

# The Wolves and Wildlife of Yellowstone



A 7-DAY WINTER WONDERLAND ADVENTURE

Dear Auburn Alumni and Friends,

Please join us 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, hydrothermal activity, and history of the park. Experience a private sleigh ride through the National Elk Refuge and meet an award-winning wildlife photographer for a presentation during a visit to his gallery. Each evening, 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 [auburn.orbridge.com](http://auburn.orbridge.com), by phone at (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

War Eagle!



Gretchen VanValkenburg '86  
Vice President for Alumni Affairs  
Executive Director, Auburn Alumni Association

#### **AVAILABLE TO ALUMNI, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.**

We encourage you to purchase the trip cancellation insurance offered through the Auburn Alumni Association. Call for more information at (334) 844-1150. A complete brochure will be mailed with your trip confirmation letter.

## **Free Expedition Library**

AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by **July 19, 2019**, 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.*

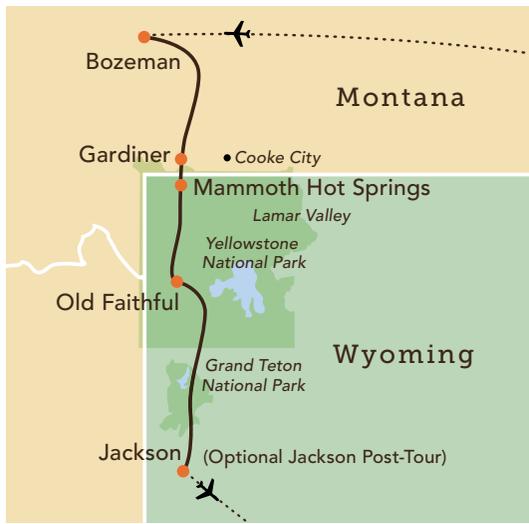
 Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Starting in 2019, we will annually plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts.

# 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

The itinerary for this wintertime program is a guideline that may change in order to maximize wildlife spotting, natural encounters, and weather conditions.

### Day 1: Arrive in Bozeman, MT (D)

Welcome dinner

Overnight: Homewood Suites by

Hilton Bozeman

### Day 2: Bozeman / Mammoth Hot Springs, WY / Lamar Valley / Gardiner, MT (B,L,D)

Full-day wildlife safari

Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

### Day 3: Gardiner / Lamar Valley, WY / Cooke City, MT / Gardiner (B,L,R,D)

Full-day wildlife safari, gallery visit, reception

Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

### Day 4: Gardiner / Mammoth Hot Springs, WY / Old Faithful (B,L,D)

Lower Geyser Basin, Gibbon Falls,

Artists' Paintpots, Norris Geyser Basin

Overnight: Old Faithful Snow Lodge

### Day 5: Old Faithful / Grand Teton National Park / Jackson (B,L)

Sightseeing, Upper Geyser Basin

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

### Day 6: Jackson / Grand Teton National Park / National Elk Refuge / Jackson (B,L,D)

Half-day wildlife safari, sleigh ride

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

### Day 7: Depart Jackson (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

**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.
- Experience Yellowstone in its winter incarnation: a world with frozen geyser rain, ghost trees with a frosty glaze, surprising winter wildflowers, and dynamic hydrothermal features set in snow and ice.
- Scout for elusive 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 two expert Orbridge Expedition Leaders and professional naturalist guides, learn informed perspectives and first-person accounts of the wolves' setbacks, survival, and victories.
- Set out on a snowshoe adventure plus meet an award-winning wildlife photographer for a presentation during a visit to his gallery.
- Keep binoculars close at hand: this is the *Serengeti of North America*, roamed by resident bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, moose, and other wildlife.
- Enjoy a sleigh ride at the National Elk Refuge.
- **What's included:** 6 nights accommodations, 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners including special welcome and farewell dinners, and a wine and cheese reception; a fully-guided program with 2 Orbridge Expedition Leaders as well as expert local guides and naturalists; all unique excursions and activities listed in the 7-day itinerary including transportation; admission and park fees throughout; use of in-field gear including high quality binoculars and spotting scopes, Yaktrax, snowshoes, and adjustable hiking poles; luggage portage; gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leaders, local guides, hotel housekeeping staff, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.



## *Accommodations* (subject to change)

### 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.



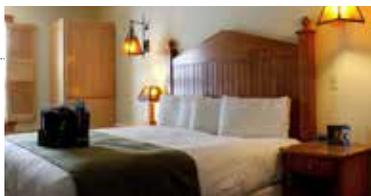
### YELLOWSTONE GATEWAY INN

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.



### 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 echo back to historic Yellowstone lodges.



### THE LEXINGTON AT JACKSON HOLE

Located in the heart of picturesque Jackson with endless mountain views, The Lexington offers comfortable, contemporary western-style accommodations with a cozy and charming atmosphere. 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.



## *Your Expedition Leaders*

From their inside knowledge of the best wildlife viewing spots to identifying the wolves' signs and tracks, your two 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.



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## Optional Post-Tour *Jackson, WY*



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.

### *Post-Tour Itinerary* (subject to change)

#### **Day 7:** Jackson / National Museum of Wildlife Art

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 evening is at your leisure. Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

#### **Day 8:** Jackson Hole / Snowshoe Excursion (B)

Journey into the heart of winter on snowshoes with a naturalist guide. Learn about different aspects of winter ecology. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Jackson or to take advantage of the hotel amenities. Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

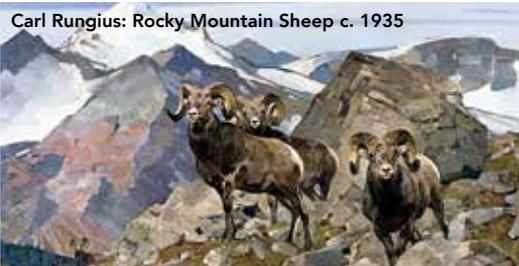
#### **Day 9:** Depart Jackson (B)

### *What's Included*

- 2 nights accommodations at The Lexington at Jackson Hole (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Admission to, and a docent-led tour of, the National Museum of Wildlife Art
- Guided snowshoe excursion including snowshoe equipment rental, hiking poles, and national park entrance fees
- Excursion transportation
- Luggage portorage
- All gratuities
- Airport transfers for guests departing at the suggested times



Carl Rungius: Rocky Mountain Sheep c. 1935





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Jackson Post-Tour: January 25-27, 2020

Option 1: Reserve online now at auburn.orbridge.com or call (866) 639-0079.

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

Table with 2 columns: Standard Rate, Special Rate. Values: \$4,299, \$3,995\*. Includes Jackson Post-Tour: \$995\* and Single Post-Tour: \$1,495.

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSIT:

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

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Special Alumni Rate: **Save more than \$600**  
per couple

## What Guests Are Saying...

*We really didn't know what to expect, being our first time to this part of the country, but this program, this experience, was an unforgettable life memory.*

~Dan & Pat O., Pine Plains, NY

*I've never had a more comfortable, fun and carefree travel experience. Everything I could have possibly wanted was provided, usually before I even thought of it! The amount of information provided was also phenomenal. I can't praise the guides enough.*

~Denise H., Sagamore Hills, OH

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