



The Yellowstone Experience *A Wildlife Safari*

September 24 - 30, 2018

Day 1 – Salt Lake City – Idaho Falls (9/24 - Monday)

Today your western adventure begins! Fly into Salt Lake City and meet your tour director at the Airport by 1:00pm. **(*Please arrive at the Salt Lake Airport before 1:00pm)**. Depart and travel north into Idaho and pass through fertile farmland where Idaho's famous potatoes are grown. Arrive **Idaho Falls** and your hotel right on the bank of the Snake River for a one night stay. Tonight join the group for a **welcome dinner**. **Hilton Garden Inn, Idaho Falls, ID (D)**

Day 2 – Yellowstone National Park (9/25 - Tuesday)

Depart Idaho Falls and continue north along the west side of the Teton Range through Island Park on the famed Henry's Fork River. After a rest stop in West Yellowstone, enter **Yellowstone National Park** for sightseeing. The world's first national park is a wonderland of natural beauty and geologic oddities that has delighted visitors over 100 years. It is a mysterious land of steaming geysers, fumaroles and bubbling mud pots. A land so amazing that the first explorers to bring back tales of Yellowstone were called liars. Today you will visit the centerpiece of the park, Old Faithful! There will be plenty of time to explore the area, witness an eruption of the world's most famous geyser and have lunch on your own. After enjoying **Old Faithful**, explore more of the geyser basins including Midway Geyser Basin and Fountain Paint Pots. Travel along the beautiful Madison River as you return to **West Yellowstone** and check in for a two night stay. The evening is free for dinner on own. **Kelly Inn, West Yellowstone, MT(B)**

Day 3 – Yellowstone Wildlife Safari (9/26 - Wednesday)

This morning enjoy touring of the **Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center** where you will gain insight into the lives of Yellowstone's two top predators. The mission of this center is to educate the public and give them a chance to uniquely experience the grizzly bears and grey wolves. A naturalist on staff will lead a guided tour of the facility, and then there will be free time to wander through the exhibits and enjoy a variety of presentations on bears, wolves, birds of prey and more. Then enjoy some free time to explore West Yellowstone and have lunch on your own. This afternoon, depart on a **Yellowstone Wildlife Safari**. After breaking into small groups, you will meet your local naturalist guide and return to **Yellowstone National Park** for an afternoon and evening of exploration. You will be traveling the upper loop including Mammoth Hot Springs for a walk through the colorful terraced formations of calcium carbonate, Dunraven Pass and the beautiful Lamar Valley where the search for wildlife begins in earnest. Your expert guides will provide high quality optics to help you locate and view a wide variety of wildlife. Enjoy a picnic dinner as the sun begins its slow descent, the best time of the day to view wildlife. Keep the cameras ready: elk, bison, moose, wolves and bear frequently make an appearance in these areas at dusk. It will be a late return to your hotel after an unforgettable experience in Yellowstone. **Kelly Inn, West Yellowstone, MT(B)**

Day 4 – Yellowstone - Grand Teton (9/27 - Thursday)

Depart West Yellowstone and return to **Yellowstone National Park** for another great day of sightseeing. First visit the awe-inspiring "**Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone**," with a chance to see both Upper and Lower falls, where the mighty Yellowstone River has cut its way through sheer rock to cascade down hundreds of feet to the foaming torrents below. Next, drive through scenic Hayden Valley, famous for large herds of buffalo and other wildlife. Travel the shores of Yellowstone Lake as you travel south with a stop for lunch on own along the way. In the late afternoon, exit Yellowstone via the South Gate and enter **Grand Teton National Park**. Enjoy picture perfect views of Jackson Lake and the Tetons from scenic points such as Oxbow Bend, the Snake River Overlook and more. This evening arrive in the fun western town of **Jackson** and check into your hotel for a two night stay. This old cowboy town is now home to hundreds of art galleries, shops, attractions and restaurants but still maintains an old west charm. **Dinner will be included at a local restaurant**. **49'er Inn & Suites, Jackson, WY (B,D)**

Day 5 – Snake River – Grand Teton (9/28 - Friday)

Start the day early as you return to **Grand Teton National Park** and enjoy a **Scenic Float Trip on the Snake River**. With this giant mountain range as a backdrop, you will see the wildlife, the flora, and the sheer magnitude of nature. Your river guide will point out wildlife, explain the geology of the area and tell stories about local history and folklore. It will be a morning to remember. Then travel to historic **Jackson Lake Lodge** which is listed on the National Historic Register and boasts 60 foot windows that perfectly frame the Tetons. An agreement between the U.S. and Soviet governments signed here in 1989 led to an end of the cold war. There will be time to enjoy the view, explore the lodge, do some shopping and have lunch on your own. After lunch, travel south along the inner road with picture stops at various scenic view points along the way including **Jenny Lake** which offers unique photo taking opportunities. In the late afternoon, return to Jackson after an amazing day in the Tetons! The evening is free on own. 49'er Inn & Suites, Jackson, WY (B)

Day 6 – Jackson - Salt Lake City (9/29 - Saturday)

Depart Jackson and drive through rugged Snake River Canyon, then pass through the pastoral Star Valley which is a fertile farming valley that stretches across the Idaho border. Arrive at picturesque **Bear Lake** for an included lunch with a view of the lake. Next travel through beautiful **Logan Canyon** and then along the shore of the Great Salt Lake on your way to **Salt Lake City** for a driving tour of this premier western city. After checking into a downtown hotel, join the group for a special farewell dinner at **The Roof restaurant** overlooking Temple Square.
Hampton Inn Airport, Salt Lake City, UT (B,L,D)

Day 7 – Tabernacle Choir - Journey Home (9/30 - Sunday)

This morning enjoy the “heavenly singing” of the **Mormon Tabernacle Choir** (choir schedule permitting). Then transfer to the Salt Lake Airport or your **12:00PM** or later flight. **(*Please book a departure flight for 12:00pm or later)** You will take not only the memories of incredible scenic attractions, but also the friendships of those who have shared these days with you. **(B)**

Tour Includes:

- 6 nights accommodations
- Transportation by motorcoach
- Services of a professional tour director
- 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- Entrance fees to attractions, National Parks and Monuments as mentioned in itinerary
- Tips for included meals
- Luggage handling (1 suitcase per person)

Not Included:

- Airfare (Call **iMAGINATION DESTINATIONS** to arrange)
- Pre-night/post-night (Call **iMAGINATION DESTINATIONS** to arrange)
- Meals (other than mentioned in the itinerary)
- Items of a personal nature (i.e., room service, telephone, liquor, etc.)
- Customary gratuities for the tour director, driver, local guides and outfitters

Price Per person
\$2,339.00 DOUBLE
\$3,095.00 SINGLE
\$2,109.00 TRIPLE

Pre Night in Colorado Springs; \$180.00 per room, per night. (includes tax& breakfast) Post Night in Denver; \$195.00 per room, per night. (includes tax)

*This tour requires average physical activity. Participants should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground or unpaved trails. This tour covers areas of higher altitudes including overnight locations above 6,000 ft. and touring above 9,000 ft. with a half day trip to the top of Pike's Peak which is 14,000 ft.

Travel Protection Plan is available and strongly recommended. Premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour is cancelled. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received from suppliers for this package (Airlines, Cruise Companies, Hotels, etc.) may result in an increase in the per person price of your tour package. For those individuals who have purchased the Travel Protection Plan, this may also result in an increase in your Travel Protection Plan premium.

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