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ROOSEVELT RENDEZVOUS

Package Itinerary & Details Summer 2018

The **Roosevelt Rendezvous** Lodging & Learning package features four days of learning, exploration, and fun based out of the historic Roosevelt Lodge in Yellowstone. During the day, you will choose from a variety of full-day and half-day field trips. Late afternoons and early evenings are reserved for rest and reflection. Read, have a drink on the Roosevelt porch, chat with other participants in the main lodge, or relax in your cabin. Roosevelt Rendezvous creates an intimate, social atmosphere allowing participants to learn from each other and build lasting relationships with the park, as well as with each other.

Every evening, Yellowstone Forever naturalist guides introduce the next day's excursions and participants sign up for their chosen activity. Dinners are served buffet-style in the main lodge where participants exchange tales of the days' field trips and enjoy good food and company in an historic environment. Dinners are followed by evening educational presentations by Yellowstone wildlife biologists, historians, naturalists, photographers, or other fascinating guests.

Program Highlights

- A selection of field trip options focused on subjects that include wildlife, history, geology, ecology, photography, and more.
- Field trips venture throughout the park to destinations such as Old Faithful and surrounding geyser basins, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Yellowstone Lake, Mammoth Hot Springs, Hayden Valley, Lamar Valley, and more.
- Field trip activity levels range from low activity road based tours to strenuous hikes.
- This program is granted exclusive use of the Roosevelt Lodge. You'll be sharing the lodge with a small group of program participants and staff.
- Exciting facilitated discussions about Yellowstone's geology, ecology, natural history, current research, and management issues
- Entertaining and thought-provoking evening presentations delivered by experts
- Gourmet dinners shared with other participants, naturalist guides, and guest speakers

Why Choose a Lodging & Learning Package?

Our award-winning Lodging & Learning packages are developed through a partnership with Yellowstone National Park Lodges. These packages combine the best lodging locations with an exceptional immersive field education experience. Here's why this package stands out:

- ***Yellowstone Forever is Yellowstone National Park's official nonprofit education and fundraising partner.*** Our mission is to partner with Yellowstone National Park to create

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opportunities for all people to experience, enhance, and preserve Yellowstone forever. To learn more about Yellowstone Forever, [visit our website](#).

- ***You'll help preserve Yellowstone.*** Yellowstone Forever is Yellowstone National Park's official nonprofit education and fundraising partner. Proceeds collected by Yellowstone Forever for this package are used to preserve Yellowstone National Park and provide more opportunities for people to experience its magic. To learn more about what we do, [visit our website](#).
- ***Our naturalist guides are world class.*** Our Institute has been providing in-depth educational programs in Yellowstone for over 40 years. Our naturalist guides are among the best expert field educators in Yellowstone. They're professionals with academic credentials who are dedicating their careers to this vital work. They live in the Yellowstone ecosystem, they work alongside park researchers, and thus can provide accurate and exciting "behind the scenes" perspectives on the park's history, management, geology, flora, and fauna. They know where to go and when, and they'll handle all of the details to make your experience is as enjoyable as possible.

Our naturalist guides will go out of their way to get to know you throughout the program, and make sure your needs are met. They'll build upon what you've learned each day, so you can better understand the fascinating story behind everything you see and experience.

- ***Small group size.*** Daily field trips have a max capacity of 13 participants. You'll enjoy camaraderie with fellow participants and receive a lot more attention in this small group package. It allows your naturalist guide to take an inquiry-based approach to learning, tailoring the experience to your specific interests.
- ***We provide the essential equipment.*** Your naturalist guides will provide high-quality spotting scopes and binoculars to bring distant wildlife into crisp, clear view, and even adaptors so you can take pictures through these scopes on your smart phone! Our guides are Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder certified. They carry a first aid kit and handheld radio during all hikes, and provide bear spray if hiking in bear country. They will incorporate teaching aids such as skulls, tracks, pelts, books, i-pads with videos, and test equipment such as temperature guns for thermal features.
- ***You can't beat in-park lodging.*** All lodging in this package is located in the park, within short walking distance from popular features and spectacular scenery. This minimizes drive time during daily outings, and allows more time to enjoy the park's features at a relaxing pace. It also allows more time in the evenings, after daily outings, to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

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What's Included?

- 4 nights lodging in a Roosevelt Lodge Roughrider Cabin
- All meals from dinner on the first day to breakfast the morning you check out
 - 4 buffet breakfasts (some field trip options may leave early and will provide box breakfasts)
 - 3 deli lunches to go
 - 4 buffet dinners
 - Hot and cold beverages
 - All gratuities for foodservice
- Daily field trips led by Yellowstone Forever naturalist guides
- A custom 32 oz. Nalgene Tritan wide mouth bottle (gift item)
- Nightly presentations
- Scopes, binoculars, bear spray, and other field equipment as needed

Gratuities for your Yellowstone Forever naturalist guides are not included, but are recommended and greatly appreciated.

Program Itinerary

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

Daily events will vary each day for each person depending on his or her choices. The itinerary below lists the basic outline of the progression through each day. Field trip departure/return times will vary by topic and will be announced each evening.

Day 1	Welcome to <i>Roosevelt Rendezvous!</i>
3-5 p.m.	Arrive and register at Roosevelt Lodge
5 p.m.	Cocktail hour begins in the main lodge with cash bar (beer and wine)
5:30 p.m.	Welcome reception and program overview in the main lodge
6:30 p.m.	Buffet dinner in the main lodge
7:45 p.m.	Educational presentation in the main lodge (approximately 1 hour) Overnight at Roosevelt Lodge

Days 2, 3, 4	Exploring Yellowstone in Autumn
6 a.m.	Coffee available in the main lodge Early departure field trips pick up box breakfasts and deli lunches in the main lodge
6-7 a.m.	Wildlife watching field trips depart
7 a.m.	Buffet breakfast in main lodge (closes at 8:00 a.m.) and deli lunch pick-up in the main lodge
7-8 a.m.	Other field trips depart
12 p.m.	Morning field trips return Deli lunches in the field or at lodge

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- 1 p.m. Afternoon field trips depart
- 3 p.m. Wildlife watching field trips return
- 4 p.m. Full-day and other half-day field trips return
- 5:30 p.m. Cocktail hour begins in the main lodge with cash bar (beer and wine)
- 6 p.m. Field trip review: Instructors provide a synopsis of the day's events and an overview of next day's options. During this time, sign-ups will be made for the following day's field trips.
- 6:30 p.m. Buffet dinner in the main lodge
- 7:45 p.m. Evening presentation in the main lodge (approximately 1 hour)
Overnight at Roosevelt Lodge

Day 5 Check-Out and Farewell

- 6 a.m. Coffee available in the main lodge
- 7 a.m. Buffet breakfast in the main lodge (closes at 8:00 a.m.)
- 9 a.m. Check-out

Cancellation and Refund Policy

For packages, 60-day notice is required to receive a full refund of your deposit amount. Cancellations made between 30-60 days will result in 50% forfeiture of package cost. Cancellations made within 30 days of arrival result in 100% forfeiture of package cost. We recommend the purchase of travel insurance to help protect you against financial loss if you must cancel or interrupt your trip due to unforeseen circumstances. For more information about travel insurance, please ask our representative when booking your reservation.

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General Equipment and Clothing List

Much of your time will be spent outdoors, and you should be prepared for a variety of mountain weather conditions and temperatures. Appropriate clothing, equipment, and footwear are very important. Spring, summer, and fall temperatures can range from below freezing in the mornings to 85 degrees Fahrenheit in the afternoons. The layered use of garments for protection against the wind, sun, and temperature extremes should guide your clothing choices.

Equipment:

Your naturalist guide will be carrying a first aid kit, bear spray, and emergency communication device.

- Daypack**, with enough capacity to carry extra clothes, water, lunch, camera, binoculars, etc.
- Water bottle**. You will receive a 32 oz. Nalgene Tritan wide mouth quart water bottle as a gift when you check in. You should always keep a minimum of one quart of water on hand at all times to facilitate proper hydration.
- Sunglasses**
- Sunscreen/lip protector**. Sun at high altitude can burn unprotected skin quickly.
- Camera, binoculars**.
- Extra warm bedding**, such a sleeping bag, heavy comforter, or electric blanket, in case your wood burning stove does not keep you warm enough in your cabin.
- Gaiters**, to keep your boots dry if snow is present
- Flashlight / headlamp**, for walks between your cabin, lodge, & bathroom after dark

Summer clothing:

- Insulating underwear**, capilene, polypropylene, wool, or similar wicking fabric.
- Mid-weight insulating layer**, a light synthetic fleece or wool shirt/pullover
- Heavyweight insulating layer**, wool, down, or heavy-weight fleece jacket
- Waterproof and windproof outer layer**, lightweight and breathable, jackets and pants
- Short-sleeve shirt**, cotton is okay in summer, but synthetic wicking shirts are ideal.
- Pants**, synthetic hiking pants. Jeans are not recommended.
- Hats**, both a brimmed sun hat and an insulating hat for cool weather.
- Gloves**, lightweight glove liners and a pair of wool/fleece gloves or mittens.
- Socks**, specifically designed for hiking, that wick moisture
- Hiking boots** that provide stability and traction. Make sure they are broken in, comfortable, and do not cause hot spots or blisters.
- Off-duty shoes**, sandals, athletic shoes, or other leisure footwear.

Supporter Program

Yellowstone Forever Supporters directly fund priority park programs and projects. Supporters also provide scholarships for teachers and help expand programming for underserved youth. Benefits include a subscription to our magazine *Yellowstone Quarterly*, early registration and discounts for Yellowstone Forever Institute programs, and discounts on retail purchases throughout Yellowstone (exclusions apply). If you are

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not yet a supporter of Yellowstone Forever, an introductory subscription (one year) to our magazine *Yellowstone Quarterly* is included with your tuition. For more information, visit: Yellowstone.org/donate

Yellowstone Forever Supporters and their household family members receive a \$15 per participant discount on Lodging & Learning packages. Simply present your Yellowstone Forever supporter card when you check in to your first night's lodging to have your discount applied!

Suggested Reading

No prior reading is required, but you might want something to occupy your flight or car ride. Most publications are available from Yellowstone Forever's online Park Store at www.Shop.Yellowstone.org/ or by calling 406.848.2400. Yellowstone Forever supporters receive a 15 percent discount and proceeds directly support the park.

- * [*A Field Guide to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks*](#). Johnson, Kurt F. 2013. Farcountry Press
 - *Autumn: A Season of Change*. Marchand, P, 2000. University Press of New England
 - * [*Death in Yellowstone 2nd Edition*](#). Whittlesey, Lee H. 2014. Roberts Rinehart
 - * *Decade of the Wolf: Returning the Wild to Yellowstone*. Smith, D.W. and G. Ferguson. 2005. Lyons Press, Guilford, CT
 - * *Empire of Shadows: The Epic Story of Yellowstone*. Black, George. 2013. St. Martin's Griffin
 - * [*Hawk's Rest: A Season in the Remote Heart of Yellowstone*](#). Ferguson, G. 2003. National Geographic
 - * *Mountain Spirit: The Sheep Eater Indians of Yellowstone*. Loendorf, Lawrence L. and Stone, Nancy Medaris. 2006. University of Utah Press
 - * *Roadside Geology of Yellowstone Country: Second Edition*. Fritz, William J. and Thomas, Robert C. 2011. Mountain Press Publishing Co, Missoula, MT
 - *Searching for Yellowstone: Ecology and Wonder in the Last Wilderness*. Schullery, P.D., 1999. First Mariner Books, Houghton Mifflin Company
 - *What the Robin Knows: How Birds Reveal the Secrets of the Natural World*. Young, Jon. 2013. Mariner Books. 272 pp.
- * Book available at <https://shop.yellowstone.org>, unless out of stock.

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Park Stores

Our Park Stores features more than 900 books, maps, and videos to help you plan your visit, along with a wide selection of shirts, hats, and other logo items to remind you of your visit to Yellowstone. Yellowstone Forever supporters receive a 15 percent discount on merchandise online or at any of our 11 locations in and around Yellowstone. Proceeds directly support Yellowstone. Visit: Shop.Yellowstone.org

Code of Ethics

The Yellowstone Forever Institute is committed to demonstrating a high standard of appropriate and ethical behavior in Yellowstone. As a participant in a Yellowstone Forever Institute program, we ask you to adhere to the following Code of Ethics. In addition to the ethics highlighted below, the Yellowstone Forever Institute abides by all National Park Service rules and regulations. We also practice Leave No Trace guidelines for traveling responsibly in the wilderness.

Observing wildlife: We will do our best to have as little impact on wildlife as possible. Animals will be observed from a distance, using high-powered spotting scopes to help keep our presence from affecting their behavior. Participants should not expect to get close-up photographs of wildlife. The Yellowstone Forever Institute will adhere to National Park Service regulations by keeping a minimum distance of 25 yards from bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, coyotes and nesting birds and 100 yards from bears and wolves. We will not entice wildlife with food, animal calls or any actions that change their behavior.

Leave what you find: It is illegal to remove natural or cultural artifacts (plants, animals, bones, rocks, etc.) from Yellowstone. Yellowstone Forever Institute instructors have permission from the National Park Service to manipulate plants, rocks, bones, etc. for educational purposes and will return them to their natural positions and locations.

General etiquette: Yellowstone Forever Institute groups will be considerate of other visitors and respect the quality of their experience. Voices and vehicle sounds carry great distances and affect both wildlife and people—remaining silent or very quiet while watching wildlife lets the sounds of Yellowstone (including wolf howls) prevail.

Roads and vehicles: Expect wildlife on the road, and drive at or below the posted park speed limits. When stopping to observe wildlife or other park features, the Yellowstone Forever Institute will move vehicles entirely off the road. If there is no safe pullout available, we will drive to the next safe place and walk back to observe the wildlife. We will not stop in the middle of the road, and should a traffic jam develop as a result of our activities, we will cease the activity.

Properly dispose of waste: We will pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter. Your instructor will discuss techniques for properly disposing of human waste in the field.

Traveling lightly: When hiking or walking in Yellowstone, we will use existing trails and boardwalks. We will follow appropriate techniques when walking off-trail. Walking around muddy or wet places in the trail increases erosion and negatively affects the resource; proper equipment is essential to hiking ethically. Participants should come adequately prepared with the equipment listed for their program and should expect to walk through mud, snow or puddles in the trail.

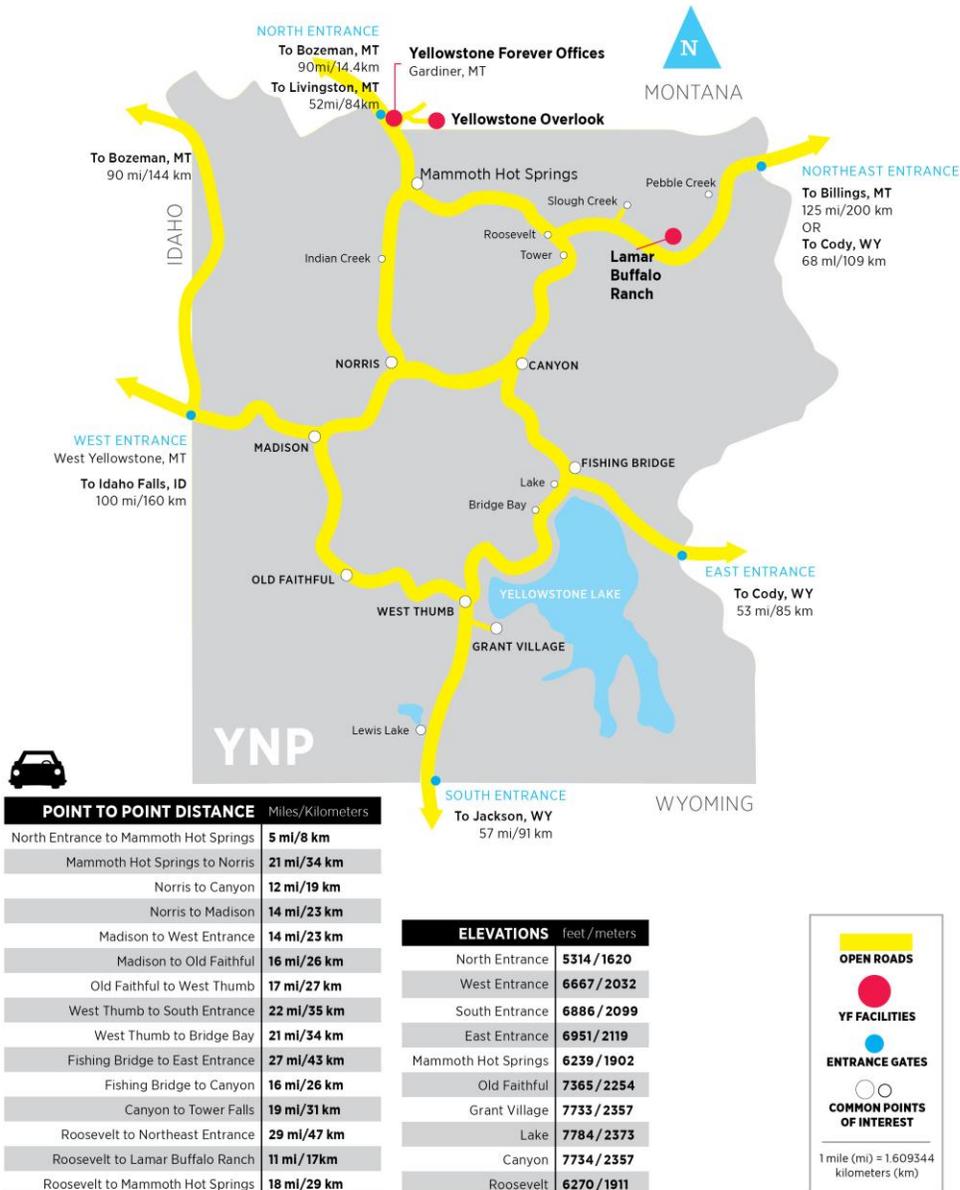
Thank you for helping us set a good example in Yellowstone!

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Plan on extra driving time in the park. The speed limit is 45 mph or lower. There may also be construction delays. Visit www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/hours.htm, call the recorded NPS Road Report at 307.344.2117, or contact a visitor center for up-to-date travel information.

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