



Tour Details

Price Per Person

4 - 5 people: \$2,500

6 - 7 people: \$2,300

8+ people: \$2,150

Single Supplement: \$600

Activities: Hiking

Lodging in Gardiner



Day 1

We will meet you in Bozeman, MT. We'll immediately undertake the 75-minute drive to Gardiner, the small town serving as the northern gateway to Yellowstone, where we'll check into our hotel. We'll then head into the park to visit the Mammoth Hot Springs area. But before we get to the hot springs, we'll take a hike up Bunsen Peak or on a more moderate trail. As the crowds wane along with the day, we'll wander the boardwalks around Mammoth Hot Springs, admiring the beautiful colors and steaming mountainside. We'll then return to Gardiner for a Montana-style meal in a nearby restaurant.

Day 2

Today we drive the Grand Loop of Yellowstone and visit all the major hotspots. We'll gaze upon Grand Prismatic hot spring and hike to Mystic Falls, where the Little Firehole River drops down from the Madison Plateau. After, we will watch Old Faithful erupt and take a tour of the many smaller nearby geysers. In the afternoon, we'll continue around the loop to the West Thumb geothermal area. We'll continue on the loop drive to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and take a walk to view the impressive Upper and Lower Falls. It is then on to Canyon Lodge for a casual dinner in the eatery, a visit to the museum, and then an evening drive through the Hayden Valley to see if we can spot wildlife.

Day 3

Our destination for the day is the amazing Lamar Valley, which is home to the largest herds of ungulates (hooved animals such as bison, elk, and deer) and the predators such as wolves that are near them. We'll start off with a hike, perhaps up Specimen Ridge or up Rose Creek to look for the pen used to release the wolves that were reintroduced to the park in 1995. In the afternoon, we'll continue our drive through the Lamar Valley to look for wildlife. We'll head back to Gardiner for our final dinner together and a night of well-deserved sleep.

Day 4

This morning we'll visit another Yellowstone hot spot - literally. We'll walk a half mile to the Boiling River, an actual river heated by underground hot springs. We'll jump in for a morning soak, dry off, and have a picnic breakfast in the area. We'll then get our exercise by hiking the Beaver Ponds Trail, which not only features beaver (and muskrats) but also is a good location for seeing bears. We'll head back to Gardiner for lunch on your own before leaving for Bozeman and the airport.

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