

AUTUMN ADVENTURE PACKAGE

5 Days | All Meals | In-Park Transportation

September and October are hands down some of the best times of year to experience Yellowstone. The air is crisp and cool, the ground cover shimmers with fall color, elk are bugling, and you can experience the park on a more intimate scale. On this 5 day, 4 night package you'll experience the splendor of the Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces, the excitement of the Northern Range, hot spots in the geyser basins, and the grandeur of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

Attractions & Highlights

- Guided walk at Fountain Paint Pots to see all 4 geothermal features
- Guided walk of the Old Faithful Geyser Basin
- Guided historical tour of the Old Faithful Inn
- Wildlife watching in Lamar and Hayden Valleys
- Drive along the shores of Yellowstone Lake
- Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone famous viewpoints

Day 1: Your Adventure Begins

Welcome to the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and thank you for selecting the Autumn Adventures Package!

Please check in between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for your overnight stay.

This evening you will dine at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room. Reservations are not required and the Mammoth Front Desk Staff will provide you with a coupon that will cover the cost of your meal as well as the gratuity.

At 7:00 p.m. you will meet your Adventure Guide and fellow participants for a package orientation and Q&A session in the hotel. The Front Desk will provide directions to your designated meeting place.

Dinner at Mammoth Hotel Dining Room, reservations are not needed
Overnight at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel & Cabins

Day 2: Northern Exposure

Today marks the start of your Yellowstone Adventure!

This morning you will meet your guide for an early departure. Today will be spent 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 & boxed lunches are included.

Ready for an experience of a lifetime?

Reserve My Package

To book your vacation package, please fill out the online package request form using the button above.

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You will return to Mammoth Hot Springs late afternoon in time to freshen up before having dinner at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room.

You will stay overnight again at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel but will check out of your room in the morning so please prepare accordingly..

Boxed breakfast and lunch in the field
Dinner at Mammoth Hotel Dining Room, reservations are not needed
Overnight at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel & Cabins

Day 3: Full Steam Ahead

On this day you will enjoy breakfast in the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room prior to checking out with the Front Desk. Baggage handling is included so there is no need to bring your bags to the lobby!

Today's focus is Yellowstone's amazing geologic story! We'll travel down the west side of the park. Stops will include a walk around Fountain Paint Pots where we'll have an in-depth glimpse into the steaming magnificence of each of the four types of thermal features found in Yellowstone, and a walking tour of the Upper Geyser Basin, Old Faithful Geyser, and the historic Old Faithful Inn. Lunch will be at the Old Faithful Inn Dining Room. 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!

Tonight, you will dine at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge. Since reservations are not required, please be sure to check with the host stand for seating availability.

You will check out of the Old Faithful Snow Lodge in the morning so please prepare accordingly.

Breakfast at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room, reservations are not needed
Lunch at the Old Faithful Inn Dining Room, reservations are not needed
Dinner at Old Faithful Snow Lodge Obsidian Dining Room, reservations are not needed
Overnight at Old Faithful Snow Lodge & Cabins



Day 4: Water & Wonder

The Old Faithful Snow Lodge Dining Room is your destination for today's breakfast. This morning you will also check out with the Old Faithful Snow Lodge Front Desk. Baggage handling is again provided so please take advantage of this service.

While today's direction of travel may vary, we'll visit Yellowstone Lake, Hayden Valley, and the breathtaking Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, including views of both the 109-foot (33-meter) Upper Falls and 308-foot (93-meter) Lower Falls. We'll experience another thermal basin as well. Our route will fluctuate based on weather conditions and seasonal



road closures. A boxed lunch will be enjoyed in the field.

We anticipate arriving at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel by late afternoon for check-in.

As tonight is the last evening of your package, your guide will join you for an early dinner at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room. This is the perfect opportunity to share your favorite things about your adventure with your fellow travelers and new friends you've made along the way.

Breakfast at Old Faithful Snow Lodge Obsidian Dining Room, reservations are not needed
Boxed lunch in the field
Dinner at Mammoth Hot Hotel Dining Room, reservations are not needed
Overnight at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel & Cabins

Day 5: Happy Trails

Please prepare to check out with the Hotel Front Desk by 6:10 a.m. this morning and place your luggage in your private vehicle as we will return after hotel check out time.

We'll spend our last day together doing our best to observe Yellowstone's megafauna in action, as well as some quiet time 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 are included, and we'll return to the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room for lunch before a short afternoon activity for those without immediate travel plans.



We anticipate returning to Mammoth Hot Springs approximately 2:30 p.m. where you will bid fond farewells to your Adventure Guide and new friends.

We would like to sincerely thank you for entrusting us to host your Yellowstone experience and hope you will visit us again in this awesome place we call home!

Boxed breakfast in the field
Lunch in the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room



Extend Your Stay If you wish to extend your stay, please consult with a booking specialist when reserving your package. We recommend planning well in advance, as availability may be limited depending on the time of year.

Small Group Shared Experience

Each departure is limited to 13 people, and you'll tour the park by passenger van.

That means you'll experience Yellowstone with a small group of fellow travelers, sharing the discoveries of the day. Past guests have described the connections made within the group as one of the unexpected highlights of the experience.

Activity Level

This is a **moderate** activity-level experience. Be prepared to walk and/or hike up to approximately **3 to 5 miles per day, with starting elevations ranging from approximately 6,000 to 8,000 feet** and elevation gains of several hundred feet. Walking and hiking routes use established trails and may include dirt paths, asphalt pathways, boardwalks and stairs.

Wildlife Viewing

Yellowstone is home to an extraordinary variety of wildlife, and the opportunity to see animals in their natural habitat is one of the great privileges of visiting the park. Wildlife sightings are never guaranteed. When animals are encountered, your guide will help you observe them responsibly and from an appropriate distance.

Bring binoculars or other optics if you have them, and remember that in Yellowstone, the best wildlife experience isn't necessarily the closest one. Giving animals space allows them to behave naturally and helps protect the wild character of the park.

What's Included

Your **Certified Interpretive Guide** will accompany your group on all park drives, walks, and tours. They will help connect you to the scenery and the stories behind it. You'll learn more about the park's geothermal features, wildlife, geology, forests, and rivers to understand what makes this place unlike anywhere else in the world.

All of your meals. You will receive all meal coupons on day 1 at check-in for restaurant meals. The meal coupons cover the meal, tax, and gratuity. You will visit the host stand for seating on a first come, first served basis. Your guide will provide you with boxed meals in the field.

Luggage transfers between hotels will be handled for you. Simply leave your luggage in the morning and take a small backpack or tote bag for the day.

Every adult on your booking will receive a **welcome gift** upon arrival.

Gratuities are included in the package price. You won't need to worry about tips for guides, servers, or housekeeping during your stay.

What's Not Included

National Park Service entrance fee is not included in the package price.

Transportation, including airfare, to and from Yellowstone National Park is not included in the package price. You must arrive at the first days location on your own.

Optional excursions outside of the planned package activities.

Personal purchases for food, drinks, and gifts not specifically identified as included.

Important Information:

Itineraries may change due to weather, mechanical issues or other unforeseen circumstances.

Canceled activities will be replaced with alternative activities or extended touring; no refunds will be issued.

Rates include taxes, fees and gratuity, except the NPS Entrance Fee.

Rates, taxes, and fees are subject to change based on approved local, state and NPS fees in effect on the session date.

A Few Things To Know Before You Arrive

Plan for mountain weather. Yellowstone sits at high elevation, and spring, summer, and autumn conditions can change quickly. Pack layers, rain protection, and comfortable footwear for days spent outside.

Consider adding an extra night. If you'd like more time in Yellowstone before or after your adventure, speak with your reservations agent about extending your stay before or after the package dates.

Enhance your experience by downloading **phone apps and maps for offline use**. Cell service and Wi-Fi will be non-existent in areas we will travel through in the park. You can find apps on night skies, flowers, and geysers in your phones app store. You can also download the free National Park Service app for Yellowstone here.

What To Pack

Much of your time will be spent outdoors, so come prepared for changing mountain weather and a range of conditions. These are suggested items and not intended to be an all-inclusive packing list, so please bring any other items you may need.

1 piece of luggage with a 50lb weight limit is allowed per person and included in the daily luggage transfer. We recommend packing so you can comfortably carry the items you'll need for the day in a small backpack.

Bringing a **small backpack or tote bag** for daily tours is recommended since you won't have access to your larger luggage during the day. This compact day bag should hold medications, a water bottle, snacks, and extra clothing layers to adjust to weather changes, and anything else you may need during your day. It should be small enough to fit comfortably on your lap if space in your in your transportation is limited.

Clothing:

- Layers that provide UV protection and/or insulation from cold and wind. You may need both in one day.
- Comfortable, broken-in walking shoes or hiking boots with ankle support.
- Socks that prevent hot spots or blistering with moisture wicking properties.
- Full lightweight rain gear or rain jacket/poncho at a minimum.

Equipment & Other Items:

- Small backpack or tote that can be used to carry your items for the day.
- Reusable water bottle. There will be water filling station throughout your day.
- Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen & SPF lip protection for UV protection.
- Camera with extra batteries and/or charger, and memory cards.
- Binoculars or other optics for viewing wildlife. Your guide will have one for the group, but you may enjoy having your own.
- Snacks for the day if you get hungry between meals.
- Insect repellent during the peak summer months.

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