

Yellowstone National Park Lodges
Yellowstone Association Institute

Winter Packages

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YELLOWSTONE
NATIONAL PARK LODGES



Winter Wolf Discovery

Lodging & Learning Package

WINTER WORLD OF WOLVES

Winter might be the best time to observe wolves in the wild. Early morning departures into Yellowstone's Lamar Valley will include amazing sunrises, wildlife watching and snowshoeing in the habitat of wolves, elk, bison, and the area's spectacular scenery.



WINTER WOLF DISCOVERY

The Program

The focus of this three-day program will be searching for and learning about elk and wolves on Yellowstone's famous northern range. Mornings will be spent traveling by 14-passenger minibus to strategic viewing points to observe elk and wolves. Meanwhile, the group will encounter many other wildlife species and learn the role they play in the ecosystem and in relation to elk and wolves. Your naturalist guide will share up-to-date information about Yellowstone wolf ecology. Most sightings of wildlife occur at a great distance; the Institute will provide high powered spotting scopes and binoculars for group use. You are encouraged to bring additional scopes and binoculars if you have them. It is very unlikely that you will be close enough for full frame photographs of wolves, though pleasant scenery and other wildlife species are often captured on camera. Afternoons will be spent exploring wildlife habitats, traveling on snowshoes to examine tracks and other animal sign. Each evening, you will return to excellent meals, comfortable accommodations, and educational evening programs at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel.

The schedule for the week incorporates group activities and reserves free time for individual exploring, relaxing, hiking, skiing, ice skating, soaking in hot springs, and more. All field activities will be conducted as a group, however, it is fine if you choose not to participate in a day's activities – just let your instructor know your decision in advance.

What's Included

- Instruction by an Institute naturalist guide
- In-park transportation
- Four nights lodging at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel
- One welcome gift per adult
- One Snow Card discount card per person good for additional 10% discounts on select gift shop items, tours, rentals and meals (except designated special events.)
- Three breakfasts, three lunches, and one dinner
- Snowshoe rentals
- Unlimited ice skating

Dinner reservations are required at the Mammoth hotel. We recommend that you make dinner reservations before your arrival to Yellowstone by calling 866-439-7375

How Fit Do I Need to Be?

This program is rated for snowshoe hikes (depending on snow conditions) up to 3 miles per day with elevation gains of up to 250 feet. You will be hiking at 6000 to 7000 feet. If you have not already done so, it would be wise to commence a program of moderate aerobic exercise prior to the trip. Participants residing at lower elevations may want to arrive a day early to adjust to the altitude. If you have any questions or concerns regarding physical or medical conditions, please contact the Institute staff to clear up potential problems before they occur at 406-848-2400.

Dates and Rates

3-day program offered December 22, 29, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23

4 nights at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel

\$719 per person, double occupancy

\$899 per person, single occupancy

Rates do not include tax, utility fee or gratuity. December packages prices higher.

Itinerary

The itinerary is designed to take advantage of the best opportunities in the park, but may be adjusted to adapt to weather conditions and wildlife activity.

- Day 1 Welcome and Orientation**
Dinner on own (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
7:00pm Orientation in Mammoth board room (room 207) on the second floor of the Mammoth Hotel.
Introduction to Yellowstone, program preview, clothing and equipment review, and question and answer session.
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 2 Wildlife Watching and Snowshoeing**
Breakfast on your own (with coupon)
7:30am Meet at bus with day's gear (pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for northern range wolf habitat for wildlife viewing, history, and geology overview
Lunch at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch
Interpretive snowshoe tour, one-two hours
4:00pm Return to Mammoth
Dinner on your own (advanced reservations required for dining room), Snow Card discount
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 3 Sunrise Wildlife Watching and Snowshoeing**
6:30am Meet at bus with day's gear (pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for northern range for wildlife viewing in prime wolf habitat
Coffee and bag breakfast provided on bus
Lunch at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch
Interpretive snowshoe tour, one-two hours
3:00pm Return to Mammoth
Dinner on your own (advanced reservations required for dining room), Snow Card discount
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 4 Sunrise Wildlife Watching and Snowshoeing**
6:30am Meet at bus with day's gear (pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for northern range for wildlife viewing, wolf ecology, and management
Coffee and bag breakfast provided on bus
Lunch at Lamar Buffalo Ranch
2:00pm Return to Mammoth
5:45pm Group dinner at Mammoth Hot Springs Dining Room (reservations made) (with coupon)
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs

End of Program - Optional additional overnight can be reserved in advance

What to Bring

Clothing

- Insulating underwear
- Lightweight insulating layer
- Heavyweight insulating layer
- Wind/Rain jacket and pants
- Shirts: synthetic are ideal
- Pants: wool, fleece pants
- Hat: insulated hat covering ears
- Neck warmer/gaiter, Gloves
- Socks: wool, heavyweight synthetic
- Insulated Boots
- Off-duty shoes: sandals, sneakers

Equipment

- Daypack
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen/Lip protector
- Camera, binoculars
- Personal first aid kit
- Alarm clock
- Hand/foot warmers



YELLOWSTONE
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Winter Wildlife Expedition

Lodging & Learning Package

DISCOVER THE NORTHERN RANGE IN WINTER

A three-day program based at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. Explore the active wildlife habitat of the Northern Range, travel on snowshoes to examine tracks, learn from the field lectures about current research and resource management.



WINTER WILDLIFE EXPEDITION

The Program

The focus of this three-day program will be searching for and learning about the wildlife on Yellowstone's famous northern range. Mornings will be spent traveling by 14-passenger minibus to strategic viewing points to observe wolves, elk, and bison. Meanwhile, the group will encounter many other wildlife species and learn the role they play in the ecosystem. Most sightings of wildlife occur at a great distance, so high-powered spotting scopes and binoculars will be provided for the group. You are encouraged to bring additional scopes and binoculars if you have them. It is very unlikely that you will be close enough for full frame photographs of wolves, though pleasant scenery and other wildlife species are often captured on camera. Afternoons will be spent exploring wildlife habitats, traveling on snowshoes to examine tracks and other animal sign. There will be opportunistic field lectures about current research and management of these charismatic species. Each evening, you will return to excellent meals, comfortable accommodations, and educational evening programs at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel.

The schedule for the week incorporates group activities and reserves free time for individual exploring, relaxing, hiking, skiing, ice skating, soaking in hot springs, and more. All field activities will be conducted as a group, however, it is fine if you choose not to participate in a day's activities – just let your instructor know your decision in advance.

What's Included

- Instruction by an Institute naturalist guide
- In-park transportation
- Four nights lodging at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel
- One welcome gift per adult
- One Snow Card discount card per person good for additional 10% discounts on select gift shop items, tours, rentals and meals (except designated special events.)
- Three breakfasts, three lunches, and one dinner
- Snowshoe rentals
- Unlimited ice skating

Dinner reservations are required at the Mammoth hotel. We recommend that you make dinner reservations before your arrival to Yellowstone by calling 866-439-7375

How Fit Do I Need to Be?

This program is rated for snowshoe hikes (depending on snow conditions) up to 3 miles per day with elevation gains of up to 250 feet. You will be hiking at 6000 to 7000 feet. If you have not already done so, it would be wise to commence a program of moderate aerobic exercise prior to the trip. Participants residing at lower elevations may want to arrive a day early to adjust to the altitude. If you have any questions or concerns regarding physical or medical conditions, please contact the Institute staff to clear up potential problems before they occur at 406-848-2400.

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Dates and Rates

3-day program offered December 23, 30, January 6, 14, 21, February 11, 18, 25

4 nights at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel

\$679 per person, Double Occupancy

\$859 per person, Single Occupancy

Rates do not include tax, utility fee or gratuity. December packages prices higher.

Itinerary

The itinerary is designed to take advantage of the best opportunities in the Park, but may be adjusted to adapt to weather conditions and wildlife activity.

- Day 1 Welcome and Orientation**
Dinner on own (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
7:00pm Orientation in Mammoth board room (room 207) on the second floor of the Mammoth hotel.
Introduction to Yellowstone, program preview, clothing and equipment review, and question and answer session.
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 2 Lower Northern Range Wildlife Watching**
Breakfast on your own (with coupon)
7:30am Meet at bus with day's gear (pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for northern range for wildlife viewing in prime habitat
Interpretive snowshoe hike, one to two hours
Bag lunch in the field
4:00pm Return to Mammoth
Dinner on your own (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 3 Upper Northern Range Wildlife Watching**
6:30am Meet at bus with day's gear (pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for northern range for wildlife viewing in prime habitat
Coffee and bag breakfast provided on bus
Interpretive snowshoe hike, one to two hours
Lunch at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch
3:30pm Return to Mammoth
Dinner on your own (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 4 Upper Northern Range Wildlife Watching**
6:30am Meet at bus with day's gear (pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for northern range for wildlife viewing in prime habitat
Coffee and bag breakfast provided on bus
Lunch at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch
2:00pm Return to Mammoth
5:45pm Group dinner (reservations made) (with coupon)
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs

End of Program - Optional additional overnight can be reserved in advance

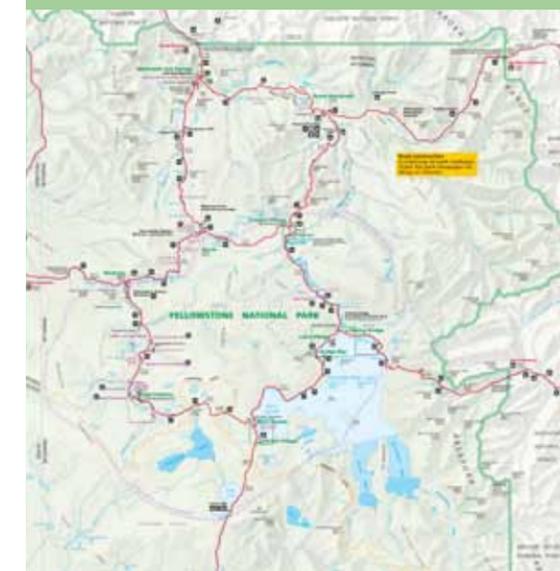
What to Bring

Clothing

- Insulating underwear
- Lightweight insulating layer
- Heavyweight insulating layer
- Wind/Rain jacket and pants
- Shirts: synthetic are ideal
- Pants: wool, fleece pants
- Hat: insulated hat covering ears
- Neck warmer/gaiter, Gloves
- Socks: wool, heavyweight synthetic
- Insulated Boots
- Off-duty shoes: sandals, sneakers

Equipment

- Daypack
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen/Lip protector
- Camera, binoculars
- Personal first aid kit
- Alarm clock
- Hand/foot warmers



Yellowstone on Skis

Lodging & Learning Package

LACE UP YOUR SKIS

A five-day program built around ski-bound discovery of Yellowstone. Includes lodging at Mammoth and Old Faithful. Daily ski trips explore Blacktail Plateau, Lamar Valley, Yellowstone's Grand Canyon, and the foot of the Gallatin Range.



YELLOWSTONE ON SKIS

The Program

The focus of this five-day program is exploring Yellowstone by traveling on cross-country skis. Following the tracks of the turn-of-the-century ski patrols of the U.S. Army, and the likes of John Colter, we will incorporate wildlife, history, ecology, geology, and ecosystem issues into our recreational activities. Our first ski day starts with a bang - we'll travel by ski shuttle into a pristine and quiet part of the park to a backcountry route. During the remaining four days, we will venture into the central part of Yellowstone on groomed roads in a snowcoach to ski far from the road corridors past frozen waterfalls; through open pristine meadows; to expansive backcountry lakes and along the rim of the amazing Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River.

The schedule for the week incorporates group activities and reserves free time for individual exploring, relaxing, hiking, skiing, ice skating, soaking in hot springs, and more. All field activities will be conducted as a group, however, it is fine if you choose not to participate in a day's activities - just let your instructor know your decision in advance.

What's Included

- Instruction by an Institute naturalist guide
 - In-park transportation
 - Three nights lodging at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, three nights lodging at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
 - One welcome gift per adult
 - One Snow Card discount card per person good for additional 10% discounts on select gift shop items, tours, rentals and meals (except designated special events.)
 - Five breakfasts, five lunches, and one dinner
 - Unlimited ice skating
- Dinner reservations are required at both the Mammoth and Old Faithful hotels. We recommend that you make dinner reservations before your arrival to Yellowstone by calling 866-439-7375

How Fit Do I Need to Be?

This program is rated for brisk aerobic skiing of up to 8 miles per day with climbs up to 1000 feet. Skiing is an aerobic activity-more so at 6000 to 8000 feet. To ensure an enjoyable experience, all participants should have at least "advanced beginner" cross-country ski skills. We will be skiing on un-groomed trails. Sometimes these trails will be skier-tracked, other times we may break our own trails. Conditions vary from powder to hard-packed, depending on weather. If you have any questions or concerns regarding physical or medical conditions, please contact the Institute staff to clear up potential problems before they occur at 406-848-2400.



Dates and Rates

5-day program offered January 25, February 1, 4, 8, 15, 22
3 nights at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, 3 nights at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
\$1,815 per person, double occupancy
\$2,205 per person, single occupancy
Rates do not include tax, utility fee or gratuity. December packages prices higher.

Itinerary

The itinerary is designed to take advantage of the best opportunities in the Park, but may be adjusted to adapt to weather conditions and wildlife activity.

- Day 1 Welcome and Orientation**
If renting skis, and if time permits, get skis at Mammoth Hot Springs Bear Den SkiShop prior to orientation
Dinner on own (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
7:00pm Orientation in Mammoth board room (room 207) on the second floor of the Mammoth hotel
Introduction to Yellowstone, program preview, clothing and equipment review, and question and answer session.
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 2 Indian Creek Ski Tour**
Breakfast on your own (with coupon)
Ski fitting (at 7:45am at the Bear Den Ski Shop) for those who were unable to get skis previously
8:15am Meet in lobby with day's gear (skis, pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for ski tour via snowcoach
Interpretive ski tour: Bighorn Trail (5.5 miles easy to more difficult) (optional extensions available as time and group interests allow) Bag lunch on the trail
4:30pm Return to Mammoth
Dinner on own (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time; Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 3 Ski Tour in the Old Faithful Area**
Breakfast on your own (with coupon)
7:00am Leave tagged luggage to Old Faithful outside of your room
Check out required from Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel
7:45am Meet in hotel lobby with gear for the day (pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
8:00am Depart for Old Faithful area via snowcoach, with interpretive stops along the way Interpretive ski tour: Fairy Falls/Imperial Geyser (5-7 miles, easy to moderate) Bag lunch on the trail
4-5:30pm Arrive Old Faithful Snow Lodge
Dinner on own (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
Overnight at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- Days 4 and 5 Ski Tours in the Old Faithful Area**
Breakfast on your own (with coupon)
8:45am Meet at snowcoach with day's gear (skis, pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for ski tour(s)
Optional interpretive ski tour(s) at instructor's discretion: DeLacy Creek to Shoshone Lake (6 miles, easy to more difficult) Or Spring Creek to Lone Star (6-8 miles, easiest to more difficult) Or Lone Star Geyser (5-9 miles, easiest to most difficult) Bag lunch on the trail
3-5pm Return to Old Faithful
Dinner on own (advanced reservations required) Snow Card discount (Day 4)
6:30pm Group dinner (reservations made for you) (with coupon) (on Day 5)
Overnight at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- Day 6 Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone Ski Tour**
Breakfast on your own (with coupon)
Leave luggage to Old Faithful inside of your room
Check out required from Old Faithful Snow Lodge
7:45am Meet at snowcoach with day's gear (skis, pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for Canyon area
Interpretive ski tour: North Rim-Inspiration Point to Upper Falls (3 miles easy) (optional extensions: TBD depending on snow/weather conditions) Bag lunch on the trail
6:00pm Return to Mammoth
Drop off rental equipment behind activities desk
Dinner on own (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- End of Program - Optional additional overnight can be reserved in advance**

What to Bring

Clothing
Insulating underwear
Lightweight insulating layer
Heavyweight insulating layer
Wind/Rain jacket and pants
Shirts: synthetic are ideal
Pants: wool, fleece pants
Hat: insulated hat covering ears
Neck warmer/gaiter, Gloves
Socks: wool, heavyweight synthetic
Insulated Boots
Off-duty shoes: sandals, sneakers

Equipment
Daypack
Reusable water bottle
Sunglasses
Sunscreen/Lip protector
Camera, binoculars
Personal first aid kit
Alarm clock
Hand/foot warmers



Winter in Wonderland

Lodging & Learning Package

EXPLORE WINTERS WONDERS

If you've never experienced Yellowstone in winter, and enjoy active learning vacations, this is the trip for you. This naturalist-guided comprehensive overview of Yellowstone includes adventures into the wildlife-rich Northern Range, breathtaking Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and geyser basins in and around Old Faithful.



WINTER IN WONDERLAND

The Program

The focus of this five-day program is learning, exploration, and adventure in Yellowstone's winter wilderness. Snowcoach, 14-passenger minibus, snowshoes, and skis are our modes of travel for this program, spending time in both the front and backcountry. The first two days will consist of exploration in Yellowstone's famous northern range. The remainder will be spent in the heart of the wonderland, as we tour geyser basins, river corridors and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River. Each evening you will return to excellent meals, comfortable accommodations, and educational evening programs at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and Old Faithful Snow Lodge.

The schedule for the week incorporates group activities and reserves free time for individual exploring, relaxing, hiking, skiing, ice skating, soaking in hot springs, and more. All field activities will be conducted as a group, however, it is fine if you choose not to participate in a day's activities – just let your instructor know your decision in advance.

What's Included

- Instruction by an Institute naturalist guide
 - In-park transportation
 - Four nights lodging at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, two nights at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
 - One welcome gift per adult
 - One Snow Card discount card per person good for additional 10% discounts on select gift shop items, tours, rentals and meals (except designated special events.)
 - Five breakfasts, five lunches, and one dinner
 - Cross country ski and snowshoe rental
 - Unlimited ice skating
- Dinner reservations are required at both the Mammoth and Old Faithful hotels. We recommend that you make dinner reservations before your arrival to Yellowstone by calling 866-439-7375

How Fit Do I Need to Be?

This program is rated for brisk hiking, snowshoeing or skiing up to 5 miles per day with elevation gains of up to 500 feet. Skiing and snowshoeing are aerobic activities—more so at 6000 to 8000 feet. If you have not already done so, it would be wise to commence a program of moderate aerobic exercise prior to the trip. Participants residing at lower elevations may want to arrive a day early to adjust to the altitude. If you have any questions or concerns regarding physical or medical conditions, please contact the Institute staff to clear up potential problems before they occur at 406-848-2400.



Dates and Rates

5-day program offered December 23, 30, January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 20, 24
4 nights at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, 2 nights at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
\$1,519 per person, double occupancy
\$1,869 per person, single occupancy
Rates do not include tax, utility fee or gratuity. December packages prices higher.

Itinerary

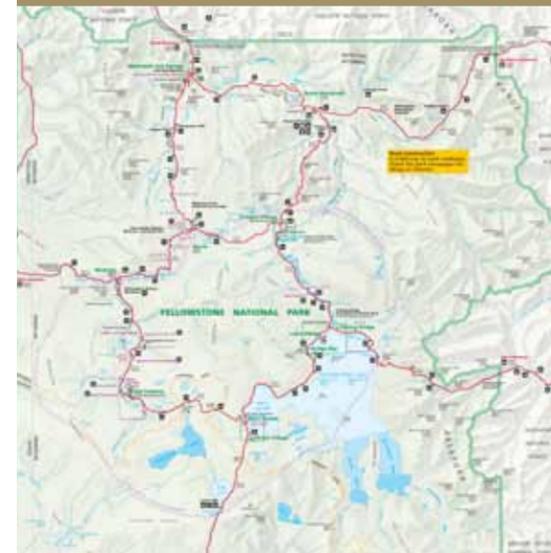
The itinerary is designed to take advantage of the best opportunities in the Park, but may be adjusted to adapt to weather conditions and wildlife activity.

- Day 1 Welcome and Orientation**
Dinner on **OWN** (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
7:00pm Orientation in Mammoth board room (room 207) on the second floor of the Mammoth hotel. Introduction to Yellowstone, program preview, clothing and equipment review, and question and answer session.
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own, Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 2 Northern Range Wildlife Watching and Snowshoe/Hike**
Breakfast on your **OWN** (with coupon)
7:30am Meet at bus with day's gear (pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for Lamar Valley; Wildlife viewing, history/geology overview
Lunch at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch; Interpretive snowshoe/hike
4:00pm Return to Mammoth, Snowshoe return and ski fitting (before 5pm at the Bear Den Ski Shop)
Dinner on your **OWN** (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own, Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 3 Cross-Country Skiing in the Tower Falls Area**
Breakfast on your **OWN** (with coupon)
7:50am Meet at bus with day's gear (skis, pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for Tower Junction; Cross-country ski: Tower Falls Trail; Bag lunch on the trail
4:00pm Return to Mammoth, Return skis, boots, and poles (before 5 p.m. at the Bear Den Ski Shop)
Dinner on your **OWN** (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own, Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 4 The Geyser Basins**
Breakfast on your **OWN** (with coupon)
7:00am Leave luggage to Old Faithful outside of your room
Check out required from Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel
7:45am Meet in hotel lobby with gear for the day (pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
8:00am Depart for Old Faithful area via snowcoach with interpretive stops along the way
Norris Geyser Basin: interpretive walking tour. Madison Warming Hut: hot beverage break. Fountain Paint Pots: Lower Geyser Basin interpretive walking tour. Midway Geyser Basin: interpretive walking tour; Bag lunch on the road
4:30pm Check in at Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Ski fitting (before 5 p.m. or next morning at the Bear Den Ski Shop)
Dinner on your **OWN** (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
7:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own, Overnight at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- Day 5 Cross-Country Skiing to Lone Star Geyser**
Breakfast on your **OWN** (with coupon)
8:45am Meet at snowcoach with day's gear (skis, pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for ski tour to Lone Star Geyser; Bag lunch on the trail
3:30pm Return to Old Faithful, Return skis, boots, and poles (before 5 p.m. at the Bear Den Ski Shop)
6:30pm Group dinner (reservations made) (with coupon) Overnight at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- Day 6 Yellowstone Lake and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River**
Breakfast on your **OWN** (with coupon)
Leave luggage to Mammoth inside of your room
Check out required from Old Faithful Snow Lodge
7:30am Meet at snowcoach with day's gear (pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for interpretive Lower Loop tour; West Thumb Geyser Basin: interpretive walking tour. Fishing Bridge: Yellowstone Lake view, history. Hayden Valley: wildlife viewing. Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, Upper and Lower Falls: interpretive walking tour; Bag lunch on the road
5:30pm Return to Mammoth
Dinner on your **OWN** (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- End of Program - Optional additional overnight can be reserved in advance**

What to Bring

- Clothing**
Insulating underwear
Lightweight insulating layer
Heavyweight insulating layer
Wind/Rain jacket and pants
Shirts: synthetic are ideal
Pants: wool, fleece pants
Hat: insulated hat covering ears
Neck warmer/gaiter, Gloves
Socks: wool, heavyweight synthetic
Insulated Boots
Off-duty shoes: sandals, sneakers

- Equipment**
Daypack
Reusable water bottle
Sunglasses
Sunscreen/Lip protector
Camera, binoculars
Personal first aid kit
Alarm clock
Hand/foot warmers



Old Faithful Winter Expedition

Lodging & Learning Package

FIND SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE PARK IN WINTER

Explore the heart of Yellowstone's geothermal activity in and around Old Faithful. The four nights include lodging at Mammoth and Old Faithful, and opportunities to experience the Grand Canyon and Hayden Valley.



OLD FAITHFUL WINTER EXPEDITION

The Program

The focus of this four-day program is to explore the heart of Yellowstone on a journey through the park's winter wilderness. Beginning at Mammoth Hot Springs, you'll travel by snowcoach to a warm and cozy base deep in the center of the park at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge. From there you will travel by snowcoach to Yellowstone's remote and spectacular winter gems like the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and Yellowstone Lake. Search for wildlife, check out thermal features, take in the grand views, and find a true sense of place in this winter wonderland known as Yellowstone. This program is primarily snowcoach based, with short easy walks on foot or snowshoe to viewpoints and thermal areas.

The schedule for the week incorporates group activities and reserves free time for individual exploring, relaxing, hiking, skiing, ice skating, and more. All field activities will be conducted as a group, however, it is fine if you choose not to participate in a day's activities – just let your instructor know your decision in advance.

What's Included

- Instruction by an Institute naturalist guide
 - In-park transportation
 - Two nights lodging at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, two nights lodging at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
 - One welcome gift per adult
 - One Snow Card discount card per person good for additional 10% discounts on select gift shop items, tours, rentals and meals (except designated special events.)
 - Three breakfasts, three lunches, and one dinner
 - Unlimited ice skating
- Dinner reservations are required at both the Mammoth and Old Faithful hotels. We recommend that you make dinner reservations before your arrival to Yellowstone by calling 866-439-7375

How Fit Do I Need to Be?

This program is rated for hikes on snow-packed trails or easy snowshoe trips, up to 3 miles per day with climbs up to 250 feet. The full day we spend at Old Faithful will include a longer snowshoe walk, while the two travel days will be predominately a driving tour, with shorter walks throughout the day. Snowshoeing is an aerobic activity – more so at 6000 to 8000 feet. If you have not already done so, it would be wise to commence a program of moderate aerobic exercise prior to the trip. If you have any questions or concerns regarding physical or medical conditions, please contact the Institute staff to clear up potential problems before they occur at 406-848-2400.



Dates and Rates

3-day program offered December 25, January 1, 8, 15, 19, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26

2 nights at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel,

2 nights at Old Faithful Snow Lodge

\$1,199 per person, double occupancy, \$1,459 per person, single occupancy
Rates do not include tax, utility fee or gratuity. December packages prices higher.

Itinerary

The itinerary is designed to take advantage of the best opportunities in the park, but may be adjusted to adapt to weather conditions and wildlife activity.

- Day 1 Welcome and Orientation**
Dinner on own (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
7:00pm Orientation in Mammoth board room (room 207) on the second floor of the Mammoth hotel
Introduction to Yellowstone, program preview, clothing and equipment review, and question and answer session
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 2 Geyser Basins and Wild Rivers**
Breakfast on your own (with coupon)
7:00am Leave luggage to Old Faithful outside of your room
Check out required from Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel
7:45am Meet in lobby with gear for the day (pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
8:00am Depart for Old Faithful area via snowcoach with interpretive stops along the way
Norris Geyser Basin, Madison Warming Hut (hot beverages), Fountain Paint Pots, Midway Geyser Basin, time permitting
Bag lunch on the road
4:00pm Check in at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
Pick up snowshoes, gaiters, and poles
Dinner on your own (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
7:30pm Optional evening program or time on your own
Overnight at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- Day 3 Snowshoe/Walk through the Upper Geyser Basin**
Breakfast on your own (with coupon)
If you have not already done so, pick up snowshoes, gaiters, and poles (after 7:45am at the Bear Den Ski Shop)
8:45am Meet in lobby with day's gear (snowshoeing gear, pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for interpretive Upper Geyser Basin snowshoe walk
Snowshoe Upper Geyser Basin, possible destinations include, Geyser Hill, Morning Glory, Biscuit Basin, Black Sand Basin
Bag lunch on the trail
3-4pm Return to Old Faithful
Return snowshoeing gear (before 5pm at the Bear Den Ski Shop)
6:30pm Group dinner (reservations made) (with coupon)
Overnight at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- Day 4 Yellowstone Lake and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone**
Breakfast on your own (with coupon)
Leave luggage to Mammoth inside of your room
Check out required from Old Faithful Snow Lodge
7:30am Meet at snowcoach with day's gear (pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for interpretive Lower Loop tour
West Thumb Geyser Basin, Fishing Bridge, Hayden Valley, Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Upper and Lower Falls
Bag Lunch on the road
5:30pm Return to Mammoth
Dinner on your own (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
Overnight in Mammoth
- End of Program - Optional additional overnight can be reserved in advance**

What to Bring

- Clothing**
Insulating underwear
Lightweight insulating layer
Heavyweight insulating layer
Wind/Rain jacket and pants
Shirts: synthetic are ideal
Pants: wool, fleece pants
Hat: insulated hat covering ears
Neck warmer/gaiter, Gloves
Socks: wool, heavyweight synthetic
Insulated Boots
Off-duty shoes: sandals, sneakers

- Equipment**
Daypack
Reusable water bottle
Sunglasses
Sunscreen/Lip protector
Camera, binoculars
Personal first aid kit
Alarm clock
Hand/foot warmers



Y Not Winter

Lodging & Learning Package

A BEGINNERS EXPERIENCE IN YELLOWSTONE

Itinerary built for beginners, and included entry-level experiences for winter wildlife and scenery watching, appropriate winter attire and keeping comfortable and safe, along with beginners' cross-country ski and snowshoe lessons.



Y NOT WINTER

The Program

Yellowstone is a magnificent natural wonder no matter what time of year you're here. However, many people are intimidated by the thought of winter in this big wild place. While it is cold, and wild, and somewhat remote, it is those qualities that make winter such a special time to visit. Cold temperatures accentuate the other-world qualities of geyser basins. Some wildlife, like wolves, are much easier to observe during the winter months. And the two open hotels, Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and the Old Faithful Snow Lodge, are warm, cozy bases, offering great dining and loads of things to do. But if you're still not sure if a winter snow-based vacation is for you, we've got a package that's built with you in mind.

Y Not Winter is our newest Lodging & Learning package. The experience is designed for the beginner winter visitor. We'll take extra care to help you plan for the trip, prepare you for the daily explorations, provide easy and fun introductions to things like cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and winter wildlife watching. It's only three days and nights, basically a long weekend, with a beginner's itinerary, so it's easy on your schedule. We've even built in some big discounts to make this first winter experience easy on your wallet too.

If there was ever a reason to try a winter vacation to Yellowstone, this is it. Y not give winter a try?

What's Included

- Instruction by an Institute naturalist guide
 - In-park transportation
 - Lodging
 - One welcome gift per adult
 - One Snow Card discount card per person good for additional 10% discounts on select gift shop items, tours, rentals and meals (except designated special events.)
 - Ski/snowshoe rentals and lesson
 - Breakfasts, lunches and one dinner
 - Unlimited ice skating
- Dinner reservations are required at both the Mammoth and Old Faithful hotels. We recommend that you make dinner reservations before your arrival to Yellowstone by calling 866-439-7375

How Fit Do I Need to Be?

This program is rated for hikes on snow-packed trails or easy snowshoe trips, up to 1 mile per day with climbs up to 250 feet. All activities may feel a bit more strenuous due to wearing layered clothing, elevation and weather conditions.

Dates and Rates

January 4, 7, 10, 2014

2 nights at Mammoth Hot Springs, 1 night at Old Faithful Snow Lodge or 3 nights at Mammoth Hot Springs

Mammoth- \$569 per person, double occupancy \$680 per person, single occupancy
Old Faithful- \$715 per person, double occupancy \$849 per person, single occupancy
Rates do not include tax, utility fee or gratuity. December packages prices higher.

Itinerary

Mammoth Itinerary (January 4, 10, 2014)

- Day 1 Welcome and Orientation**
4:00pm Optional Bozeman Airport shuttle arrives Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel
Participants rent snowshoes or skis from Mammoth Ski Hut on their own
5:30pm Dinner on own (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
7:00pm Orientation in Mammoth Conference Room. Introduction to Yellowstone, program preview, winter clothing and equipment review, and question and answer session.
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- Day 2 Northern Range Wildlife Watching and Snowshoe / Ski Trip**
7:00am Meet at bus with day's gear (pack, water, and appropriate clothing) Depart for Lamar Valley
Box breakfasts in the bus, Wildlife viewing, history/geology overview
12:00pm Return to Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. Lunch at Mammoth Dining Room (with coupon)
2:00pm Meet at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Conference Room for introductory lesson on snowshoeing & cross-country skiing
Depart for Mammoth Hot Springs Upper Terrace snowshoe / ski trip
4:30pm Return to Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, exchange equipment at Ski Hut if needed
Dinner on own (advanced reservations required), Snow Card discount
- Day 3 The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone**
6:30am Breakfast on your own (with coupon)
7:50am Meet at bus with day's gear (skis or snowshoes, pack, water, and appropriate clothing)
Depart for Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Cross-country ski & snowshoe:
North Rim of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone
Sightseeing on the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Bag lunch on the trail
4:30pm Return to Mammoth. Return skis, boots, and poles (before 5 p.m. at Ski Hut)
6:00pm Group Dinner at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room (with coupon)
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own
Overnight in Mammoth Hot Springs
- End of Program - Optional additional overnight can be reserved in advance**

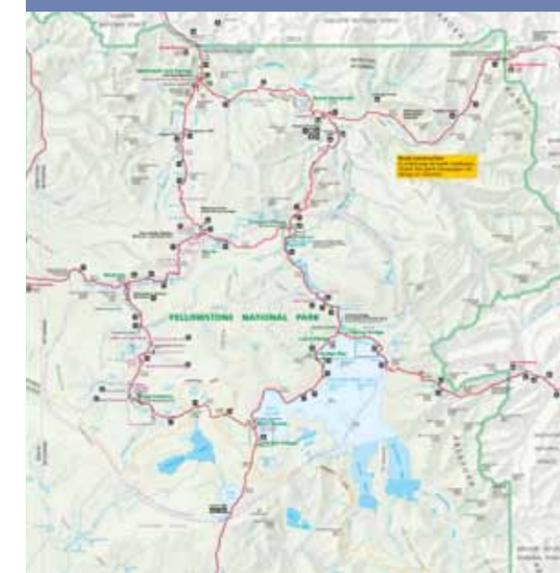
Snow Lodge Itinerary (January 7, 2014)

- Day 1 Welcome and Orientation**
(Same as Mammoth Itinerary)
- Day 2 Travel to Old Faithful**
6:30am Breakfast on your own at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room (with coupon)
Check out of Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel
7:45am Meet at snowcoach with all luggage. Depart for Old Faithful
Norris Geyser Basin tour. Stop at Madison Warming Hut
12:00pm Arrive at Snow Lodge. Unload luggage (baggage handling on this transfer included in price)
Lunch at Snow Lodge Obsidian Dining Room (with coupon)
2:00pm Walking tour of Old Faithful area and Old Faithful Visitor Education Center
3:30pm Return to Snow Lodge, check into rooms
4:30pm Meet with YA Instructor to fit skis and snowshoes at Old Faithful Bear Den
Ski Shop. Introductory ski and snowshoe lesson indoors
5:30pm Dinner on own (advance reservations required), Snow Card discount
7:00pm Optional "Winter Serenity" night night hike through the Old Faithful Upper Geyser Basin. Focus includes stargazing. Hot drinks will be provided.
- Day 3 Ski and Snowshoe Old Faithful Geyser Basins / Return to Mammoth Hot Springs**
6:30am Breakfast on your own (with coupon)
9:00am Meet with YA Instructor for snowshoe and ski lesson and outing
11:00am Return to Old Faithful Snow Lodge. Return ski and snowshoe equipment
Check out of Old Faithful Snow Lodge (baggage handling on this transfer included in price)
12:00pm Lunch at Snow Lodge Obsidian Dining Room (with coupon)
2:00pm Depart Snow Lodge for Mammoth Hot Springs
5:30pm Arrive Mammoth Hot Springs. Check in to Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel
6:30pm Group Dinner at Mammoth Dining Room (with coupon)
8:30pm Optional evening program or free time on your own. Overnight in Mammoth
- End of Program - Optional additional overnight can be reserved in advance**

What to Bring

- Clothing**
Insulating underwear
Lightweight insulating layer
Heavyweight insulating layer
Wind/Rain jacket and pants
Shirts: synthetic are ideal
Pants: wool, fleece pants
Hat: insulated hat covering ears
Neck warmer/gaiter, Gloves
Socks: wool, heavyweight synthetic
Insulated Boots
Off-duty shoes: sandals, sneakers

- Equipment**
Daypack
Reusable water bottle
Sunglasses
Sunscreen/Lip protector
Camera, binoculars
Personal first aid kit
Alarm clock
Hand/foot warmers



Trail of the Wolf (Mammoth or Old Faithful)

Adventure Package

DELVE INTO THE WORLD OF WOLVES

Enjoy a minimum three-nights lodging at Old Faithful and Mammoth, a round-trip guided snowmobile tour between Old Faithful and Mammoth (with a hotel overnight in between), a Wake Up To Wildlife Tour of Lamar Valley and the additional components included in our Frosty Fun package.



TRAIL OF THE WOLF

The Program

This package provides a mix of guided park interior touring (by snowmobile) and wildlife watching in the park's premier Northern Range (with van transportation.) Trail of the Wolf offers a minimum three-nights lodging between Old Faithful and Mammoth, a round-trip guided snowmobile tour between Old Faithful and Mammoth (with a hotel overnight in between), a Wake Up To Wildlife Tour of Lamar Valley and the additional components typically included in our Winter Getaway packages. Package can be based from either Old Faithful Snow Lodge or Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel.

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 restrooms along the way, including Madison Junction, where hot drinks and snacks are available.

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 Falls (109 feet) and Lower Falls (308 feet) 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.

What's Included

- In-park transportation
 - Three nights lodging with option for additional nights
 - One welcome gift per adult
 - One Snow Card discount card per person good for additional 10% discounts on select gift shop items, tours, rentals and meals
 - Breakfasts for 2 days of the program
 - One snowmobile rental for 2 riders, plus gear for touring
 - Unlimited ice skating
 - Wake up to Wildlife Tour
 - Round-trip snowcoach transportation from your choice of West Yellowstone or Flagg Ranch (Snow Lodge package only)
- Dinner reservations are required at both the Mammoth and Old Faithful hotels. We recommend that you make dinner reservations before your arrival to Yellowstone by calling 866-439-7375

How Fit Do I Need to Be?

This program is rated for hikes on snow-packed trails, up to 3 miles per day with climbs up to 250 feet. All activities may feel a bit more strenuous due to wearing layered clothing, snowmobile suite and weather conditions. 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.

Dates and Rates

January 2 - February 27, 2014 - Starts every Monday & Thursday
2 nights at Mammoth Hot Springs, 1 night at Old Faithful Snow Lodge or
2 nights at Old Faithful Snow Lodge, 1 night at Mammoth Hot Springs
Mammoth- \$495 per person, double occupancy \$900 per person, single occupancy
Old Faithful- \$665 per person, double occupancy \$1,109 per person, single occupancy
Rates do not include tax, utility fee or gratuity. December packages prices higher.

Itinerary

Mammoth Trail of the Wolf Itinerary

- Day 1 Welcome**
Arrive at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel.
6:30pm Evening orientation with guide in Mammoth Hotel Boardroom
7:00pm Dinner in the Mammoth Hotel Dining Room (on your own, advanced reservations recommended)
- Day 2 (Tuesday/Friday)**
6:45am Board van for tour to Lamar Valley; juice and muffin will be provided
Check out of room prior to departure to Lamar Valley. Luggage will be loaded on a coach for Old Faithful Snow Lodge at 8:00am
7:00am Wakeup to Wildlife tour
11:30am Lunch in the Mammoth Hotel Dining Room (on your own)
12:30pm Snowmobile to Old Faithful Snow Lodge (52-mile trek with stops along the way)
6:00pm Dinner in Obsidian Dining Room or Geyser Grill (on your own, advanced reservations required for Dining Room)
You will need to order your box lunch for the next day at the Host Stand this evening
- Day 3 (Wednesday/Saturday)**
6:30am Breakfast in Obsidian Dining Room (with coupon)
7:30am 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
8:00am Snowmobile to Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel (100-mile trek with stops along the way)
6:30pm Dining in Mammoth Hot Springs Dining Room (on your own, advanced reservations recommended)
- Day 4 (Thursday/Sunday)**
6:30am Breakfast in the Mammoth Hotel Dining Room (with coupon)
Check out
- End of Program - Optional additional overnight can be reserved in advance**

Snow Lodge Trail of the Wolf Itinerary

- Day 1 Arrive at Old Faithful Snow Lodge**
6:45pm Dinner in the Obsidian Dining Room or Geyser Grill (on your own, advanced reservations required)
You will need to order your box lunch for the next day at the Host Stand this evening
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8:00am Snowmobile to Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel (100-mile trek with stops along the way)
6:30pm Dining in Mammoth Hot Springs Dining Room (on your own, advanced reservations recommended)
- Day 3 (Wednesday/Saturday)**
6:45am Board van for tour to Lamar Valley; juice and muffin will be provided
Check out of room prior to departure to Lamar Valley. Luggage will be loaded on a coach for Old Faithful Snow Lodge at 8:00am
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12:30pm Snowmobile to Old Faithful Snow Lodge (52-mile trek with stops along the way)
6:00pm Dinner in Obsidian Dining Room or Geyser Grill (on your own, advanced reservations required for Dining Room)
- Day 4 (Thursday/Sunday)**
6:30am Breakfast in the Obsidian Dining Room (with coupon)
Check out and board snowcoach for departure from park
- End of Program - Optional additional overnight can be reserved in advance**

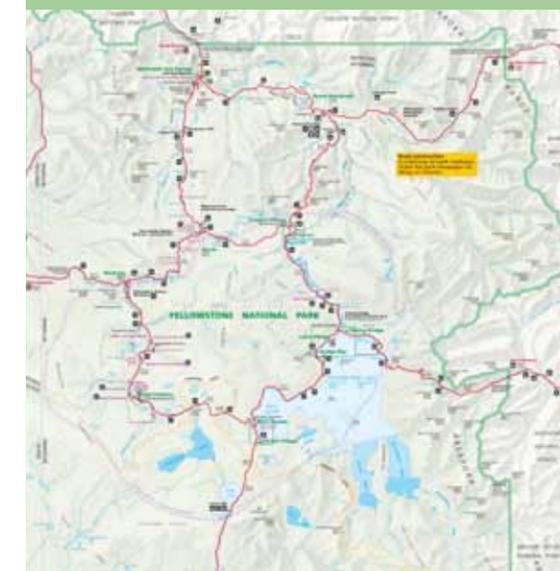
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- Camera, binoculars
- Personal first aid kit
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