

Wyoming – Yellowstone Winter



Trip Summary

Experience a white winter wonderland in Yellowstone National Park as you explore Old Faithful's Upper Geyser Basin, home to Old Faithful, by ski or snowshoe. Dogsled under towering lodgepole pine trees and search for wildlife from your snowcoach. At night curl up by the fireplace with a mug of steaming hot chocolate while you anticipate the next snow-filled day.

Itinerary

Day 1: Bozeman / West Yellowstone / Old Faithful

This morning we leave Bozeman en route to Yellowstone through the snowy West Entrance at West Yellowstone, Montana • Upon arriving to this snowy town, visit the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center where you're guaranteed to see these amazing predators up close • Hop aboard your snowcoach and enjoy a cozy ride to Old Faithful • Along the way, take in views of Madison Canyon and thousands of acres burned by the fires of 1988, now replaced by millions of young, healthy lodgepole pines • Arrive to Old Faithful in the afternoon and take a short walk around the Upper Geyser Basin, of course watching an eruption of the famous geyser herself go off • Dinner tonight in the Snow Lodge dining room • *Overnight Old Faithful Snow Lodge (L, D)*

Day 2: Old Faithful

This morning, we head over to the ski shack to get ourselves outfitted with crosscountry skis • Your guides will give an introductory lesson but the best way to learn is to practice! • You'll be able to do just that on your ski to Morning Glory Pool • Enjoy a guide-prepared lunch and some downtime before heading out on a beautiful walk to Observation Point • Enjoy dinner back at the Snow Lodge • *Overnight Old Faithful Snow Lodge (B, L, D)*

Day 3: Old Faithful

Take a leisurely morning ski with your guides on the Fern Cascades trail, looping through lodgepole pine forests and over rolling woodlands • Lunch on your own back at the lodge • Enjoy an afternoon on your own to take in a few more steaming hot springs, check out the visitor center and gift shops, or head over to the ice skating rink to try your hand at figure skating • Meet back up for an early dinner in the Snow Lodge followed by a Steam, Stars & Winter Soundscapes tour • *Overnight Old Faithful Snow Lodge (B, D)*

Day 4: Old Faithful / West Yellowstone / 320 Guest Ranch

This morning, we bid our farewells to Old Faithful and board our snowcoach back to West Yellowstone • Along the way, we'll make a stop at Fountain Paint Pots, where a short hike will show us all four geothermal features in one area • Continue on to West Yellowstone • Upon arriving, indulge in some pizza before transferring to the 320 Guest Ranch near Big Sky, Montana • We'll head into nearby Big Sky to explore this quaint ski town before eating dinner at one of the many restaurants • *Overnight 320 Guest Ranch (B, L, D)*

Day 5: 320 Guest Ranch / Big Sky

This morning, we head up to Big Sky where we'll embark on a dog sled tour through the wintry backcountry, with views of majestic snow-covered mountains and frost-laden pines as your backdrop • After this one-of-a-kind experience, enjoy a tasty lunch and some shopping in Big Sky Town Center • This afternoon, we embark on a short but neat hike to Ousel Falls just outside of town • Back at the ranch, enjoy some downtime before heading out on a pre-dinner sleigh ride • Dinner at 320's Steakhouse and Saloon • *Overnight 320 Guest Ranch (B, L, D)*



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Day 6: 320 Guest Ranch / Bozeman

This morning, head to the ranch's hill for some last minute sledding fun or choose to sleep in and relax in your cabin • Late morning, we transfer back to Bozeman where your guides will drop you off at the airport for your post-trip flights or at your local 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

Snowshoeing: 1.5 miles to 3 miles, easy to moderate terrain

Cross-Country Skiing: 3 to 5 miles, easy to moderate terrain

Dogsledding: No experience necessary. Professional mushers will provide instruction and a safety talk as well as accompany guests throughout the morning tour.

Ice skating: No experience necessary. Skate rentals are free and available through the Front Desk.

Discovery: Unlock the mysteries of Yellowstone's geyser basins. Take in the beauty of an Old Faithful eruption with a snowy backdrop. Keep an eye out for elk, bison, coyotes, and foxes in the open and vast Madison Canyon, a winter range for Yellowstone's wildlife far and wide. Discover your inner scientist at the newly built Old Faithful Visitor Center as you investigate the how's and why's of Yellowstone's four geothermal features: geysers, hot springs, mud pots, and fumaroles. Experience Yellowstone by snow coach, one of the only motorized ways to enter the Park in the winter with so much snow on the road! Witness the amount of acreage burned by the fires of 1988 and take a look at just how close the fires came to destroying the Old Faithful Inn. Come explore Big Sky Country in the winter!

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

Nights 1 – 3: 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". In winter, Old Faithful Snow Lodge offers a truly unique experience. From this snowy haven, you can set out on a variety of explorations: cross country skiing, snowshoeing, or snowcoach tours. Enjoy the fire as you sip a hot beverage in the lounge while the snow falls lazily outside.

Nights 4 & 5: The 320 Guest Ranch

In the west, life has certainly gotten easier than it was in the early days, even at a Montana guest ranch. But some of the things that mattered most back then are still important today; like delicious, hearty meals, and the 320's friendly, laid-back attitude. Experience a 110 year old homestead - reshaped into a Montana guest ranch. Relive the early western atmosphere and down-home hospitality - all in one big beautiful, historic property. The 320 Ranch offers exceptional cowboy comfort just south of Big Sky Ski Resort, where the pristine Gallatin River winds through sage and towering pines, and mountains rise up against crystal blue skies.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by the detailed daily 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 Bozeman airport (12:00 pm) or your Bozeman hotel (12:30 pm).

Trip Price

Call for pricing.

Trip Length

6 days / 5 nights

2020 Dates

Call for availability.

Host City

Bozeman, Montana
Airport code: BZN

Reservations & Availability

1.800.575.1540

*Explore Yellowstone's winter wonderland by
ski, skate, snowshoe and dogsled*

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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.
- Meals as indicated by daily itinerary.
- 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.
- 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 adult room occupancy. Each additional person in a room receives a 10% discount (not combinable with other discounts). 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

Minimum Age

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.