# THE WOLVES AND WILDLIFE OF YELLOWSTONE

Orbridge

# Itinerary and Highlights (subject to change)

- Day 1: ARRIVE IN BOZEMAN, MT Refresh at the hotel before gathering with fellow travel companions for a special welcome dinner. Overnight: GranTree Inn (D)
- Day 2: BOZEMAN I PARADISE VALLEY I LAMAR VALLEY, WY I GARDINER, MT Climb aboard a specially equipped safari vehicle to explore Paradise Valley where bison, elk and coyotes are often seen wandering. Stay alert for wolf packs tracking from a distance. Continue to Lamar Valley, teeming with bison, bald eagles and elusive wolves.

Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn (B,L,D)

- Day 3: GARDINER I LAMAR VALLEY, WY I COOKE CITY, MT I GARDINER, MT Today's full-day safari spans the Northern Range where wolf packs have been spotted. Learn about the packs currently roaming the park and the social dynamics and complex hierarchical behaviors within family units and between other packs. This afternoon visit an award-winning photographer at his studio for a tour of his impressive gallery. Before returning to the hotel, and if weather permits, snowshoe along one of Lamar Valley's forested ski trails. Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn (B,L,D)
- Day 4: GARDINER I LAMAR VALLEY, WY I MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS I OLD FAITHFUL Take an early morning drive to Mammoth Hot Springs. Walk through historic Fort Yellowstone or along the boardwalk above steaming hydrothermal features. Journey aboard special safari snow coaches to reach the iconic Old Faithful geyser. Overnight: Old Faithful Snow Lodge (B,L,D)
- Day 5: OLD FAITHFUL I JACKSON This morning watch Old Faithful erupt, then take a nature walk to the Castle Geyser to explore the Upper Geyser Basin. Depart the park for a scenic drive to Flagg Ranch. Mid way, transfer to safari road vehicles for the final stretch to Jackson. This evening gather with the group for a relaxing wine and cheese reception.

Overnight: The Rockwell Inn (B,L,R)

- Day 6: JACKSON I GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK I NATIONAL ELK REFUGE I JACKSON Safari through Grand Teton National Park to spot for wildlife. Visit the National Elk Refuge—home to an estimated 7,000 elk—for a special horse-drawn sleigh ride. Tonight gather together for a convivial farewell dinner. Overnight: The Rockwell Inn (B,L,D)
- Day 7: DEPART JACKSON After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)







Activity Level: This itinerary has early morning starts. The majority of the program's activities take place outdoors with extended time walking on varying terrain. It is our expectation that guests can withstand cold temperatures; walk on uneven, frozen, or snow-covered terrain; climb in and out of all-terrain vehicles; and manage stairs without assistance. (Maximum elevation: 8,391 feet at the Continental Divide)

## What's Included

- 6 nights accommodations
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 5 dinners (including special welcome and farewell dinners) plus a wine and cheese reception
- A fully guided program with 2 expert Orbridge Expedition Leaders who are professional naturalists
- All unique excursions and activities listed in the 7-day itinerary including transportation
- In-field lectures and presentations, including an overview of the wolf packs and family trees, a naturalist's summary of the science and research on the biological impact of the repopulation of the wolves in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, and a discussion of the political history of the wolves' reintroduction
- Use of in-field gear, including high quality binoculars and spotting scopes, Yaktrax, snowshoes and adjustable hiking poles
- Hot beverages, water and snacks throughout touring
- Admission and park fees throughout
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leaders, hotel housekeeping staff, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



# Your Expedition Leaders

From their vast knowledge of the best wildlife viewing spots to identifying the wolves' signs and tracks, your two expert Orbridge Expedition Leaders, who are 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.









# Accommodations (subject to change)

### GRANTREE INN

The GranTree Inn features comfortable guest rooms near the best of Bozeman, Montana. Relax at the indoor pool and hot tub, get a workout in at the fitness center, or mingle with fellow travelers at the onsite Club Tavern & Grill. This property has been awarded the "Best of Housekeeping" distinction by AAA.



#### YELLOWSTONE GATEWAY INN

Conveniently located near the North Entrance of Yellowstone, this all-suite property features recently renovated apartment-style rooms and a self-service laundry facility. Each spacious suite offers a fully equipped kitchen and living room, and easy access to nearby restaurants and shops.



### OLD FAITHFUL SNOW LODGE

A short walk from its famous namesake, the Old Faithful Snow Lodge makes abundant use of natural wood and big-beam construction, with fixtures that echo back to historic Yellowstone lodges. The rooms are simple, comfortable, and outfitted with lodge details, such as wooden shutters over windows that open for fresh air.





### THE ROCKWELL INN

This property offers comfortable, contemporary, western-style accommodations. After a full day of outdoor activities, sip a hot chocolate beside the fireplace or take a dip in the beautiful indoor pool or hot tub.

