



CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

YELLOWSTONE: A WILDLIFE SAFARI

Old Faithful ☀ Yellowstone Safari ☀ Jackson Hole
Float the Snake River ☀ The Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Travel to Yellowstone National Park in the springtime when the snow has melted, flowers are blooming and wildlife is abundant! You'll see magnificent mountains and cascading rivers, but the highlight of this tour will be seeing the wildlife of the great American West. Free roaming bison, moose, elk, antelope and perhaps a grizzly! Your stop at the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center will teach you about these amazing creatures who have been rescued and now serve to educate us about them. What a great introduction for your Yellowstone Safari as you travel through the Lamar Valley on 'the hunt' for all manner of wildlife! And a visit to Yellowstone is never complete until you've seen Old Faithful blow her top! Very little has changed about the pattern of eruptions over the past 100 years. Every 92 minutes, water spouts 130 feet into the air for nearly a minute. More than half of the world's geysers are found in Yellowstone, so there's plenty of sightseeing to be done in between eruptions. After you've experienced Yellowstone, you'll travel to Jackson, Wyoming for a two night stay. While it maintains its cowboy roots, you'll find that Jackson offers everything from one of a kind boutiques and art galleries to casual restaurants and bars. Be sure and duck into the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar to check out the spur collection and 70 some years worth of Western artifacts! If you thought this tour was just about seeing animals from your tour bus, heck no! You'll enjoy a scenic float down the Snake River surrounded by sheer granite cliffs and hoping to spot an animal or two! As you return to Salt Lake, a tour of 42 sq. mile Antelope Island will bring you to the middle of the Great Salt Lake ~ and more wildlife! Then, enjoy a delightful dinner at one of Salt Lake City's most acclaimed dining spots, The Roof Restaurant overlooking the twinkling lights of Temple Square! To close out your Yellowstone Wildlife Safari attend a weekly radio broadcast performance of the famed Mormon Tabernacle Choir!

Day 1 - Your Western Adventure Begins!

Today, you board your flight bound for **Salt Lake City** where on arrival you'll travel via motor coach to **Idaho Falls**. Check in to your hotel, located on the banks of the Snake River with a bit of time to relax and freshen up before enjoying a Welcome Dinner!

Overnight: Idaho Falls, ID (Hilton Garden Inn)

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Day 2 - Old Faithful!

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before checking out and traveling along the western Teton Range to **Yellowstone National Park!** This wonderland of natural beauty has been delighting visitors for over 100 years. You visit the centerpiece of the park, **Old Faithful** erupting every 92 minutes. There is time to explore more of the mysterious steaming geysers in the area including Midway Geyser Basin and **Fountain Paint Pots**. Lunch is on your own in one of the nearby cafes. Later today, travel along the beautiful Madison River to **West Yellowstone** where you check in to your hotel for a two night stay. This evening dinner will be at a local restaurant.

Overnight: West Yellowstone (Yellowstone Lodge Hotel)

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Day 3 - Yellowstone Wildlife Safari!

Your day starts with a guided tour of the **Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center**. The mission of the center is to educate and provide unique opportunities to watch and learn about the **grizzly bear** and **grey wolf**. This very popular stop provides great viewing opportunities of the animals that reside here. After, you'll have time to explore West Yellowstone and enjoy lunch on your own. This afternoon, your **Wildlife Safari** begins as you return to **Yellowstone National Park** for an afternoon and evening of exploration. You travel through **Norris Geyser Basin** and make your way to **Mammoth Hot Springs** for a walk through colorful terraced formations of calcium carbonate that continually change and grow. Then, travel into the beautiful **Lamar Valley** where your search for wildlife begins in earnest! Your expert guides will provide you with binoculars and spotting scopes and assist with locating wildlife. You stop and enjoy a **picnic dinner** as the sun begins its slow descent, the best time of day to view Yellowstone's wildlife. Keep your cameras ready as you 'hunt' for elk, bison, moose, wolves and bear that frequently make an appearance at dusk. Return to your hotel late this evening after an unforgettable experience in Yellowstone!

Overnight: West Yellowstone (Yellowstone Lodge Hotel)

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Day 4 - The Grand Tetons!

Check out of the hotel this morning before returning to Yellowstone National Park for another great day of sightseeing! First, visit the awe-inspiring "**Grand Canyon of Yellowstone**" with a chance to see both **Upper** and **Lower Falls** where the mighty **Yellowstone River** cascades hundreds of feet! Then, drive through scenic **Hayden Valley**, famous for large herds of buffalo and other wildlife so keep those cameras handy! Travel along the shores of **Yellowstone Lake** stopping for lunch on your own along the way. Late this afternoon, exit Yellowstone and enter **Grand Teton National Park**. Enjoy picture perfect views of **Jackson Lake** and the Tetons before arriving in **Jackson**. This old cowboy town is now home to

hundreds of art galleries, shops and restaurants but manages to retain an old west charm. Check in to one of Jackson Hole's finest resorts, **The Rustic Inn** for the next two nights. Located on twelve lush acres adjacent to the **National Elk Refuge** and just a few blocks from Jackson's lively town square, this creekside resort is a great place to relax and unwind! After time to unpack and freshen up, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Jackson, WY (Rustic Inn)

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Day 5 - Float the Snake River!

Your day starts early as you return to **Grand Teton National Park** and enjoy a **scenic float trip** on the **Snake River!** With this giant mountain range as a backdrop, you'll see wildlife, flora and the sheer magnitude of nature! Your river guide will make sure you don't miss a thing as you hear stories about the local history and folklore of the river! This will be a morning to remember! Then, travel to historic **Jackson Lake Lodge** with windows that perfectly frame the Tetons. You'll have time to enjoy the view, explore the lodge, do a bit of shopping and have lunch on your own. After, you'll return to Jackson stopping along the way for photo opportunities at various scenic points. The evening is free to enjoy Jackson on your own.

Overnight: Jackson, WY (Rustic Inn)

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Day 6 - Return to Utah!

After breakfast this morning, board your motor coach and travel through the rugged **Snake River Canyon** and pastoral **Star Valley** as you travel from Wyoming, through Idaho and into Utah! You'll stop along the way at scenic points before making your way to the **American West Heritage Center** near Logan. You'll have lunch here before touring the center learning about the cultures and lifestyles of those who lived in the American West from the 1820's to the 1920's. Next, visit **Antelope Island State Park** surrounded by the Great Salt Lake. Although surrounded by salt water, Antelope Island has 40 fresh water springs that support the abundant wildlife you find here. The free roaming bison are the most famous residents. Twelve animals were brought to the island in 1897 and have grown to a herd of nearly 700! You'll also see pronghorn antelope which are native to the island, as well as mule deer and the California bighorn sheep. After a full day, arrive in **Salt Lake City** late in the afternoon and enjoy a brief driving tour. You check in to your downtown hotel with a bit of time to relax and freshen up. This evening, enjoy a very special dinner at **The Roof Restaurant** overlooking Temple Square and downtown Salt Lake City.

Overnight: Salt Lake City, UT (Red Lion)

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Day 7 - Wonderful Memories!

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity awaits this morning! Seating has been arranged at **Temple Square**, where you'll have a chance to hear the world famous **Mormon Tabernacle Choir's** weekly broadcast performance. (Choir's schedule permitting). For more than a century, the Choir has given voice to the hopes, joys, trials and triumphs of people around the world. The 360-member chorus of men and women have performed at inaugurations of US Presidents, in acclaimed concert halls from Australia to Europe and on television broadcasts. They have even been referred to as **"America's Choir"**. Then, you'll be assisted with your transfer to the Salt Lake Airport and your flight home. **You'll Look back on a week of wildlife viewing, magnificent mountains and the wonder of Yellowstone with fond memories for days to come!**

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Inclusions

- Round-trip air (checked baggage fees are not included)
- 6 nights hotel accommodations
- Breakfast daily at your hotel
- 1 lunch and 5 dinners including a farewell dinner at The Roof restaurant in Salt Lake City
- Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone
- Afternoon and Evening Wildlife Safari in Yellowstone
- Scenic float on the Snake River
- Visit to Antelope Island on the Great Salt Lake
- Weekly broadcast performance of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir
- Private motor coach throughout your tour
- Services of a professional tour director
- Entrance fees to National Parks and Monuments as listed in the detailed itinerary
- All government taxes and fuel surcharges

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