

The Wolves and Wildlife of Yellowstone



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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 an ecosystem 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, environment, hydrothermal activity, and history of the park. Enjoy 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 \$50.

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, please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at 800-594-3900 or travel@texasexes.org with questions or to make a reservation. Or you may fax the reservation form to us at 512-672-6134.

Best regards,

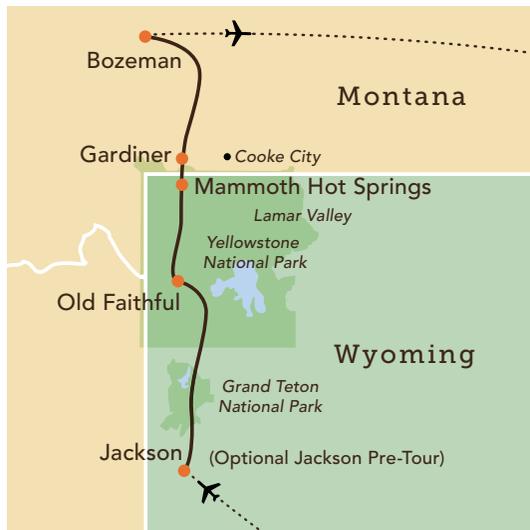
Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team: Shelley, Janice & Leslie

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit orbridge.com/wellness.

 *Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.*

Amidst crisp air, bare trees, frosted earth, and brilliant thermal features of Yellowstone National Park, the wildlife viewing in winter is better than any other time of year. The elements of nature are in full sway, and its wild inhabitants—close-knit packs of wolves—are hunting, mating, and surviving.





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 Jackson, WY (D)

Welcome dinner

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Day 2: Jackson / Grand Teton National Park / National Elk Refuge / Jackson (B,L)

Half-day wildlife safari, sleigh ride

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Day 3: Jackson / Old Faithful (B,L,D)

Castle Geyser and Upper Geyser Basin

Overnight: Old Faithful Snow Lodge

Day 4: Old Faithful / Mammoth Hot Springs / Lamar Valley / Gardiner, MT (B,L,R,D)

Lower Geyser Basin, Gibbon Falls, Artists' Paintpots, Norris Geyser Basin, half-day wildlife safari, reception

Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

Day 5: Gardiner / Lamar Valley, WY /

Cooke City, MT / Gardiner (B,L,D)

Full-day wildlife safari, gallery visit

Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

Day 6: Gardiner / Lamar Valley, WY / Mammoth Hot Springs /

Bozeman, MT (B,L,D)

Half-day wildlife safari, special farewell dinner

Overnight: Homewood Suites by Hilton Bozeman

Day 7: Depart Bozeman (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: 8,262 feet at the Continental Divide

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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Discover

- Immerse yourself in the unspoiled natural beauty, diverse wildlife, and dramatic tales of this unique ecosystem during this exclusive wintertime program.
- 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.

Explore

- Scout for wildlife 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.
- Keep binoculars close at hand: this is the *Serengeti of North America*, home to the largest concentration of mammals in the lower 48 states. Resident bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, moose, and other wildlife live among seven large predators, one of the most elusive being the gray wolf.

Interact

- Set out on a snowshoe adventure plus meet an award-winning wildlife photographer for a presentation during a visit to his gallery.
- Enjoy a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the National Elk Refuge. Created in 1912, this sanctuary is home to one of the largest elk herds in North America.



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
- Use of in-field gear, including high quality binoculars and spotting scopes, Yaktrax, snowshoes, and adjustable hiking poles
- Hot beverages, water, and snacks throughout touring
- Admission and park fees throughout
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leaders, local guides, hotel housekeeping staff, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times





Accommodations (subject to change)

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.



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 rooms are simple, comfortable, and outfitted with lodge details, such as wooden shutters over windows that open for fresh air.



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.

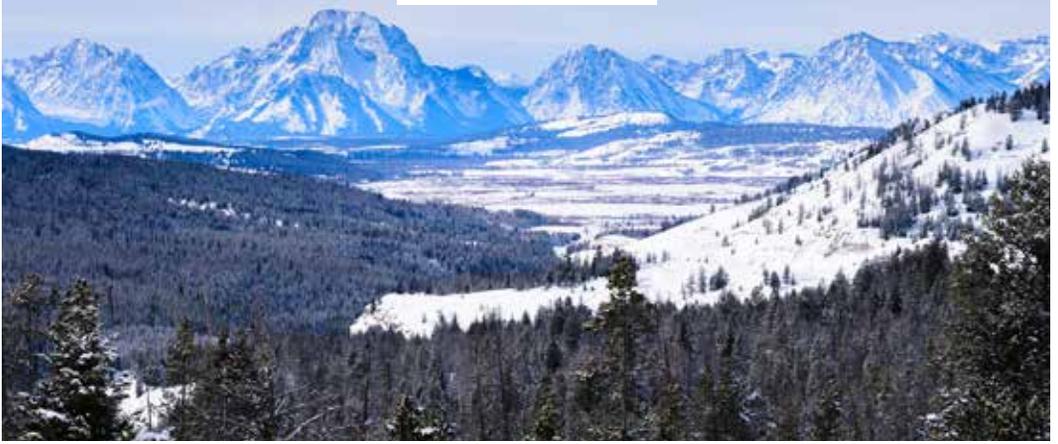


HOMWOOD SUITES BY HILTON BOZEMAN

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.



Optional Pre-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.

Pre-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day +1: Arrive in Jackson, WY

Welcome to Jackson! Settle into your accommodations and enjoy the evening at your leisure.

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Day +2: National Museum of Wildlife Art (B,L)

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. Enjoy an artful lunch with a spectacular view at the museum cafe, *Palate*. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Day +3: Jackson Hole / Snowshoe Excursion / Main Program Begins (B)

Journey into the heart of winter on snowshoes with a naturalist guide.

Learn about different aspects of winter ecology. This evening, join fellow travelers for the main program.

What's Included

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



Carl Rungius: Rocky Mountain Sheep c. 1935



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JANUARY 22-28, 2022

Jackson Pre-Tour: January 20-22, 2022

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Standard Rate: \$5,299 <small>\$6,799 Single</small>	Special Rate: \$4,995* <small>\$6,495 Single</small>
Jackson Pre-Tour*: Double: \$995 Single: \$1,495	

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Guest #1 Name (as preferred on badge): _____

Email: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Guest #2 Name (as preferred on badge): _____

Email: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

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DEPOSIT:

_____ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +

_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

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Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure, that is, on or before October 24, 2021.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person for any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Deposits are payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card, and is due no later than 90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program's scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. 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. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

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