The Wolves & Wildlife of Yellowstone

A 7-DAY WINTER WONDERLAND ADVENTURE

*Where Crying Wolf is a Good Thing*
Howdy, Ags!

Join former students and friends 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, 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 and space is limited. With significant savings of more than $600 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Reserve today online at texas-am.orbridge.com, by calling (800) 633-7514 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Gig ‘em,

Jennifer Bohac ’87, Ph.D.
Director of Travel Programs — Outreach and Engagement

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by July 13, 2018, 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.
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.
Program Highlights

• Immerse yourself in the unspoiled natural beauty, diverse wildlife, and dramatic tales of this unique ecosystem during this exclusive small group expedition to Yellowstone in winter.

• Scout for 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 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,” 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 accommodations with luggage porterage; a welcome reception, 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 5 dinners; admission and park fees throughout; all gratuities; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Your 7-Day Itinerary

Due to the nature of winter explorations, itineraries are guidelines and may change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters and weather conditions.

Day 1: Arrive Jackson, WY (R)
Welcome reception
Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole

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, Artists’ Paintpots, Norris Geyser Basin
Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

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

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

Day 6: Gardiner / Lamar Valley / Bozeman (B,L,D)
Half-day safari, Museum of the Rockies, farewell dinner
Overnight: Homewood Suites by Hilton Bozeman

Day 7: Depart Bozeman (B)

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
Accommodations (subject to change)

RUSTIC INN AT JACKSON HOLE
CREEKSIDE RESORT & SPA
Surrounded by 12 vast acres adjacent to the National Elk Refuge, Rustic Inn offers a bistro restaurant and lounge with full bar and wine cellar, sauna, fitness equipment, spa services, complimentary Wi-Fi, and laundry facilities.

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 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.

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.

Your Expedition Leaders
From their inside knowledge of the best wildlife viewing spots to identifying the wolves’ signs and tracks, your 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.
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:** Jackson, Wyoming (B)
Welcome to Jackson! Settle into your accommodations and enjoy the evening at your leisure.
Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole

**Day +2:** National Museum of Wildlife Art (B)
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 afternoon and evening are at your leisure.
Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole

**Day +3:** Jackson / National Elk Refuge / Main Program Begins (B)
Experience a sled tour into the heart of the National Elk Refuge, home to an estimated 7,000 or more elk in winter. This evening, meet your fellow travelers for the main program at a welcome reception.

### Highlights & What's Included

- Take a docent-led tour through the National Museum of Wildlife Art.
- Experience a sleigh ride at the National Elk Refuge.
- **What's included:** 2 nights accommodations at Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort & Spa (or similar) with a gourmet breakfast buffet each morning; National Museum of Wildlife Art docent-led tour; National Elk Refuge sleigh ride excursion; luggage porterage; all gratuities; airport transfers for guests arriving at the suggested times; and transfers to and from the National Museum of Wildlife Art.
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FEBRUARY 15-21, 2019
Jackson Pre-Tour: February 13-15, 2019

Option 1: Reserve online now at texas-am.orbridge.com or call (800) 633-7514.

Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name: ___________________________________________ Class Year: _____________________________

Email: ____________________________________________________

Home Phone: ____________________ Alt. Phone: ________________

City: ____________________________ State: _______ Zip: __________

Guest #2 Name: ___________________________________________ Class Year: _____________________________

Email: ____________________________________________________

Home Phone: ____________________ Alt. Phone: ________________

Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice__________________ 2nd choice_____________________

DEPOSIT:

# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) +
# _________ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $_____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Online Check/ACH ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card #: ____________________________________________ Exp. Date: _______ CVV: ________

Billing Address (if different from above): ____________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: __________

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to: Traveling Aggies, The Association of Former Students
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Special Traveling Aggies Rate: Save more than $600 per couple

When you reserve by July 13, 2018**

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~Cathy Ward

We will forever cherish our amazing memory of trips taken with the Traveling Aggies, as well as wonderful new friendships we have made! Now, whenever we travel on ‘non-Aggie’ trips, we realize nothing can compare!

~Randy ’74 and Gail Parker

Traveling Aggie trips are always “special” whether in large groups or small and we look forward to our next one soon.

~Will ’71 and Carolyn ’81 Dierksen