

Wyoming Family – Yellowstone & Grand Teton



Trip Summary

It's the fourth day of your Yellowstone/Teton Family Adventure and never before have you heard so many WOW!s bursting from the mouths of your kids. First it was the giant bull moose...then it was a mother wolf nursing a litter of four big-eared pups...then it was the Yellowstone River's thundering 308-foot waterfall. Yellowstone & Teton National Parks are paradises for family adventure. Our expert guides create a secure and rewarding environment, full of challenge, accomplishment and fun. Combined with exceptional accommodations and classic dining, this adventure will WOW the whole family!

Itinerary

Day 1: Grand Teton / Yellowstone

We'll meet in Jackson and get right to it • Take a pleasant bike ride through Grand Teton National Park getting your first views of the iconic mountain range close up • We'll break for a picnic lunch before driving up to Yellowstone National Park through its south entrance • This afternoon we venture off onto a picturesque hike above Lake Yellowstone • Dinner tonight is in the restaurant at Grant Village • *Overnight Grant Village (L, D)*

Day 2: Upper Geyser Basin / Old Faithful / Little Gibbon Falls

This morning we'll begin with a stroll alongside bubbling hot springs leading to the boardwalks around Upper Geyser Basin, where we'll of course watch an eruption of the famous Old Faithful geyser • Following lunch, we'll trek to a neat backcountry waterfall • Shuttle to Canyon Lodge and Cabins for dinner and overnight • *Overnight Canyon Lodge and Cabins (B, L, D)*

Day 3: Grand Canyon of Yellowstone / Grand Teton

Fortify yourself with a breakfast at Canyon Lodge before embarking on a backcountry hike full of surprises that include spectacular views high above the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone • After lunch, drive south towards Grand Teton National Park and take in the spectacular views on the way to your accommodation for the night, Jackson Lake Lodge • This lodge overlooks the skyline of the Tetons and has a fantastic view of Mount Moran • Dinner tonight will be at The Mural Room at the Lodge • *Overnight Jackson Lake Lodge (B, L, D)*

Day 4: Jackson Lake / Moose / Jackson

Meet up for a hearty breakfast before heading out on a beautiful kayaking adventure via Colter Bay • Enjoy a picnic lunch with sensational mountain views in the background • Discover just how heavy a bull elk's antler weighs at the Moose Visitor Center before whisking off on a bike ride overlooking the National Elk Refuge • The evening is yours to explore and enjoy on your own; you may want to check out the Jackson Hole Rodeo which takes place every Wednesday night throughout the summer! • *Overnight Rustic Inn (B, L)*

Day 5: Jackson / Snake River Canyon

This morning, take a scenic bike ride from Teton Village to your rafting base • Picnic lunch • Get ready to get wet rafting some of Wyoming's finest whitewater through the scenic Snake River Canyon • Tonight's farewell dinner is at a local favorite! • *Overnight Rustic Inn (B, L, D)*



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Day 6: Grand Teton / Jackson

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and a ride up the Jackson Hole Tram to take in views of Grand Teton National Park from high up before drop-off at the airport or your post-trip hotel • (B)

**Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

Activities

Hiking: 1 – 3 miles per hike, easy to moderate terrain, multiple hikes may be done in a day

Biking: 11 to 15 miles per ride, easy to moderate terrain

Whitewater rafting: Class II - III rapids, no experience necessary

Kayaking/Canoeing: No experience necessary, guides will provide instruction

Discovery: Learn the geological differences between Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Hear both sides of the debate concerning the migration patterns of bison from Yellowstone Park. Have you ever spotted a moose in Moose, WY? Have you heard the splash of a geyser's eruption as its water crashes to the ground? Did you know that "hole" was the term for "valley" used by fur trappers during the late 1800's, and Davey Jackson helped settle the Tetons area, hence the name "Jackson Hole." Investigate for yourself the difference between Yellowstone's four geothermal features: spouting geysers, steaming hot springs, hissing fumaroles, and bubbling mud pots. Stare 1,000 feet down into the V-shaped gorge of the red, pink, yellow, and orange splashed walls of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River. Search for grizzly bears, bison, elk, pronghorn, and coyotes in the rolling, sagebrush-dotted hills of Hayden Valley. Soak up the beauty of the Cathedral Group: Nez Perce, Middle Teton, Grand Teton, Mount Owen, and Teewinot as you pedal along one of Jackson's many bike paths. Come discover the fun to be had in the Cowboy State with the leaders in adventure travel!

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, your guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

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Distinctive Accommodations

Night 1: Grant Village

The 6 two-story buildings of Grant Village, named after Ulysses S. Grant, overlook the West Thumb of Yellowstone Lake and are sure to charm. The complex houses a laid back lakeside restaurant featuring a casual menu, a gift store, and a comfortable lounge perfect for relaxing after a rewarding day of travel to swap stories with fellow travelers. Located in the southernmost corner of Yellowstone, Grant Village will allow for quick access to Grand Teton National Park and you'll cherish the peace and quiet the secluded lodgings provide.

Night 2: Canyon Lodge and Cabins

Featuring five lodge buildings built in 2016, Canyon Lodge is situated in the center of the park a short distance away from the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River. The rustic accommodations allow for the opportunity to step back from technology and embrace lodging in the country's oldest national park. Located on site, you'll find several restaurant options, a general store and a visitor center for those looking to explore this sprawling accommodation.

Night 3: Jackson Lake Lodge

Imagine looking out your window to a wide expanse of fields surrounding a blue mountain lake, with moose, elk, and bison wandering close by. Then rising above this scene is one of the most photographed mountain ranges in the world—the Grand Teton Range. All of it so close, you feel like you can touch it. This is the thrill you can expect from the historical Jackson Lake Lodge in Grand Teton National Park. When it comes to Grand Teton National Park lodging, Jackson Lake Lodge is the largest of all the eco-friendly resorts. The lobby is where it all begins, with 60-foot panoramic windows that frame the Teton Range and Jackson Lake. The rest of the property is well worth exploring and the beauty of the area will leave you wanting to come back for more.

Nights 4 & 5: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole

This luxury lodge is everything but 'rustic.' Located on seven lush acres adjacent to the National Elk Refuge and just a few blocks from Jackson's lively town square, the Rustic Inn Creekside Resort & Spa welcomes guests with warm Western hospitality. Outdoor enthusiasts and hedonists alike indulge in the lavishly appointed historic lodging accommodations and luxury log cabins, state of the art resort amenities, revitalizing spa, innovative cuisine, year-round Wyoming activities and an idyllic setting. Relax in the outdoor heated pool, Jacuzzi and sauna, or take a walk along the beautifully landscaped trails beside Flat Creek.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions – except one dinner on your own – are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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Arrival & Departures

Please plan on arriving at least one day prior to your trip departure. Day one of your itinerary starts at 8:00 or 8:15 am, depending on your hotel. Your trip ends with a drop off at either the Jackson airport (12:00 pm) or your Jackson hotel (12:30 pm).

Trip Price

\$3,298 (\$680 single supplement)
Children: \$2,638 to \$2,968

Trip Length

6 days/5 nights

2019 Dates

June 16 – 21
June 23 – 28
June 30 – July 5
July 14 – 19
July 21 – 26
August 4 – 9
August 11 – 16
August 18 – 23

Host City

Jackson, Wyoming
Airport code: JAC

Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

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wonder in one action-packed
week in the Wild West*

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions.
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Bikes, helmets and other necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- One dinner on your own.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. **some restrictions may apply*

Child Age and Pricing on Family Adventures

Family Adventures are suitable for children seven years old and up (five years and older for our Costa Rica and Yellowstone Family Adventures). Children who share a room with one or more adults receive reduced rates. The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.