

WINTER YELLOWSTONE COUPLES ADVENTURE PACKAGE

(Winter 2017, sessions 1/4/17 through 2/22/17)

3 nights/4 days

This package includes in-park transportation, meals, welcome gift, ski or snowshoe rentals, baggage handling, interpretive guide for the entire package, and all gratuities; meals will include a mix of restaurant and field meals.

Day 1

- 12:00pm Check in at the Terrace Grill, Mammoth Hot Springs. You will meet your expert travel guide and fellow participants, enjoy lunch and learn more about your exciting adventure.
- 2:00pm We will travel by snow coach down the west side of the Park, enjoying Rustic and Gibbon Falls, wildlife (if they're being cooperative!), thermal activity, pine forests, wide open spaces, and hopefully lots of snow!
- 6:00pm Arrive Old Faithful Snow Lodge, check in
- 7:00pm Dinner at Old Faithful Snow Lodge Dining Room.
(Reservations have been made for you)

Day 2

- 7:00am Breakfast at Old Faithful Snow Lodge Dining Room.
- 8:15am A morning of options. You have chosen either a guided ski drop or a guided snowshoe tour within the Old Faithful area, and those who so desire may just explore this area on their own (ski and snow shoe rentals are included in package).
- 12:00pm Lunch in the Snow Lodge Dining Room
- 2:00pm Meet your guide in the Snow Lodge lobby and enjoy a guided walk exploring the Old Faithful Area. Old Faithful Geyser, Geyser Hill, a peek at the exterior of the beautiful Old Faithful Inn are all possibilities.
- 5/5:15pm Dinner at Old Faithful Snow Lodge Dining Room.
(Reservations have been made for you)
- 6:45pm Steam, Stars, and Winter Soundscapes Tour – we'll go out and experience the nighttime wilderness of Yellowstone. To just experience the quiet of the night in a place like this is an emotional one, with the utter silence only broken by the yip of a coyote or hoot of a great horned owl. A walk in a geyser basin and hot chocolate round out this nighttime tour.

Day 3

7:00am

Breakfast at Old Faithful Snow Lodge Dining Room.

8:15am

Your guide will have box lunches loaded up by boarding time, and we'll head out to see a lot of Yellowstone across a long day. Our goal is the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, home to the 109-foot Upper Falls and 308-foot Lower Falls. The route there via Norris is always open, so that's what we'll follow to go there. If the weather is fine, we may be able to return via Yellowstone Lake (and if not, we'll have to retrace our outbound route, and of the many things within our control, the weather just isn't one of them!). Either way, it will be a day of scenery, wildlife, and photographic opportunities!

7:00pm

Dinner at Old Faithful Snow Lodge Dining Room.
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Day 4

7:00am

Breakfast at Old Faithful Snow Lodge Dining Room.
Check out of Old faithful Snow Lodge

7:45am

We'll say farewell to Old Faithful Snow Lodge and wind our way back north to Mammoth Hot Springs. The Fountain Paint Pot Nature Trail, where one may see and enjoy each of the four major types of thermal features, is saved for this final morning. While the route is the same as our first days, the change in direction and time of day will transform many of the scenic views on the trip. On arrival at Mammoth, it's goodbye to our guide and fellow travelers, with the promise of another adventure when you decide to return.

12:00pm

Arrive at Mammoth Hot Springs

Things to Bring:

The layered use of synthetics and wool with protection from the wind is the goal of your clothing choices. Loose fitting layers allow you to maintain a comfortable and dry body by having flexibility in insulation as outside temperatures change and as your own body's temperature and moisture output changes with different levels of exertion. It is strongly recommended that you not wear cotton clothing outdoors in the winter, especially next to your skin.