

## **2020 Spring into Yellowstone 4 Night Package Itinerary**

*(Details below reflect itinerary for sessions 5/3/20 through 5/24/20)*

### **4 nights/5 days**

Program includes lodging, Certified Interpretive driver/guide, in-park transportation and touring, luggage transfers, meals, and welcome gift

Hikes are moderate; meals include a mix of restaurant and field meals. Transportation will be by modern passenger vehicle.

**NOTE: All gratuities are included in this program. 1 piece of luggage with 50-lb wt. limit allowed per person.**

### **SUNDAY**

#### **Day 1 "YOUR ADVENTURE BEGINS"**

- 3:00pm – 5:00pm Check-in at the Mammoth Hot Springs. Place box lunch order.
- After 5:00pm Dinner at the Mammoth Hot Springs Dining Room. Reservations not required.
- 7:00pm Orientation and overview of program with your guide in Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel conference room.

### **MONDAY**

#### **Day 2 "NORTHERN EXPOSURE"**

- 6:15am – 4:00pm Depart for a day of searching for and (hopefully!) observing wildlife while exploring and learning about Yellowstone's magnificent Northern Range ecological processes and what makes it such fantastic wildlife habitat! Stops will be based on wildlife activity, weather conditions, and group interests, but will include time in the famed Lamar Valley. Boxed breakfasts, hot beverages, & boxed lunches are included.
- After 5:00pm Dinner at the Mammoth Hot Springs Dining Room. Reservations not required.

### **TUESDAY**

#### **Day 3 "FULL STEAM AHEAD"**

- 7:00am – 8:00am Breakfast at Mammoth Hot Springs Dining Room.
- 9:00am – 4:30pm Today's focus is Yellowstone's amazing geologic story! We'll travel down the west side of the park, enjoying a boxed lunch (included) along the way.

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**TUESDAY**

**Day 3 Continued**

Stops will include Norris Geyser Basin (home to the world's tallest erupting geyser – Steamboat!), Gibbon Falls, and a walking tour of the Upper Geyser Basin and Old Faithful Geyser. Additional stops will be based on wildlife viewing opportunities, weather conditions, and group interests. You'll be staying in the award winning Old Faithful Snow Lodge for a night of relaxation in one of the most dynamic places on earth!

4:30pm – 5:00pm  
After 5:00pm

Arrive and check in to your room at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge.  
Dinner at your leisure at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge Dining Room. Reservations not required.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Day 4 “WEST SIDE STORY”**

7:00am – 8:00am  
8:30am – 5:00pm

Breakfast at Old Faithful Snow Lodge Dining Room.  
We'll start our day with a ½ mile walking tour of Fountain Paint Pots, enjoying the quieter, chilly, morning hour to experience an in depth glimpse into the steaming magnificence of one of each of the four types of thermal features found in Yellowstone. After that we'll work our way over to take in the breathtaking Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, including views of both the 109-foot Upper Falls and 308-foot Lower Falls. We'll take a trip back in (park) history this day, as we dive deep into the experiences and expeditions of the earliest park inhabitants – both Native and Euro Americans. Our route will vary based on weather conditions and seasonal road closures. A boxed lunch will be enjoyed in the field.

5:00pm  
5:30pm

Arrive and check in to your room at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel  
Group dinner Mammoth Hot Springs Dining Room. (Reservations have been made for you)

**THURSDAY**

**Day 5 “HAPPY TRAILS”**

6:15am – 2:00pm

We'll spend our last day together doing our best to observe our megafauna in action, as well as some quiet and group reflection of our Yellowstone adventure before we part ways! This day will be flexible based on recent wildlife sightings, weather conditions and group interests and may include a walking tour of the Mammoth Terraces. Boxed breakfasts, hot beverages and boxed lunches are included.

2:00pm - 2:30pm

Return to Mammoth Hot Springs, fond farewells, free time to further explore the park on your own! Program complete.

*Rooms may be available at Mammoth beyond the package dates. If you wish to extend your stay please consult with our booking specialist well in advance of arrival as space is limited.*

*Itineraries are subject to change. Unforeseen cancellations of Program activities due to inclement weather or mechanical difficulties will be supplemented with extended touring routes or alternative activities. Refunds will not be issued for cancelled activities.*

**Suggested list of Items to bring on your Adventure Package:**

The below list of suggested items is not intended to be an all-inclusive list so please bring any other items you may need.

- Daypack
- Sunscreen & lip protectant
- Sunglasses
- Comfortable/broken in walking shoes/hiking boots with ankle support
- Socks that prevent hot spots or blistering with moisture wicking properties
- Camera with extra batteries and/or charger plus memory cards
- Optics for wildlife/scenic viewing
- Snacks
- Clothing layers with UV protection providing thermal insulation from cold and wind as well as relief from the warmer portions of the day. Mountain mornings and evenings are often much cooler with the afternoons being much warmer.
- Hat providing sun protection
- Bear Spray (if desired, may be sourced locally, but cannot be carried on commercial airlines)
- Full lightweight rain gear or a rain jacket/poncho at a minimum
- Medication
- Insect repellent
- Downloading Yellowstone apps on your preferred electronic device related to flora, fauna, night skies and park geysers may enhance your experience.