Trip Summary
Yellowstone: a land where mountain peaks soar, reaching for the sky. Where canyons, a palette of earth tones, are peppered with geysers, fumaroles, steam vents and mud pots. Where rushing rivers feed crystalline lakes and mighty forests make a comfortable home for grizzly bears, moose, bison, wolves, coyotes and eagles. Hike unpopulated backcountry trails, geyser basin boardwalks and lakeside lookouts. Seek out roaring waterfalls flowing through deep, V-shaped canyons. Ride horses high into the Absaroka Mountains alongside fourth generation Montana cowboys. Learn both sides of the bison migration and wolf re-introduction controversies shaping today’s Yellowstone, and why Chico is a favorite haunt of Hollywood celebrities.

Itinerary
Day 1: West Yellowstone / Upper Geyser Basin / Old Faithful
Meet in Bozeman and shuttle to the town of West Yellowstone, Montana where we will start our adventure with a thrilling ropes course adventure • After lunch, we’ll make our way into 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
Start the day with a hike through the Upper Geyser Basin on the lookout for spouting geysers and sky blue hot springs • 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 nearby Lake Lodge with time to relax before dinner • Overnight Lake Lodge Cabins (B, L, D)

Day 3: Grand Canyon of Yellowstone / Mammoth Hot Springs
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 Mammoth Cabins (B, L, D)

Day 4: Lamar Valley / Mammoth Hot Springs / Gardiner
Wake early to catch the sunrise and prime wildlife viewing in Lamar Valley • Set off on a beautiful hike from your hotel via the scenic Beaver Ponds trail • Delight in a packed trailside lunch • This afternoon, take in the nearby Hoodoos and explore Mammoth Hot Springs’ white, orange and yellow travertine terraces • Later, we transfer to nearby Gardiner where you’ll check into your hotel and enjoy a night on your own in small town Montana • Overnight Ridgeline Hotel at Yellowstone (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 in one of Montana’s finest restaurants • 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, enjoy a last morning’s soak 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
Ropes Course: No experience necessary (**280 lb weight limit)
Hiking: 2 to 5 miles per hike, easy to moderate terrain
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. Taste the delectable cuisine of Chico’s exquisite dining room, indulging in such dishes as the Beef Wellington, Gorgonzola Filet Mignon, or Ravioli Tosca. 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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Yellowstone National Park

Distinctive Accommodation

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
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: Mammoth Cabins
This accommodation was named after the steaming limestone terraces just above the main building. Elk routinely graze outside the hotel around the parade grounds of what was once Fort Yellowstone. Within the area, you can walk the boardwalks of Mammoth Hot Springs, visit Albright Visitor Center with its exhibits of the early history, exploration and establishment of the Park, or take a self-guided walking tour of Fort Yellowstone’s historic sandstone buildings to learn about the days when the U.S. Cavalry helped manage the Park.

Night 4: Ridgeline Hotel at Yellowstone
The Ridgeline Hotel 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.
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)

Trip Length
6 days/5 nights

2021 Dates
August 22 – 27
August 29 – September 3
September 5 – 10

Host City
Bozeman, Montana
Airport code: BZN

Reservations & Availability
1-800-575-1540

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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:

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* 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.

Solo Travelers
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. We at Austin Adventures will do our best to match you with a suitable roommate of the same gender before departure. If you book 90 days or more before the trip and we cannot find you a roommate, 50% of the private room cost will be due at final payment time. If you book within 90 days of departure and we cannot find you a roommate, the full private room charge will be applied. If we do find you a roommate between final payment and before the trip departs, we will refund the single supplement amount paid. Some exceptions 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.