

## **Trail of the Wolf (Snow Lodge) Itinerary**

### **Winter 2013/14**

#### **Day 1 (Monday/Thursday)**

Arrive at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge by snowcoach. Upon check-in at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge, please sign up at the Front Desk for an outfitting and information session, to take place at the Snowmobile Shop.

6:45 - ?? Dinner in the Obsidian Dining Room or Geyser Grill (on your own); free evening  
**Note:** You will need to order your box lunch for the next day at the Obsidian Dining Room Host Stand this evening.

#### **Day 2 (Tuesday/Friday)**

6:30 – 7:30 Breakfast in Obsidian Dining Room (couponed)  
7:30 – 8:00 Check out of room and place your tagged luggage going to the Mammoth Hotel outside of your room. The bell staff will ensure it is delivered to the Mammoth Hotel.  
8:00 – 5:00 Snowmobile to Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel  
(100-mile trek with stops along the way)  
6:30 - ?? Dining in Mammoth Hot Springs Dining Room (on your own)

#### **Day 3 (Wednesday/Saturday)**

6:45 Board van for tour to Lamar Valley; juice and muffin will be provided  
**Note:** Check out of room prior to departure to Lamar Valley. Luggage will be loaded on a coach for Old Faithful Snow Lodge at 8:00 am.  
7:00 – 11:00 Wakeup to Wildlife tour  
11:00 – 12:15 Lunch in the Mammoth Hot Springs Dining Room (on your own)  
12:30 – 4:30 Snowmobile to Old Faithful Snow Lodge  
(52-mile trek with stops along the way)  
6:00 - ?? Dinner in Obsidian Dining Room or Geyser Grill (on your own)

#### **Day 4 (Thursday/Sunday)**

6:30 - ?? Breakfast in the Obsidian Dining Room (couponed)  
Check out and board snowcoach for departure from park; end of program.

### **Trail of the Wolf Package Components:**

- ❖ Round-trip snowcoach transportation from your choice of Mammoth Hot Springs or Flagg Ranch.
- ❖ 3 nights lodging with option for additional night(s) at package rate.
- ❖ Breakfasts included for 2 days of the program.
- ❖ Welcome gift
- ❖ 10% discount Snowcard good towards retail purchases (excluding sundries), meals, activities, and massages at the Snow Lodge
- ❖ Unlimited ice skating at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel
- ❖ 1 snowmobile for 2 riders, plus gear for touring
- ❖ Luggage transport and handling while snowmobiling
- ❖ Wakeup to Wildlife van tour into Lamar Valley

### **Snowmobile to Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel:**

This tour is a 100-mile day around the Park's interior, crossing the Continental Divide, enjoying views of the frozen Yellowstone Lake (the largest lake on the continent above 7000 feet elevation), of Hayden Valley, and of the Upper (109 feet) and Lower (308 feet) Falls of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, a multi-hued, thousand-foot deep chasm that landscape artist Thomas Moran declared to be "beyond the reach of human art." We will enjoy our box lunches at a selected stop along our route and we'll stop at other warming huts and rest rooms throughout the day. We will arrive at Mammoth Hot Springs at approximately 5:00 pm.

### **Snowmobile to Old Faithful Snow Lodge:**

This tour is a 52-mile trek, which will include stops at steaming, hissing Roaring Mountain, beautiful Gibbon Falls, and a walking tour of the Fountain Paint Pot area. We'll also stop at rest rooms along the way, including Madison Junction, where hot drinks and snacks are available. We'll arrive at Old Faithful Snow Lodge to spend the night around 4:30 p.m.

**\*\*Please Note:** It is imperative that all guests be able to reach and maintain a minimum speed of 35 mph on all snowmobile tours. To travel the distances that the tours demand, with stops for warming, sightseeing, animals, restrooms, and lunch, this minimum speed is necessary in order to finish the tour before the sun sets and the temperatures drop. We want all guests to be comfortable and safe, so bear in mind that 35 mph on a snowmobile feels considerably faster than it does in an automobile.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

**Q: What should I bring with me?**

**A:** You must have, on your person, a valid Driver's License in order to drive a snowmobile in Yellowstone. Additionally, you'll be ready for almost anything with a small back pack/day pack, sunglasses, water, optics, snacks, camera, neck gator and/or balaclava, plenty of layers-base layers, long underwear, fleeces, sweaters, fleece pants, thick wool or poly-blend socks, and a sense of adventure!

**Q: What do I wear under the snowmobile gear?**

**A:** Layers! Include a minimum of 2 layers (base layers and fleeces/sweaters) under the jacket for a minimum total of 3 on top, and 1-2 layers (thick long underwear, fleece pants, sweat pants) on bottom under the bibs. 1 pair of thick wool or poly-blend socks- **NO COTTON**. It is also advisable to bring something to protect your face like a neck gator or balaclava.

**Q: What's included in the gear?**

**A:** We provide snowmobile bibs, snowmobile jacket, snowmobile boots, gloves and helmet.

**Q: What sizes of snowmobile suits do you supply?**

**A:** We currently stock up to 5XL bibs and jackets, size 13 boots and 3XL helmets. Child sizes are also available.

**Q: Can I take a backpack with me?**

**A:** Absolutely!! We suggest it.

**Q: Do the helmets have a facemask?**

**A:** The helmets are NOT full-face helmets, but they do have a visor/face shield that blocks direct wind. This is why you must bring and use something to protect your face (neck gator, balaclava).

**Q: What do I do with my gear that I want to have with me on the snowmobile but don't want with me on the Wake Up to Wildlife Tour?**

**A:** Please check with the Mammoth Front Desk and they will instruct you on where to store your gear.

**Q: What do I do with the clothes I wear on the Wake Up to Wildlife Tour when I get my suit for the remainder of the Trail of the Wolf tour?**

**A:** You can pack overnight supplies in the backpack you will use on the snowmobile. Old Faithful Trail of the Wolf participants may also want to use their snowmobile suit on

the Wake Up to Wildlife Tour as you may be getting out of the van for wildlife watching. Mammoth Trail of the Wolf participants will be able to store their winter jackets at the Mammoth Snowmobile Hut until they return from the tour.

**Q: Where and when can I get my snowmobile suit?**

A: Listed below are the various options depending on where your tour originates.

Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel:

- 1.) You will be suited immediately prior to the departure of your tour at the Mammoth Snowmobile Hut.
- 2.) Time permitting the Trail of the Wolf participants may be shuttled up to the Mammoth Snowmobile Hut by their guide immediately after the conclusion of the Wake Up to Wildlife Tour for suit fitting.

Old Faithful Snow Lodge:

- 1.) Upon check-in to the Old Faithful Snow Lodge, please sign up for at the Front Desk for a suit pre-fitting and information session about your up-coming tour. This session will be conducted at the Old Faithful Snowmobile Shop.

**Q: What happens with my luggage?**

A: Xanterra has a dedicated luggage coach that transports luggage from Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel to Old Faithful and back to Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel daily. The luggage coach departs Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel at 8:00am and arrives at Old Faithful Snow Lodge at approximately 11:30am. On the return trip to Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel the luggage coach departs Old Faithful Snow Lodge at 2:00pm and arrives in Mammoth Hot Springs at approximately 5:30pm.

**Q: How does the hotel staff know what to do with my luggage?**

A: Luggage handling is included with the Trail of the Wolf Adventure Package. Guests receive a special luggage tag designating their participation in the package. Please attach this tag to all pieces of your luggage. The Front Desk Staff and your Guide will direct you on where to place your luggage for transportation and subsequent delivery to your room for each stage of your adventure.

**Q: Can the snowmobiles carry any equipment?**

A: Each snowmobile is equipped with a carry box approximately 12"Wx18"Lx10"D. This is not a sealed container so make sure your gear is protected.