

The Wolves and Wildlife of Yellowstone



A 7-DAY WINTER WONDERLAND ADVENTURE

Dear Texas Ex,

Please join us on an extraordinary winter adventure: a seven-day wildlife expedition to Yellowstone—North America's best wolf-watching habitat.

Dressed magnificently with frost and snow, and with visitors few and far between, experience the park when its beauty is more untouched by the outside world than any other time of the year. Hushed and magical landscapes are the setting for steaming geysers, trees covered in ice crystals, and the movements of bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, and other wildlife—followed closely by the park's wolves.

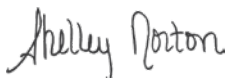
Safari aboard custom vehicles with expert naturalists as we explore and learn about the animals, ecosystem, hydrothermal activity, and history of the park. Experience a private sleigh ride through the National Elk Refuge and meet an award-winning wildlife photographer for a presentation during a visit to his gallery. Each evening, overnight in atmospheric hotels and a park lodge.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$60.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience stunning natural beauty and rich culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and/or take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly.

To secure your spot, contact Shelley Norton at shelley.norton@texasexes.org, 512-840-5628, or 1-800-594-3938. You may fax the included reservation form to her at 512-672-6134.

Best regards,



Shelley Norton
Director of Travel
Flying Longhorns




Janice Garcia
Travel Coordinator
Flying Longhorns

Free Expedition Library

AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by **July 19, 2019** to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we've assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.

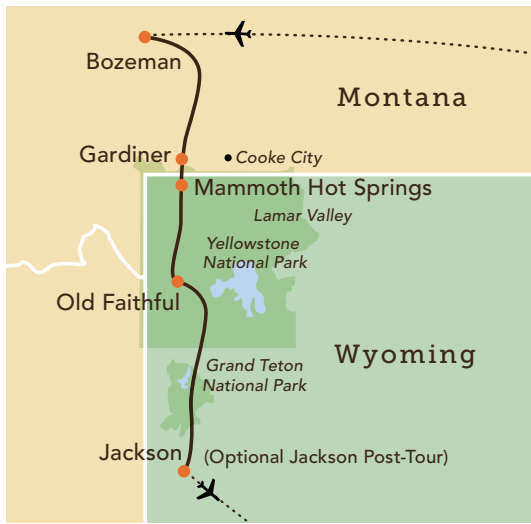
 Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Starting in 2019, we will annually plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts.

Experience

Yellowstone in winter:

a world with frozen geyser rain, ghost trees glazed in frost, surprising winter wildflowers, and geothermal eruptions in a setting of snow and ice.





Your 7-Day Itinerary

The itinerary for this wintertime program is a guideline that may change in order to maximize wildlife spotting, natural encounters, and weather conditions.

Day 1: Arrive in Bozeman, MT (D)

Welcome dinner

Overnight: Homewood Suites by

Hilton Bozeman

Day 2: Bozeman / Mammoth Hot Springs, WY / Lamar Valley / Gardiner, MT (B,L,D)

Full-day wildlife safari

Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

Day 3: Gardiner / Lamar Valley, WY / Cooke City, MT / Gardiner (B,L,R,D)

Full-day wildlife safari, gallery visit, reception

Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

Day 4: Gardiner / Mammoth Hot Springs, WY / Old Faithful (B,L,D)

Lower Geyser Basin, Gibbon Falls,

Artists' Paintpots, Norris Geyser Basin

Overnight: Old Faithful Snow Lodge

Day 5: Old Faithful / Grand Teton National Park / Jackson (B,L)

Sightseeing, Upper Geyser Basin

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Day 6: Jackson / Grand Teton National Park / National Elk Refuge / Jackson (B,L,D)

Half-day wildlife safari, sleigh ride

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Day 7: Depart Jackson (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

Activity Level: The majority of the program's activities will take place outdoors. A fair amount of walking on varying terrain is to be expected. Guests should be sure-footed on uneven, frozen, or snow-covered terrain as well as able to get in and out of all-terrain vehicles and manage stairs without assistance. They should also be prepared for cold temperatures.

Maximum elevation: 8,391 feet at the Continental Divide

Program Highlights

- Immerse yourself in the unspoiled natural beauty, diverse wildlife, and dramatic tales of this unique ecosystem.
- Experience Yellowstone in its winter incarnation: a world with frozen geyser rain, ghost trees with a frosty glaze, surprising winter wildflowers, and dynamic hydrothermal features set in snow and ice.
- Scout for elusive wolves from the comfort of a custom-outfitted, heated vehicle featuring oversized windows and a rooftop viewing hatch. Yellowstone is considered one of the best wolf-watching habitats in the country.
- Joined by two expert Orbridge Expedition Leaders and professional naturalist guides, learn informed perspectives and first-person accounts of the wolves' setbacks, survival, and victories.
- Set out on a snowshoe adventure plus meet an award-winning wildlife photographer for a presentation during a visit to his gallery.
- Keep binoculars close at hand: this is the *Serengeti of North America*, roamed by resident bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, moose, and other wildlife.
- Enjoy a sleigh ride at the National Elk Refuge.
- **What's included:** 6 nights accommodations, 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners including special welcome and farewell dinners, and a wine and cheese reception; a fully-guided program with 2 Orbridge Expedition Leaders as well as expert local guides and naturalists; all unique excursions and activities listed in the 7-day itinerary including transportation; admission and park fees throughout; use of in-field gear including high quality binoculars and spotting scopes, Yaktrax, snowshoes, and adjustable hiking poles; luggage portage; gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leaders, local guides, hotel housekeeping staff, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.



Accommodations (subject to change)

HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON BOZEMAN

For your final evening, settle into this spacious all-suite property, located at the base of the Bridger Mountains about one hour from Yellowstone National Park. The inviting lodge décor features hardwood floors, buffalo and elk displays, and a two-story fireplace.



YELLOWSTONE GATEWAY INN

Conveniently located near the North Entrance of Yellowstone, this all-suite property features recently renovated apartment-style rooms. Each spacious suite offers a fully-equipped kitchen and living room, and easy access to nearby restaurants and shops.



OLD FAITHFUL SNOW LODGE

A short walk from its famous namesake, the Old Faithful Snow Lodge makes abundant use of natural wood, big-beam construction, and fixtures that echo back to historic Yellowstone lodges.



THE LEXINGTON AT JACKSON HOLE

Located in the heart of picturesque Jackson with endless mountain views, The Lexington offers comfortable, contemporary western-style accommodations with a cozy and charming atmosphere. After a full day of outdoor activities, sip a hot chocolate beside the fireplace or take a dip in the beautiful indoor pool or hot tub.



Your Expedition Leaders

From their inside knowledge of the best wildlife viewing spots to identifying the wolves' signs and tracks, your two expert Orbridge Expedition Leaders and naturalist guides will make all the difference in your wildlife expedition. Enriched by their expertise, you'll bring home a deeper understanding of the apex predator's reintroduction to Yellowstone, along with a new appreciation of the drama and beauty of nature's hierarchy.



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Optional Post-Tour *Jackson, WY*



Located in the southern end of Jackson Hole Valley and just 60 miles from Yellowstone National Park, the charming town of Jackson is a four-seasons destination with historic boardwalks, antler arches, endless scenery, and abundant outdoor activities.

Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 7: Jackson / National Museum of Wildlife Art

Take a docent-led tour of the museum to view some of the 5,000 pieces from more than 550 artists, dating from 2500 BCE to the present. This evening is at your leisure. Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Day 8: Jackson Hole / Snowshoe Excursion (B)

Journey into the heart of winter on snowshoes with a naturalist guide. Learn about different aspects of winter ecology. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Jackson or to take advantage of the hotel amenities. Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

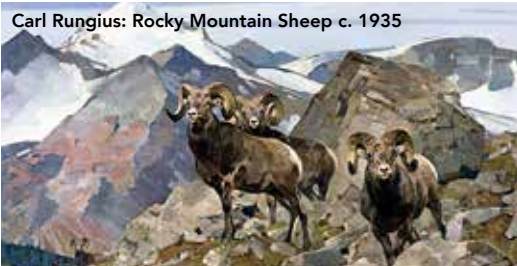
Day 9: Depart Jackson (B)

What's Included

- 2 nights accommodations at The Lexington at Jackson Hole (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Admission to, and a docent-led tour of, the National Museum of Wildlife Art
- Guided snowshoe excursion including snowshoe equipment rental, hiking poles, and national park entrance fees
- Excursion transportation
- Luggage portorage
- All gratuities
- Airport transfers for guests departing at the suggested times



Carl Rungius: Rocky Mountain Sheep c. 1935



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JANUARY 12-18, 2020
Jackson Post-Tour: January 18-20, 2020

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Standard Rate: \$4,299 <small>\$5,699 Single</small>	Special Rate: \$3,995* <small>\$5,395 Single</small>
Jackson Post-Tour: \$995* Single Post-Tour: \$1,495	

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____
 Name (as preferred on badge): _____
 Email: _____ D.O.B.: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____
 Name (as preferred on badge): _____
 Email: _____ D.O.B.: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

DEPOSIT:

_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) +
 # _____ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

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I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to: Texas Exes
 P.O. Box 7278, Austin, TX 78713
 512-672-6134

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure, that is, on or before October 14, 2019.

Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of \$850 per person per program, a deposit for any extension(s), and any non-refundable advanced payments, payable by check, ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card, is due at the time of registration. Final payment, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds and due no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the date the program starts, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as "Payments."
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