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Yellowstone's Winter Wonderland

January 12-18, 2020

TOUR RATING: **EASY/MODERATE**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey to Old Faithful in the Winter on heated snow-coaches
- Wildlife viewing including the possibility to see bison, pronghorn antelope, and wolves
- Try cross-country skiing or snowshoeing
- Picturesque ghost trees formed as ice settles on the tree branches

Geysers basins and snow-covered landscapes await in the winter wonderland of Yellowstone. Winter is a fantastic time for wildlife watching and your guide will take you to the best spots to see bison, elk, bighorn sheep, and possibly even one of the resident wolf packs. We will board special snow coaches that will transport us over the closed roads of Yellowstone to Old Faithful. Once there try out a pair of snowshoes, put on some cross-country skis, or simply walk the boardwalks right from the lodge. Capping off the week is a dip in a hot spring steps away from your cozy room.

Questions?

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DAY
1

Arrivals in Bozeman, MT

This evening we will gather for a welcome reception and group dinner to get you oriented to the week ahead. Meals included: Dinner

DAY
2

Mammoth Hot Springs

We follow the Yellowstone River as we head south along the Old Yellowstone Trail with possibility to see pronghorn and bison before passing through Roosevelt Arch on our way to Mammoth Hot Springs. In the afternoon we walk the Lower Terrace and those who are looking for a bit more adventure can walk or snowshoe the Upper Terrace. Keep your camera ready as you never know when a resident elk will make a visit to warm themselves at the thermal springs. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
3

Lamar Valley Wildlife Viewing

Our day is devoted to wildlife viewing in the snow-covered Lamar Valley. The guides will get their spotting scopes out to get a better look at the resident bison using their heads to shove away the snow to get to the grass below, bighorn sheep on the cliff sides, and the gray wolves out hunting to survive the long Yellowstone winter. We will enjoy lunch in Cooke City just beyond the eastern entrance to the park to get a taste of local life. Taking our time to spot more wildlife this afternoon will be the plan and depending on time you could get in a short hike or snowshoe as well. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
4

Grand Canyon of Yellowstone

A special treat of Yellowstone in the winter are the heated snow coaches which allow us to traverse the roads closed during the winter in the Southern half of the park. Mid-day we will stop at the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone to take in the spectacular sight of Yellowstone Falls frozen over. Along our drive we will likely share the road with herds of bison, see playful otters, and catch a glimpse of trumpeter swans. After dinner we will bundle up and enjoy an eruption of Old Faithful which is made even more dramatic in the winter with the hot water hitting the frigid air. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
5

Old Faithful & Upper Geyser Basin

This morning we explore the boardwalks surrounding Old Faithful and over 20 other geysers to get a sense of the power under the surface of the park. The geysers provide another unique site in the winter, the Ghost Trees, covered in icicles and swaying in the winter wind. In the afternoon, explore the winter wonderland around you by choosing to hike, snowshoe, try out a pair of cross country skis, or simply relax by the fireplace at the lodge. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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Snow Coach & Chico Hot Springs

We board our snow-coach this afternoon for our return trip to Mammoth Hot Springs along a more direct route including stops at Artist's Paint Pots, Roaring Mountain, and Obsidian Cliff. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner together and share stories of the great week exploring Yellowstone. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Departures from Bozeman

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel we will make our way back to Bozeman for afternoon flights. Meals included: Breakfast

Pricing

TRIP COST	PAYMENT TERMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4,195 each based on double occupancy • Single Supplement: \$895 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$750 deposit due to hold space • Balance due 90 days prior to departure (can be auto-collected if you pay by credit card)
TRIP PRICE INCLUDES	TRIP PRICE EXCLUDES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging as outlined in lodging section below based on double occupancy • Meals as noted in itinerary above • Snacks and beverages • Park admission and museum admissions for all included activities • Services of professional trip leader(s) • Ground transportation for all included events during the trip & portorage service • Black Sheep Adventures reusable water bottle, wool (baaaaah) socks & luggage tags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre & post tour travel • Alcoholic beverages • Gratuities for your BSA guides

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Lodging

Springhill Suites Bozeman - 1 night

Not an ordinary Springhill Suites, this hotel was custom built for Bozeman that features studios with a semi-divided living and sleep area, workspace, pantry with microwave and mini-fridge, sofa sleeper, plush bedding, and a flat-screen TV. Enjoy a dip in the heated indoor pool, get a workout at the fitness center, grab a drink at the bar, or stay connected with free WiFi.

Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel - 3 nights

Located steps away from the limestone terraces it is named after this hotel was built in 1936. The hotel was recently renovated but still has a very historic feel included the famed map room with a map of the United States constructed from 15 different woods from nine countries. Located in the northern part of Yellowstone it provides a perfect location for exploring the park.

Old Faithful Snow Lodge - 2 nights

From this snowy haven elevated at approximately 7,300 feet, you can set out on a variety of explorations from snowshoeing to cross-country skiing to walking the boardwalk in the Upper Geyser Basin. After a day of adventure enjoy the fire as you sip a hot beverage in the lounge, while the snow falls outside.

Terms

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel for any reason the following refund schedule applies:

- 91+ days prior to trip start: A \$100 fee per person will be deducted from any refund.
- 61-90 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 25% of trip cost
- 31-60 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 50% of trip cost
- 0-30 days prior to trip start: No refund

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We recommend travel insurance. For more information and to purchase, go to my.travelinsure.com/blacksheepadventures

WAIVER

All participants must complete our waiver online at www.smartwaiver.com/v/bsawaiver/

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