The Wolves of Yellowstone

A 7-DAY WINTER WILDLIFE EXPEDITION

*What big eyes you have! (All the better to spot wildlife.)*
Howdy, Ags!

This winter, please join us on an extraordinary 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, geothermal activity, and history of the park. Visit the Museum of the Rockies after hours for a private guided tour and special farewell dinner, among other exclusive experiences. At day's end, overnight in atmospheric hotels and a park lodge.

This is a small-group expedition with space limited to 18 guests. For special Traveling Aggies savings of more than $600 per couple (family and friends are also eligible), reserve today online at http://texas-am.or Bridge.com, by calling (800) 633-7514 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Gig 'em,

Jennifer Bohac
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Director of Travel Programs

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by August 15, 2016, and 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.
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*

**Day 1:** Arrive Jackson, WY (D)
Welcome dinner
Overnight: The Wort Hotel

**Day 2:** Jackson / Old Faithful (B,L,D)
Old Faithful and Upper Geyser Basin
Overnight: Old Faithful Snow Lodge

**Day 3:** Old Faithful / Mammoth Hot Springs / Gardiner, MT (B,L,D)
Lower Geyser Basin, Gibbon Falls, Grand Canyon of Yellowstone
Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

**Day 4:** Lamar Valley (B,L,D)
Full-day wildlife safari
Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

**Day 5:** Lamar Valley (B,L,D)
Full-day wildlife safari
Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

**Day 6:** Gardiner / Bozeman (B,L,D)
Half-day safari, Museum of the Rockies, farewell dinner
Overnight: The LARK

**Day 7:** Depart Bozeman (B)

**Optional Pre-Tour:** Jackson, Wyoming

**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 during this exclusive small group expedition (maximum 18 guests) to Yellowstone in winter.

- Scout for wolves from the warmth of a heated vehicle—Yellowstone is considered the best wolf-watching habitat in the country.

- Joined by an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader 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,” roamed by resident bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, moose, and other wildlife.

- Experience Yellowstone in its winter incarnation: a world with frozen “geyser rain,” ghost trees with a frosty glaze, surprising winter wildflowers, and dynamic geothermal features set in snow and ice.

- Enjoy a private, after-hours visit at Museum of the Rockies, where the area’s natural history is highlighted by one of the most important collections of dinosaur fossils in the world.

- **What’s included:** 6 nights accommodation with luggage porterage; 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 6 dinners; admission and park fees throughout; all gratuities; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

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*Subject to change. Due to the nature of our explorations, itineraries are guidelines and may change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters.
Accommodations (subject to change)

THE WORT HOTEL
A National Historic Landmark hotel just steps from Jackson’s town square, The Wort Hotel combines the intimacy of a fine western lodge with the exceptional service of a grand hotel.

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 harken back to historic Yellowstone lodges.

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

THE LARK
Ideally located in historic “Old Town” Bozeman, The LARK—a revitalized roadside motor inn reminiscent of a 1960s road trip—is steps away from an authentic Western experience in the gem of Big Sky Country.

Your Expedition Leader
From their inside knowledge of the best wildlife viewing spots to identifying the wolves’ signs and tracks, your expert Orbridge Expedition Leader 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 the preserve, along with a new appreciation of the drama and beauty of nature’s hierarchy.
Optional Pre-Tour
Jackson, Wyoming
Located in the southern end of Jackson Hole Valley and just 60 miles from Yellowstone National Park, the historic town of Jackson is a charming, four-seasons destination with historic boardwalks, antler arches, endless scenery, and abundant outdoor activities.

Extension Itinerary*

Day 1: Jackson, Wyoming (B)
Welcome to Jackson! Settle into your accommodations and enjoy the evening at your leisure.
Overnight: The Wort Hotel

Day 2: Jackson / National Elk Refuge (B)
Experience a sled tour into the heart of the National Elk Refuge, home to an estimated 11,000 elk. This afternoon and evening are at your leisure.
Overnight: The Wort Hotel

Day 3: National Museum of Wildlife Art / Main Program Begins (B,D)
Take a docent-led, guided 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 afternoon is at your leisure before joining the group for the main program this evening for a welcome dinner.

Extension Highlights

- Experience a sleigh ride at the National Elk Refuge.
- Take a docent-led tour through the National Museum of Wildlife Art.
- **What’s included:** 2 nights accommodations at The Wort Hotel (or similar) with breakfast each morning, National Elk Refuge sleigh ride excursion, National Museum of Wildlife Art docent-led tour, luggage porterage, all gratuities, and transfers for guests arriving at the suggested times.

Early Reservation Bonus:
See reverse for details.
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FEBRUARY 4-10, 2017
Jackson Pre-Tour: February 2-4, 2017

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