YELLOWSTONE COUPLES ADVENTURE WINTER PACKAGE

This package includes three nights at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, two nights at Old Faithful Snow Lodge, in-park transportation, meals, welcome gift, snowshoe rentals, baggage handling, interpretive Adventure Guide for the entire package, and all gratuities. Meals will include a mix of restaurant and field meals.

**Day 1 – Welcome to Winter Yellowstone!!!**

Arrive at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel between 4:00pm and 4:45pm to ensure ample time for dinner prior to orientation.

Baggage handling is included at check-in so feel free to request Bell Porter assistance at the Front Desk prior to parking your automobile.

Dinner reservations have been made in your name at the Mammoth Hot Springs Dining Room this evening at approximately 5:30pm.

At 7:30pm you will meet your Adventure Guide and fellow participants for a package orientation in the conference room located in the Hotel. The Front Desk will provide directions.

**Day 2 –**

The famed Lamar Valley is our destination today! You’ll meet your Adventure Guide at 7:00am to board your touring vehicle and venture into Yellowstone’s Northern Range in search of wildlife activity.
Breakfast and lunch will be taken in the field so you can maximize your odds of encountering the mega fauna that calls Yellowstone home.

A mid-afternoon return to Mammoth is planned. After a break, your guide will take you on a walking tour of the Mammoth Hot Springs themselves, before returning to Mammoth for another evening.

Please join your Guide and fellow participants for a reception including hors d’oeuvres in the hotel’s historic Map Room at 4:30pm. You’ll dine tonight at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room where reservations have been made in your name.

Day 3 –

Please ready your bags for bell service by 7:00am this morning. Today’s breakfast will be served at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room. Please arrive at the dining room no later than 7:15am in order to meet your Guide for today’s exciting adventure. Our planned departure this morning is 8:30am.

You’ll travel by snowcoach today with Old Faithful Snow Lodge as our destination. We’ll travel the park’s west side, enjoying scenic stops, wildlife (if they’re cooperating!), pine forests, wide open spaces and hopefully lots of snow! Along the way, we’ll enjoy views of the Madison River and other vistas. We’ll also take a walk around the Fountain Paint Pot Nature Trail, where we can observe all four major types of thermal features. Upon our arrival at Old Faithful Village, we’ll stop by the Visitor
Education Center to find out when the world’s most famous geyser, Old Faithful, is next predicted. While there in the Upper Geyser Basin, we’ll watch an eruption of Old Faithful Geyser and tour more of the basin on foot.

You’ll enjoy lunch in the field today to allow more time for exploration and wildlife viewing if they’re frequenting.

After checking into your Old Faithful Snow Lodge room for the first of two evenings, you’ll dine in the Old Faithful Snow Lodge’s Obsidian Dining Room. Reservations have been made in your name.

**Day 4 –**

Today’s breakfast will be served at the Obsidian Dining Room. Please arrive at the dining room no later than 7:00am in order to meet your Guide for today’s exciting adventure.

Our destination is the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, home to the 109-foot (33-meter) Upper Falls and 308-foot (93-meter) Lower Falls. The route there via Norris is always open, so that’s the route we’ll follow. If the weather is fine, we may be able to return via Yellowstone Lake (and if not, we’ll have to retrace our inbound route, as of the many things within our control, the weather just isn’t one of them!). Either way, it will be a day of scenery, wildlife, and photographic opportunities!
Today, the journey is a long one so you will partake in a field lunch at a site chosen by your Guide.

Upon our return, dinner will be served in the Obsidian Dining Room prior to spending your second evening overnighting in the village. Dinner reservations have been made in your name.

**Day 5 –**

This morning is a bit more leisurely. Breakfast will be served in the Obsidian Dining Room, after which those who’d like may partake in a guided snowshoe tour within the Old Faithful area, or those who so desire may just explore this area on their own (snow shoe rentals are included for this activity).

Upon your return, please ready your bags for bell service and check out of your room. Lunch will be provided in the Obsidian Dining Room before meeting your Guide for departure.

This afternoon we’ll travel north and return to Mammoth Hot Springs. We’ll stop at some of the geyser basins on route, including Norris Geyser Basin, where we’ll take a look at Steamboat Geyser, the world’s tallest (but fair warning, it only erupts every 10-40 days, so it’s unlikely we’ll catch one of its 300-400 foot shows!).

You’ll arrive at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel late this afternoon and check in. Dinner reservations at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room have been made in your name.
Day 6 – It’s time to say good bye!

*Participants traveling via shuttle bus:*

**6:00am to 7:45am** Enjoy breakfast this morning at the Mammoth Dining Room. Please have your luggage ready for pick up by the Bell Staff no later than 7:55am.

**7:45am** Check out, package complete.

**8:00am** Board the Airport Shuttle Bus for your trip to Bozeman.

*Participants travelling via private or rental vehicles:*

**6:00am to 8:30am** Enjoy breakfast this morning at the Mammoth Dining Room. Don’t forget to contact the Bell staff to arrange luggage service.

**7:00am to 11:00am** Check out, package complete.

Thank you for allowing us to host you on this amazing adventure! We hope this isn’t the last time you will visit us in this awesome place we call home. Our best wishes for a safe trip home!
Clothing essentials for a comfortable trip:

The layered use of synthetics and wool with protection from the wind is the goal of your clothing choices. Loose fitting layers allow you to maintain a comfortable and dry body by having flexibility in insulation as outside temperatures change and as your own body's temperature and moisture output changes with different levels of exertion. It is strongly recommended that you not wear cotton clothing outdoors in the winter, especially next to your skin.

Traction cleats and trekking poles are also recommended for winter use. Traction cleats are available for purchase and trekking poles are available to rent or purchase at the Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful gift shops.