



## WONDERS OF YELLOWSTONE & GRAND TETON

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North America, USA



8 days from AU\$15,995 pp



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## Journey Overview

Discover two of America's most iconic national parks on this road trip to remember. See the wild west at its best when you breathe in the wide-open spaces and untamed landscapes of Montana — Big Sky country — where the geysers and hot springs of Yellowstone National Park bubble over alongside a rich array of wildlife. See cowboy culture up close in Wyoming, where rodeo is the state sport, and marvel at the magnificent mountain scenery of Grand Teton National Park. You're guaranteed to be amazed.

### Journey Highlights

- Float down the Snake River in a vintage wooden dory
- Discover the best of Yellowstone with a private guide
- See the action of the Jackson Hole Rodeo
- Be escorted round the National Museum of Wildlife Art by a curator
- Let a private guide lead you through the great outdoors of the Grand Tetons



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Bozeman, Montana**

Upon arrival in Bozeman, collect your rental car (*not included*) and drive south to your luxury resort getaway just 35 minutes from Yellowstone National Park.

#### ***Sage Lodge***

### **Days 2-3: Yellowstone National Park**

The next two days are spent amidst spectacular wilderness in Yellowstone National Park where over two million acres is home to magnificent wildlife including bears, wolves, bison, elk, antelope, swans, geese and pelicans and a breathtaking landscape of dramatic canyons, alpine rivers, lush forests, hot springs and gushing geysers, including its most famous, Old Faithful.

On a privately guided full day exploration, stop at many of the park's most famous spots including its extensive geothermal attractions, wildlife viewing sites and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River. Your guide will interpret the flora, fauna, geology and geothermal manifestations for you and lead you on short walks with a picnic lunch.

Spend a second day exploring on your own. Venture, perhaps, to the lush meadows of Hayden Valley one of the premier places to see wildlife in the park or Lamar Valley in the northeast of the park for more excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. Stop by Tower Fall, a 40-metre-high waterfall accessible by a short, paved trail, and cool off in the light mist. Mammoth Hot Springs is also worth a visit followed by a dip in the hot springs of the Boiling River, which is located on the 45th Parallel, the circle of latitude marking the halfway point between the equator and the North Pole.

#### ***Sage Lodge / Meals: BL/B***

### **Day 4: Yellowstone - Grand Teton, Wyoming**

Take your time today as you meander through Yellowstone and south to Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming. The route borders Jackson Lake with the massive Teton Range dominating the western skyline. The drive to Teton Village is between three and four hours, but a stop en route to explore Jackson Lake is highly recommended. The mountain views from here are spectacular and wildlife sightings common.

#### ***Teton Mountain Lodge & Spa / Meals: B***

**Day 5: Grand Teton**

Early this morning, set out with your private naturalist guide to search for wildlife in Grand Teton National Park. For rugged, snow-capped peaks that jut upward into brilliant blue sky, and verdant, pristine valleys laced with rivers, forests, wildflowers and wildlife, few places in North America can rival this region.

Animals are at their most active as you set out, providing good opportunities for finding the park's iconic species, including bear, moose, antelope, bison and elk. Binoculars and spotting scopes are provided to allow for close views from a safe distance. A gourmet picnic lunch is included.

***Teton Mountain Lodge & Spa / Meals: BL***

**Day 6: Grand Teton**

Wake early for a special trip down the beautiful Snake River in a traditional wooden Mackenzie River dory. Early morning provides a wonderful opportunity to observe the area's diverse wildlife and enjoy the solitude of a private scenic float. The Snake River corridor is home to myriad bird and mammal species, including eagles perched along the river. You'll also see a wide variety of wildflowers and beautiful stands of mature trees. Afterwards, stop at a private riverside tipi camp for brunch and entertaining stories of historic Jackson told by your host.

This afternoon you visit the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson where one of the local curators introduces you to the collection of over 5,000 catalogued items, dating from 2500 BC to the present. The museum overlooks the 25,000-acre National Elk Refuge, home to the largest elk herd in the world, with a population of more than 14,000 — more than 7,500 of which spend the winter here thanks to a supplemental feeding programme.

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## **Day 7: Grand Teton**

Lace up your boots for a privately guided morning hike in the area around Jackson Hole. Choose from many different wilderness trails depending on your interest and ability. As you will be away from the national park, and the crowds, revel in the solitude and experience nature at its most spectacular. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the lodge or further explore.

This evening experience Wyoming's cowboy culture firsthand at the Jackson Hole Rodeo. Rodeo is a long-standing tradition here and has been part of the town's social calendar for 100 years. Enjoy all the action as the contestants show off their skills bronco riding, barrel racing, roping and more.

### ***Teton Mountain Lodge & Spa / Meals: B***

## **Day 8: Depart Jackson, Wyoming**

This morning drive to the Jackson Airport where you will return your rental car and board your onward flight.

### ***Meals: B***

### **Note**

*This journey is designed to tie in with car rental that needs to be organised separately. Alternatively, we can provide a vehicle with a driver/guide.*

**Contact us** to discuss your requirements.

## Map





## Accommodation

### Sage Lodge, Montana



Nestled on more than a mile of Yellowstone riverfront, and just 35 minutes from Yellowstone National Park, Sage Lodge is an inspiring destination for outdoor enthusiasts and those seeking an escape from the urban. Looking out at the majestic Emigrant Peak and its green and gold grasslands, the Lodge blends the raw and rugged beauty of Paradise Valley with distinctive Montana hospitality.

The sprawling landscape surrounding the Lodge offers outdoor immersion through hiking, horseback riding, biking, bird-watching, fishing, and more. The splendour of this rural resort includes 50 guestrooms, with 34 in the main lodge and four stand-alone cabins with four guestrooms each, a full-service luxury spa, and a wood-fired grill and bar with indoor and outdoor vantage points. All conveniently located just 50 minutes from Bozeman.

## Teton Mountain Lodge & Spa



Teton Mountain Lodge is a four-diamond destination resort - named one of the top hotels in the U.S. and the #1 spa in Wyoming. It is located at the south gateway to Grand Teton National Park, at the base of the Teton Mountain Range and 17 kilometres northwest of the town of Jackson. From the hotel, it is a short walk to the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort ski lifts and aerial tram with easy access to hiking, horse riding, climbing, mountain biking, wildlife watching and the many other outdoor activities available in Grand Teton National Park.



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