YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK LODGES XANTERRA TRAVEL COLLECTION®

# **AUTUMN ADVENTURE PACKAGE**

#### Fall into Yellowstone's Quieter Season

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 package you'll experience the splendor of the Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces, the excitement of the Northern Range, hot spot of the geyser basins, and the grandeur of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.



#### **ADVENTURE OVERVIEW**

#### 4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS

Activity Level – Hikes are moderate Meals - Mix of restaurant & field meals Transportation - Modern passenger vehicle

4 Nights Lodging:

(3) Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel
(1) Old Faithful Snow Lodge

All Meals

Certified Interpretive Guide
In-park Transportation
Luggage Transfers
One Welcome Gift Per Adult
Package Starts on Sundays

### DAY YOUR ADVENTURE BEGINS

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

Please check in between 4:00pm and 5:00pm 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 7:00pm 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.

LODGING: Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel MEALS: Dinner

## DAY 02 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, hot beverages, & boxed lunches are included. You will return to Mammoth Hot Springs late afternoon in time to freshen up before taking dinner at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room.

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

LODGING: Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## DAY **FULL STEAM AHEAD**

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 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, enjoying a boxed lunch along the way. Stops will include a walk around Fountain Paint Pots where we'll have an in-depth glimpse into the steaming magnificence of one 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. 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.

LODGING: Old Faithful Snow Lodge MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 04 WATER AND 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, the 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.

LODGING: Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## DAY HAPPY TRAILS

If you are not staying at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel tonight (\*see below), please check out with the Hotel Front Desk by 6:10am this morning and place your luggage in your private vehicle as we will return to the hotel after 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, hot beverages, & boxed lunches are included.

We anticipate returning to Mammoth Hot Springs approximately 2:30 pm 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!

\*Rooms may be available at Mammoth or other Park locations 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.



#### WHAT TO BRING

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

1 piece of luggage with 50-lb wt. limit is allowed per person.

- Daypack/Small Backpack
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Sunscreen & SPF lip protection
- Sunglasses
- Comfortable, broken-in walking shoes or 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 and 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 that provides 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
- To enhance your experience, search in your phone's app store for apps on night skies, wildflowers (flora and fauna), and geysers. Download the free National Park Service app for Yellowstone <u>here.</u>

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 canceled activities.

Rates include taxes, fees and gratuity with the exception of the NPS Entrance fee which must be paid upon entering the National Park. Rates, taxes and fees subject to change and based on approved local, state, and NPS fees at the time of the session date.

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