

## Yellowstone Winter



### 13 Days / 12 Nights

Salt Lake City, UT to Bozeman, MT

- \* Drive through the Snake River Canyon and discover the lofty peaks of Grand Tetons N.P.
- \* Explore Jackson Hole, or ride in a horse-drawn sleigh in the National Elk Refuge.
- \* Travel by snow coach to Old Faithful Snow Lodge for a three-night stay.
- \* Decompress at Chico Hot Springs in the Montana Rockies before returning home.



## Winter National Parks TETON AND YELLOWSTONE

Marvel at winter landscapes in Utah, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

This winter adventure tour invites you to enjoy the beauty of Yellowstone National Park in its winter majesty, without the crowds of summer. Departing from Salt Lake City, explore the Snake River, the Tetons, Wyoming's National Elk Refuge, and Yellowstone. Travel by snow coach to Old Faithful Snow Lodge. You have the option to snowshoe, cross-country ski, hike, or just enjoy the varied landscapes on spectacular drives.



Midway Geyser Basin



Old Faithful Lodge



Bison

These small group tours through Teton and Yellowstone National Parks in winter offer a combination of adventure and comfort.

Stay in cozy lodges and hotels while spending the days out and about exploring. Opportunities for wildlife viewing abound as animals come down from higher elevations to seek food. The winter wilderness of Utah, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming is home to bear, bison, coyote, wolves, eagles and bighorn sheep.

## The Yellowstone / Grand Tetons Winter National Park Tours

offer many opportunities for photographers. Because the days are shorter during the winter months, it's much easier to catch a perfect sunrise and sunset. Of course, winter's unpredictable weather adds to the excitement and uniqueness of a winter expedition through national parks. To take full advantage of this special season, we offer a balance of indoor activities and outdoor nature walks.



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### Daily Schedule for Yellowstone Winter Tour

**Day 1: Arrival in Salt Lake City:** Welcome to Salt Lake City, Utah. Meet and greet in the lobby of base hotel in downtown Salt Lake at 5:30 pm. Travel Dream West invites you to a delicious welcome dinner, where tour guide and driver distribute travel materials, and you get to know your traveling companions.

Night in Salt Lake City.

**Day 2: Park City - Bear Lake - Soda Springs - Alpine:** We leave Salt Lake City and visit the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics. Optional shopping at outlet stores. Our journey leads from here along picturesque Bear Lake via Paris, Idaho to the geyser in Soda Springs. We spend the next two nights in Alpine, Wyoming.

**Day 3: Day Trip to Teton National Park:** Today's highpoint is Teton National Park. We drive through magnificent Snake River Canyon to the park, which we explore by bus and on foot. We observe the large elk herd at the Jackson Elk Refuge and invite you to an horse-drawn sleigh ride into the Elk Refuge. We stop in Jackson, where many galleries and good restaurants await us.

**Day 4: Alpine - Harriman State Park - Island Park, Idaho:** Today we drive along the lovely Palisade Reservoir to Idaho. We hike--or, optionally, cross-country ski / snowshoe--in Harriman State Park. In late-afternoon we check into our rustic lodge in Island Park, which lies directly on the north fork of the Snake River.

Evening in Island Park.

**Day 5: West Yellowstone - Gardiner / Mammoth:** Today we continue on to Mammoth Hot Springs. In West Yellowstone we visit the Grizzly Bear and Wolf Center. Weather permitting, we proceed to Earthquake Lake, where we may observe the results of the last large earthquake. If the road is open, we explore the ghost towns of Nevada and Virginia City. Our final goal today is Gardiner, Montana, at the entrance to Yellowstone National Park.

Night in Gardiner.

**Day 6: Snow coach transfer to Old Faithful Snow Lodge** In the early morning, you travel by snow coach into the part of Yellowstone closed to traffic in winter, where you spend three nights in your own cabin near the Old Faithful Snow Lodge. In the afternoon, take time to explore the area surrounding the lodge, with its many geysers--including Old Faithful--and colorful hot springs. Bison herds like to browse nearby.

**Day 7: Yellowstone National Park - Old Faithful:** There is much to see around Old Faithful Lodge. You can explore the thermal surroundings by foot or on rented snowshoes / skis. **Optional Day Tour:** Travel in a heated snow coach with an interpretive guide to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone through elk and bison areas with stops at Upper and Lower Geyser Basins and two hours at the canyon.

**Day 8: Yellowstone Park - Old Faithful:** Further exploration of Old Faithful area.

**Optional:** Ski rental with shuttle bus to ski areas; guided, half-day snowshoe trek in the Old Faithful area.

**Day 9: Old Faithful - Mammoth / Gardiner:** Today you bid farewell to Old Faithful and embark for the snow coach ride to Mammoth Hot Springs. This is a half-day drive through snowy Yellowstone, wildlife included. Met by our tour bus at Mammoth Hot Springs, we check into our cabins with kitchens in Gardiner on the banks of the Yellowstone River for the next two nights. Gardiner has good restaurants and places to buy groceries.

2 Nights in Gardiner

**Day 10: Mammoth Hot Springs:** Today we explore the area around Mammoth, with its fascinating travertine formations. **Optional half-day tour of Norris Geyser Basin:** A heated snow coach transports you to explore by foot the most extensive geo-thermal area of Yellowstone.

**Day 11: Mammoth Hot Springs - Chico Hot Springs:** This morning we continue in the area of Fort Yellowstone and Mammoth Hot Springs. **Option for animal lovers:** "Wake Up with a Winter Animal Adventure." Take an early morning, half-day winter safari through the amazing Lamar Valley.

Night in Pray, MT

**Day 12: Chico Hot Springs - Bozeman:** Relax again this morning in the hot springs. **Option for the adventurous:** participate in a dogsled adventure in the Montana Rockies. After thorough instruction, lead your own dogsled team or let an experienced dogsledder take the reins. After lunch we leave for Bozeman, Montana.

**Day 13: Bozeman (BOZ) - Flight home:** Our tour ends today. Transfer to airport and flight home.