

COUPLES WINTER ADVENTURE PACKAGE

Adventure into the heart of winter in wonderland

Based out of the park's historic headquarters at Mammoth Hot Springs, you will experience the famed Lamar Valley for some wildlife watching in Yellowstone's magnificent Northern Range. Then you will journey on a heated snowcoach to marvel at hot springs and geysers in the Old Faithful area. You will also take a day trip to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

ADVENTURE OVERVIEW

5 NIGHTS / 6 DAYS

Activity Level – Moderate. *This tour is not recommended for guests with mobility issues as walking in all types of weather conditions (snow and ice) and climbing stairs is frequently conducted during this package.*

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights Lodging
 - (3) Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel
 - (2) Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- All meals (mix of restaurants & field meals)
- In-park snowcoach transportation
- Certified interpretive guided tours
- Snowshoe rentals
- Social hour
- Luggage transfers
- One welcome gift per adult
- Snow Card for 10% discount on select gift shop items, tours, rentals and food

DAY 01 | WELCOME TO WINTER IN YELLOWSTONE

Welcome to Yellowstone National Park and thank you for selecting the Yellowstone Couples Winter Adventure Package!

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 starting as early as 5:00pm.

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.

LODGING: Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel
MEALS: Dinner

DAY 02 | THE NORTHERN RANGE

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.

Breakfast and lunch will be taken in the field so you can maximize your odds of encountering the mega fauna that call 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 Terraces, 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.**

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



DAY 03 | THE STORY OF FIRE & ICE

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 have breakfast in time 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.**

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

DAY 04 | FROZEN WATERS

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 overnighing at Snow Lodge. **Dinner reservations have been made in your name.**

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



DAY 05 | SNOW DAY FUN

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 (snowshoe rentals are included for this activity).

Upon your return, please ready your bags for bell service and check out of your room by 11am. 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 can be months or years between eruptions, 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.**

LODGING: Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 06 | TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

Participants traveling via Airport 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 traveling 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!

LODGING: None

MEALS: Breakfast

**Airport shuttle is not included in the package price and is an additional cost.*

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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WHAT TO BRING - CLOTHING AND GEAR

You'll be more comfortable if you can layer much of your clothing for cold days. It can get "warm," so it is good to be able to take off layers as needed. Make sure all clothing does not fit tightly and restrict blood flow. Be careful wearing cotton in the cold, as it's an uncomfortable, poor insulator if it gets wet.

- Synthetic or **Merino wool base layers** (tops and bottoms) are a great start.
- Bring along multiple pairs of **synthetic or Merino wool socks**: Synthetic sock liners under a pair of warm socks are a nice fit for the cold, but more socks than that can actually make your feet colder. If you can move your toes in your boots you'll have room for a toe warmer if you end up wanting one.
- Have along at least two more layers of **tops** for above your base layer and below your coat. Different weights are good to have to be able to layer for warmer or colder days.
- Good quality **snow pants** of synthetic material, windproof, and will shed snow, all of which will help you be comfortable. A heavier softshell material is very popular. Many pants come with an internal elastic gaiter at the bottom to help keep snow out of your snow boots.
- **Snow boots** come in many styles. Boots should be waterproof with a cold temperature rating. Boots should fit your feet comfortably for best circulation and room for a toe warmer if needed. A taller boot with good traction is ideal, but slip-on traction devices are easy to add to your boots and available for purchase in our gift shops.
- A **vest** is a nice item to help with layering. Down, fleece or softshell are popular choices.
- Your choice of **jacket** is important. If you've planned well with multiple options on your under-layers, a lighter weight, down- or synthetic-fill, waterproof, breathable hooded jacket may be a perfect outer layer choice. It will keep the wind and snow at bay, and so allow your under-layers to insulate you well. Your jacket should be large enough to put on over many other layers or could be worn alone on warm days. Materials like Gore-Tex™ or EVent™ are breathable. Many people like to have a hood, ideally a detachable one, for colder windy days.
- One lightweight and one warmer **hat (beanie)** that covers your ears are good to have.
- If you have a tendency to have very cold hands, wear **mittens or gloves**. You can also use a hand warmer inside and may even find gloves with warmer pockets. Multiple weights of gloves and mittens are good to have along since this is an item that can get damp easily, and synthetic glove liners that fit comfortably under your main gloves can provide a nice extra layer when needed.
- Some sort of **neck gaiter or scarf** is nice to have to pull up high if the day is cold. Buff™ style gaiters are popular and can double as a lightweight hat.
- **Skin cream, sunscreen, and lip balm** are often welcome in this dry environment.
- **Sunglasses** are essential to have along. Ski goggles are not necessary.
- **Backpack**: A pack that is at least 25 liters in size is recommended. A Camelbak™ drinking system is never recommended for winter travel even if it has the insulation sleeve for the hose. They will freeze and it is difficult to drink straight from the reservoir.
- **Water bottle and/or Thermos™**. Ensure that these items do not leak if tipped over in your pack.
- A **headlamp** is great to have. It gets dark early in the winter but it is still fun to explore outside.
- Phone and camera **chargers/battery packs**. Batteries die quickly in the cold. If you're carrying an actual camera, having along an extra battery that you can keep warm in a pocket. Putting your phone on airplane mode will save battery since much of the park has no cell service.
- **Shoe traction devices** are nice to have for walking on the hard-packed boardwalks. They are for sale at the gift shops or for rent at the Old Faithful Ski Shop.