

YELLOWSTONE, RANCH AND TETONS – 9 DAYS

Day 1: Arrival day in Jackson

Begin your tour in the Western town of Jackson, Wyoming. An area of wide open plains and towering mountain ranges which will take your breath away from the very start. The aerial tram ride offers the perfect introduction to the city, taking you to the top of Rendezvous Mountain for sensational views. Spend your day wandering in and out of the galleries or visit the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar ahead of your welcome meeting this evening at 18:00 hrs.

Accommodation: Hotel included | Meals: Paid locally

Day 2: Grand Teton National Park/Jackson

Make your way to Grand Teton National Park where you'll see some of the best mountain scenery in the States. Rising above a scene rich with extraordinary wildlife, pristine lakes and alpine clad meadows, the Teton Range stands proud. Over 60 species of mammals and 300 species of bird call the Jackson Hole area home. You can hike deep into the Teton Mountain Range from the shores of Jenny Lake (ferry not included) up to the 200 ft. tall Hidden Falls and Inspiration Point for sensational views over the national park. Commonly sighted wildlife on this trail include moose, deer, Pine Marten, weasel, marmots, River Otters, Steller's Jays, tanagers, butterflies and more; giving wonderful photographic opportunities. You can stop at this point or continue further into Cascade Canyon where you may spot moose before returning. Hike or take an optional boat ride back across the lake (additional charge). Tonight you'll return to Jackson.

Accommodation: Hotel included | Meals: Paid locally

Day 3: Grand Teton National Park/Jackson

With another day of hiking ahead and more time to explore this wild wonderland, head out on the Hermitage Point Trail near Colter Bay. The trail follows a loop and is a relatively easy 16 km hike. Take the trail past Heron Pond, Swan Lake and discover unbeatable views of Jackson Lake, with the stunning Teton Range as the backdrop. This is a fantastic day hike offering yet more fabulous views. Black Bear are a common sight but it's also Grizzly country, so be alert! See glorious views of the Snake River winding its way through Jackson Hole as you climb ever higher. Please note, it's not possible for the leader to accompany your walks in Grand Teton due to national park regulations, however, you'll be given all the information and maps needed to enjoy your walk.

Accommodation: Hotel included | Meals: Paid locally

Day 4/5: Shoshone Lodge & Guest Ranch

Make your way to the guest ranch cabins; self-contained accommodation with a friendly atmosphere. Enjoy an included horseback ride through more striking mountain scenery and hit the trails to explore the surrounding area. Enjoy the peacefulness and rare chance to experience 'Old America' which reveals a very different side to the country. It's the perfect place to relax whilst being surrounded by views of the magnificent Absaroka Range. Fresh air, peace and quiet are aplenty here. Please note this is not a working ranch.

Accommodation: Shoshone Lodge & Guest Ranch included | Meals: Dinner (x1) included

Day 6/7: Yellowstone National Park

Arrive in Yellowstone National Park, the world's first national park and home to a large variety of wildlife including Grizzly Bear, wolves, bison and elk. This park is so large that its boundaries cross into three states. Most of the park sits in Wyoming, but parts of the reserve extend into Idaho and Montana. Yellowstone has one of the highest concentrations of geothermal activity on the planet. Herds of bison roam amongst the erupting geysers and steam rises from the various rivers running through the park. A fire in the 1980s destroyed much of the park, but it has recovered to the extent that it is now considered a living monument to nature's power of regeneration.

Hit the boardwalks at Mammoth Hot Springs to explore the various geothermal pools and features, observe bison and possibly wolves in the lush Lamar Valley and gaze upon the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone. You'll also visit Grand Prismatic Spring, which is the most spectacular of all the springs and is known for its colourful features caused by bacteria.

Accommodation: Hotel included | Meals: Paid locally

Day 8: Yellowstone National Park

See Old Faithful bubbling and erupting for an authentic Yellowstone experience. This bubbling spectacle is one of the main reasons the park was established in 1872 as America's first national park - an idea which has since spread nationwide. The rest of the day is free for further exploration and by following the boardwalk around the hot pools and scorched earth you'll gain a true understanding of what makes Yellowstone such an incredible place. Being primarily a driving national park, your tour leader will be on hand to drive you to some of the more out of the way places.

Accommodation: Hotel included | Meals: Paid locally

Day 9: Yellowstone & Jackson

With a free morning you'll head back to Jackson where your tour ends. If time is on your side, we recommend spending an extra night here. Wyoming not only offers nature's best backyard, it's also awash with galleries and buzzing cafes.

Meals: Paid locally

This tour ends at our gateway hotel at approximately 17:00 hrs. We recommend booking post-tour accommodation if time allows. If you are planning to fly tonight, please do not book a flight that departs before 21:00 hrs.