



Grand Teton & Yellowstone Explorer (5 days)

From a land built on earthquakes, fire and other extreme geological forces, Grand Teton, Yellowstone and Craters of the Moon are now three unique ecosystems covering an area the size of New England. 14,000 ft peaks, broad valleys teeming with wildlife, glaciers, thermal features and barren landscapes are awaiting you on this 5 Day Adventure with 14 other explorers.

Dates

October 05 - October 09, 2020

Highlights

- Knowledgeable Tour Guide
- Comfortable Transportation in Mercedes Benz Sprinter Vans
- 4 Nights' Accommodation
- 4 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 1 Dinner
- Jenny Lake Boat Ride
- Taxes, Fees, and Gratuity Associated With All Activities (Tour Guide Tips Excluded)

Itinerary

Day 1: Salt Lake City, UT to Jackson Hole

Welcome to the West. Your guide will pick you up at your hotel in Downtown Salt Lake City, UT at 7:00 am and depart to Jackson Hole. Along the way, you will visit viewpoints and vistas in Logan Canyon, Bear Lake, ID, and will stop at the Oregon Trail Visitors Center in Montpelier, ID. This trail was the main overland route for hundreds of thousands of settlers migrating from the east coast to the western US. Remnants of the trail are still visible today. From there, you will travel through Star Valley, WY to Jackson, WY. After lunch and an opportunity to explore the town, you will travel out to the Gros Ventre Slide area in Jackson Hole and other areas before returning to town. You will have a welcome dinner that evening to kick off the week at one of the many fantastic restaurants in town. **(Lunch, Dinner)**

Day 2: Grand Teton National Park

Today you will be exploring Grand Teton National Park. This national park was first set up as a National Monument by the labors of the Rockefellers and other philanthropists. Originally home to trappers, traders, and mormon homesteaders, today it is one of the most breathtaking and well known parks in the US. You will start the day with sunrise at Schwabachers Landing. This area offers the opportunity to get fantastic photos of the Tetons along with the chance to see moose and beavers. Short walks are available along this waterway.

After this breathtaking scenery, you will get to enjoy breakfast at Historic Jenny Lake Lodge. This four star property offers a delicious breakfast inside the original cabin built by one of the first explorers to travel through this area. Once finished with breakfast, you will travel up to Jenny Lake for a boat ride and a hike to Hidden Falls and, if you are interested, Inspiration Point. Once finished, you will return across the lake and head to Signal Mountain to enjoy stunning vistas of the Grand Teton with reflections off of Jackson Lake and Spalding Bay.

Lunch will be served at Jackson Lake Lodge before we travel up to Colter Bay for an mid-afternoon walk/hike out on one of the points of the bay. This area is teeming with wildlife and fantastic views across the lake. The rest of the evening is free for you to enjoy in Historic Jackson, WY. **(Breakfast, Lunch)**

Day 3: Yellowstone National Park

This morning you will travel through Grand Teton National Park up to Yellowstone National Park, which is America's First National Park, established in 1872. Among its many treasures are the famous Old Faithful Geyser and inspiring Grand Canyon of Yellowstone. The Park is also known for its world class fly fishing, active geological features, and abundance of large mammals. This natural wonder will be your classroom for the day as you explore its many waterfalls, geyser basins, and other unique geological features.

Our first stop will be viewpoints along West Thumb Geyser Basin and Yellowstone Lake. Afterwards, you will visit Hayden Valley for the opportunity to view some of the diverse wildlife that visits this area. You will have the possibility of sighting wolves, bears, elk, deer, coyote, and bison. Afterwards, a short drive to Yellowstone Falls and a few hikes/walks to various viewpoints along and below the rim of the Grand Canyon.

Once finished, you can enjoy lunch at Canyon Junction before traveling on toward Tower Falls and Lamar Valley. These areas are also great spots for viewing wildlife within the park. This area also has some unique geological formations that are remnants of previous volcanic eruptions. Wraith Falls and the Petrified Logs are also options for us to visit before ending our day at Gardiner, MT. Our final stop will be a photo of the group at Roosevelt Arch, the official northern entrance to the park. **(Breakfast, Lunch)**

Day 4: Yellowstone National Park

This morning you will enjoy the unique area known in Yellowstone as Mammoth Hot Springs. This geological area has some fantastic formations to view along multiple boardwalks and scenic drives. It is also the original military fort where the US Army was stationed and managed the park in its infancy. After visiting this area, you will travel along the western side of the park to Gibson Falls and Norris Geyser Basin.

After exploring this Geyser Basin's thermal features, you will make a short drive to the Virginia Cascades before traveling over the volcanic caldera rim to Madison Junction and Firehole Falls. Once finished, you will continue to Old Faithful for lunch at the Historic Old Faithful Lodge dining room before witnessing Old Faithful erupt. Still following a pretty regular schedule, this iconic thermal feature is the crowning jewel of Yellowstone National Park.

Along with visiting the Old Faithful Geyser Basin, you will visit Black Sand Basin, Midway Geyser Basin, and others on your way to West Yellowstone, MT where you will lodge for the night. You will enjoy more western hospitality as you rest for the evening in this gateway town. **(Breakfast, Lunch)**

Day 5: Island Park, Snake River, and Salt Lake City, UT

Island Park, situated just outside of Yellowstone National Park, offers visitors the opportunity to

explore nature without the crowds of the national parks. Upper Mesa Falls, Johnny Sacks' Cabin at Big Spring (the headwaters of the Snake River and one of the largest natural springs in the world), and other areas will be your playground for the morning. Afterwards, you will travel back along the Snake River through Idaho Falls and then to Craters of the Moon National Monument.

This Monument, established in 1924 offers one the opportunity to explore a "vast ocean of lava flows with islands of cinder cones scattered throughout". You will have a chance to explore cinder cones, spatter cones, shield volcanoes and lava tube caves. A surprising number of plants and animals have adapted to live in the harsh volcanic and high desert environment. Once finished exploring this unique landscape, you will continue your journey back to Salt Lake City, UT. You will arrive in Salt Lake by 6:00 pm. **(Breakfast, Lunch)**

Accommodations

Day 1 & 2	Mountain Modern Motel	Jackson, Wyoming
Day 3 & 4	Kelly Inn	West Yellowstone, Montana

Rates

2020 Rates:

TWIN	TRIPLE	QUAD	SINGLE
\$1999	\$1849	\$1749	\$2499

Per person Rates in US Funds. Includes applicable taxes, fees, and gratuities associated with all activities (Tour Guide tips excluded)

Payment Policy

Deposit: \$500.00 per person due at time of booking. Final payment due 30 days prior to departure

Cancellation Policy

Payment and Cancellation Policy: Payment is due at the time of reservation.

- * Minimum 25% deposit is due at time of reservation.
- * Payment in full is due 30 days prior to departure. Please notify us in writing if you need to cancel or reschedule.
- * No refunds for cancellations within 30 days
- * Cancellations 31 days or more prior to departure receive a 10% cancellation fee the full price of the tour.
- * Any monies not refunded will be available to apply to a future tour or trip for 2 years from the day of the cancellation.
- * A 10% charge will be applied to all tours that are rescheduled within 30 days of the tour. This will be 10% of the full price of the tour.

