes of up to 8,400 feet above sea level. In order to view Old Faithful, you must be able to walk 300 yards over gently sloping pavement and boardwalk. To explore Yellowstone's geothermal basins, you must be able to walk at least one mile over boardwalk, dirt trails and undulating paved paths. Depending on the location of wildlife, each day may bring several opportunities for short walks ranging from 300 yards to one mile, sometimes on well-maintained trails or pavement, sometimes on rough, uneven terrain with some inclines. Depending on our schedule and wildlife viewing, there may be an opportunity for active guests to hike up to five miles. Due to the altitude and terrain, hikes are considered moderate in terms of physical exertion. However, a fair amount of our wildlife viewing takes place from our vehicles that are selected to enhance observation opportunities. Our days generally start quite early, often before sunrise, when wildlife viewing is at its best and other visitors are at a minimum. We stress that all activities are optional.

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.

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

Arrival: Arrive in Bozeman, Montana by 4 pm in order to attend a welcome dinner beginning at 6 pm on Day 1.

Please note that those arriving on Day 1 before 1 pm may join an optional visit to Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman with one of our Expedition Leaders prior to the welcome dinner.

Departure: You may depart Bozeman, Montana any time after 12 pm on the final day.



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