

# Yellowstone National Park Family



## Trip Summary

Yellowstone National Park is a paradise for family adventure. Our expert guides create a secure and rewarding environment full of challenge, accomplishment and fun, in the world's first national park: Yellowstone. Combined with exceptional accommodations and classic dining, this is the ultimate family vacation.

Hike into the Yellowstone's backcountry, through the rainbow spray of a thundering waterfall and a shooting geyser. Raft a playful stretch of the beautiful Yellowstone River, perfect for beginners. Wind your way along a trail high into the Montana Rockies on horseback alongside a real-deal fourth generation cowboy. And when night falls, relax and recharge with a soak in soothing hot spring waters.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Gallatin Canyon / Upper Geyser Basin / Old Faithful

Meet in Bozeman and shuttle to the town of Big Sky, Montana, where we will start our adventure with a thrilling zip line tour over the Gallatin River • After lunch we'll make our way to the west entrance of Yellowstone • Upon arrival to the Upper Geyser Basin we'll hike in the back way, traversing through an area of bubbling hot springs to the main attraction, Old Faithful • After checking into our home for the night, walk to the historic Old Faithful Inn for dinner and a chance to watch Old Faithful erupt under the stars • *Overnight Old Faithful Snow Lodge or Old Faithful Inn (L, D)*

### Day 2: Upper Geyser Basin / Yellowstone Lake

Begin the day with a ranger-guided hike through the Upper Geyser Basin to explore the many geysers and hot springs on display alongside an expert • Delight in a tasty guide-prepared picnic lunch • Embark on an extraordinary hike to Storm Point where you will encounter open meadows, shaded lodgepole pine forests, and lakefront trail • Check into Lake Lodge Cabins with time to relax before dinner in the historic dining room of Lake Hotel • *Overnight Lake Lodge Cabins (B, L, D)*

### Day 3: Grand Canyon of Yellowstone

Ogle over water flowing powerfully over the Brink of the Yellowstone River's Upper Falls followed by a delicious picnic lunch • This afternoon we'll set off on a hike on the Wapiti Trail • This trek brings you to the rim of the 10,000-year-old, 1,000-foot deep Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River • As you carefully make your way back along the canyon wall, you'll "ooh and ahh" around every bend as the pinks, yellows, reds, and oranges of the rock appear all the more bright as you walk to the grand finale of Artist Point, the most spectacular viewpoint of the Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River • Enjoy a special BBQ dinner tonight • *Overnight Canyon Lodge (B, L, D)*

### Day 4: Canyon / Yellowstone River / Gardiner

Wake early to catch the sunrise and prime wildlife viewing on a scenic drive with your guides • Upon returning back to Canyon, enjoy a relaxed morning and breakfast before driving over Dunraven Pass to Gardiner where we'll enjoy lunch just beneath the famous Roosevelt Arch • Set off on an exciting whitewater rafting adventure on the Yellowstone River • Dinner is on your own tonight in Gardiner • *Overnight Best Western by Mammoth Hot Springs (B, L)*



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## Day 5: Mammoth Terraces / Absaroka Mountains

Enjoy a short morning hike in the backcountry behind the Mammoth Terraces • Lunch at a nice picnic spot, followed by a drive through Paradise Valley to the Flying Diamond Ranch • Saddle up for an unforgettable horseback ride into the Absaroka Mountains alongside fourth generation ranchers • Head to the historic Chico Hot Springs Resort for a soak in rejuvenating mineral waters • Gather tonight in the resort's dining room for a gourmet dinner while the kids eat pizza at a poolside party • *Overnight Chico Hot Springs Resort (B, L, D)*

## Day 6: Chico Hot Springs / Bozeman

Sleep late and enjoy a leisurely morning at the resort • Stroll the gardens, take one last soak in the hot pool or opt for a scenic hike before returning to the Bozeman 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

**Zip-lining:** No experience necessary (\*\*260 lb weight limit)

**Hiking:** 2 to 4 miles per hike, easy to moderate terrain

**Whitewater Rafting:** Class I-III rapids, no experience necessary

**Horseback Riding:** Easy walking pace, no experience necessary (\*\*250 lb weight limit)

**Discovery:** Learn the issues surrounding the reintroduction of the Grey Wolf into the American West through multiple perspectives. Explore the Yellowstone Caldera and witness the greatest concentration of geothermal features on the planet. Check off the wildlife on your list as you cruise through Hayden Valley on the lookout for bears, wolves, elk, bison, pronghorn, coyotes, bald eagles, and much, much more. Hear the many sounds surrounding you in the Upper Geyser Basin geothermal area: dripping, popping, gurgling, burping, and splashing are just a few noises that will delight your ears! "Walk on the moon" as you hike the white covered rock section of Wapiti Trail, listening for the hiss of a fumarole. Discover why wildfire is an important part of Yellowstone's ecosystem and how its lodgepole pine forests are adapted to such extreme conditions. Parents, taste the delectable cuisine of Chico's exquisite dining room, indulging in such dishes as the Beef Wellington, Gorgonzola Filet Mignon, or Ravioli Tosca while your kids experience an Austin Adventures style pizza/pool party. Stare 1,000 feet down at the frothing, whitewater of the almighty Yellowstone River in the V-shaped chasm of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Come play in Big Sky Country in Montana and Wyoming with the experts 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, Austin Adventures guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

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## Distinctive Accommodations

### Night 1: Old Faithful Inn or Old Faithful Snow Lodge

- **Old Faithful Inn:** A world-famous landmark opened in 1904, this stone and pine inn features a five-story lobby, views of Old Faithful and classic charm.
- **Old Faithful Snow Lodge:** Completed in 1999, the Snow Lodge is the newest of the park's full service hotels, and features heavy timber construction, exterior log columns and a cedar shingle roof, making it a significant example of classic "parkitecture".

### Night 2: Lake Lodge Cabins

Lake Lodge Cabins features a main lodge with a large porch offering a spectacular rocking chair view of Yellowstone Lake. The main lodge is constructed of logs and is the focal point of this classic and comfortable building. Located behind the lodge are rustic cabins just a short walk away from Lake Hotel and the lake itself. Each cabin is simple, spacious, and modernly furnished with two queen beds and private bathrooms. The main lodge houses a delightful lobby where two fireplaces, a lounge and gift store warmly beckon guests to linger and chat.

### Night 3: Canyon Lodge

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 4: Best Western by Mammoth Hot Springs

This Best Western is located in Gardiner, Montana just outside the north entrance of the Park on the banks of the Yellowstone River. Within walking distance to just about any restaurant in Gardiner, this is the perfect accommodation to spend a night on your own exploring small town Montana. After a day on the trails, enjoy a comfortable bed and the whirlpool tubs or sauna.

### Night 5: Chico Hot Springs Resort

Chico Hot Springs Resort is the perfect location for your Montana getaway. This historic resort is located in the heart of Paradise Valley, just north of Yellowstone National Park – and nestled in the foothills of the breathtaking Absaroka Mountain Range. Chico offers an extraordinary variety of accommodations, exceptional dining, outdoor adventures, live entertainment, ultimate relaxation, all with a warm smile and welcoming spirit from their friendly staff. This rustic-chic inn and day spa boasts mineral hot spring-fed pools, extensive gardens, & soothing spa services. In June of 1999, Chico Hot Springs was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### 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 8:15 or 8:30 am, depending on your hotel. Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Bozeman airport (12:00 pm) or your Bozeman hotel (12:30 pm). Please make flights for 1:30 PM or later.

## Trip Price

\$2,898 (\$680 single supplement)  
Children: \$2,318 to \$2,608

## Trip Length

6 days/5 nights

## 2020 Dates

June 7 - 12  
June 14 - 19  
June 21 - 26  
June 28 - July 3  
July 5 - 10  
July 12 - 17  
July 19 - 24  
July 26 - 31  
August 2 - 7  
August 9 - 14  
August 16 - 21

## Host City

Bozeman, Montana  
Airport code: BZN

## Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

*From 7 to 70, Yellowstone  
brings out the kid in everyone*

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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](http://austinadventures.com)

**Email:** [reservations@austinadventures.com](mailto: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.
- Any 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 during your trip.
- 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.