



Yellowstone & Grand Teton Family Vacation ★ 4.93 164 Reviews

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6 Days

18 People Max



Discover Wyoming's wild side on this family vacation featuring two of America's best National Parks – Yellowstone and Grand Teton.

From the craggy peaks of the Tetons to the incredible geothermal activity of Yellowstone, this all-inclusive, action-packed Wyoming family vacation is the perfect blend of adventure and education. Bike through spectacular valleys animated with wildlife and wildflowers, behold Old Faithful erupting, and create unforgettable memories rafting the Snake River.

Each night, relax with your family and recall the day's events at iconic resorts and picturesque cabins with all the creature comforts. Sit back, relax, and let us help you have the family vacation of a lifetime in Yellowstone and Grand Teton!

Authorized Permittee of the National Park Service

Trip Highlights

Hiking - Clear Lake

Hiking - Into Upper Geyser Basin

Hiking - Grand Canyon of Yellowstone

Biking - The Cathedral Group

Plus ... - Snake River Rafting

Plus ... - Snake River Float

Our Active Adventures Assurance

We value loyalty, and appreciate that it goes both ways. So when you book with us we'll make a few assurances to you so you can book with complete confidence, no matter what's happening in your life (or the world).



COVID-Ready Certified: Safe Travel for our Guests Travelling Overseas

Active Adventures has received the World Travel and Tourism Council's Safe Travels stamp, which guarantees you that we'll follow all ATTA and WTTC health and safety guidelines on all our trips. See how our small group, off-the-beaten-track adventures are perfect to start exploring again.

Yellowstone & Grand Teton Family Vacation ~ Itinerary

DAY 1

Arrive, bike Grand Teton National Park, journey to Yellowstone National Park

Grand Teton National Park is an almost pristine ecosystem with species of flora and fauna that have existed since prehistoric times. After meeting in Jackson, we'll journey to the National Park and hop on bikes, getting our first views of the iconic mountain range close up, enjoying the winding paths as we pedal under the five peaks of the Cathedral Group. Once we've toured the park by wheels, we'll enjoy a picnic lunch before driving up to Yellowstone National Park through its south entrance. This afternoon we'll venture off onto a picturesque hike above Lake Yellowstone. The hike will take us to a high mountain meadow for a commanding view of the West Thumb of Yellowstone Lake and the Absaroka Mountains in the distance. The loop trail ascends steeply, passing backcountry thermal features, then gradually descends through meadows & forest. Tonight we'll stay at Grant Village, 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.

Grant Village (Lunch, Dinner)

Biking: 8 miles (13 kilometers)

Hiking: 2 miles (3.2 kilometers)

DAY 2

Walk Upper Geyser Basin to Old Faithful Geyser

This morning we'll take a short drive east where we'll begin with a walk alongside bubbling hot springs leading to the boardwalks around Upper Geyser Basin. The area is full of pools, springs and geysers and we'll hopefully manage to catch an eruption of the famous Old Faithful geyser. After a picnic lunch, we'll continue the exploration of this area including walks around Geyser Hill, Old Faithful Inn and the Visitor Center. From here we'll make our way to the north of the National Park where the rustic accommodations allow for the opportunity to step back from technology and embrace lodging in the country's oldest national park.

Canyon Lodge & Cabins (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Hiking: 2-3 miles (3-5 kilometers)

DAY 3

Hike Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, journey to Grand Teton National Park

Today you'll fortify yourself with breakfast at Canyon Lodge before we embark on a backcountry hike full of surprises that include spectacular views high above the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone. The Wapiti Trail hike will bring us to the rim of the 10,000-year-old, 1,000-foot deep Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River. As we carefully make our way back along the canyon wall, at every bend 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. After lunch, we'll drive south back towards Grand Teton National Park and take in the spectacular views on the way to your accommodation for the night, Rustic Inn. Enjoy a night on your own in Jackson exploring this unique mountain town.

Jackson Lake Lodge (Breakfast, Lunch)

Hiking: 2-4 miles (3-6 kilometers)

DAY 4

Floating on the Snake River, biking in Grand Teton

Today you'll discover the incredible scenery and ample wildlife along the banks of the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park. Float along a 10-mile section of the river, learning about the area's rich history and natural wonders. Behold the jagged Teton peaks and get close-up views of local wildlife, including bald eagles, moose, bison, elk, osprey, and beavers as you float along the water. In the afternoon you'll set off on a bike ride that reveals the many other sides of the park including Mormon Row. This evening we will gather for dinner in downtown Jackson.

Rustic Inn (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Rafting: 4 hours

Biking: 6-18 miles

DAY 5

Rafting in Snake River Canyon, scenic bike ride to Teton Village

Get ready to get wet rafting some of Wyoming's finest whitewater through the scenic Snake River Canyon. In the afternoon, take a scenic bike ride from Teton Village to our hotel. Tonight's farewell dinner is at a local favorite!

Rustic Inn (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Biking: 13 miles (20 kilometers)

Rafting: 3 hours, Class II and III rapids

DAY 6

Jackson Hole Tram, farewell!

After a leisurely breakfast we'll take a ride up the Jackson Hole Tram, ascending over 10,000 feet, where we can take in views of Grand Teton National Park before heading back to either the hotel or the airport. This is the end of your trip and we'll leave you refreshed and invigorated from the good food, exercise, rest, and great times you'll have had with us!

No Accommodation (Breakfast)

Useful Info

Where does the trip start?

On the first morning of the trip, our two pick-up locations are [Lexington Inn](#) at 7:30am or at the [49'er Inn & Suites](#) at 7:45am. You are welcome to book your pre-trip stay at either of these hotels directly or any other hotel in Jackson, though you must make your own way to one of the two pick-up points at the pre-designated times.

Where does the trip end?

Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Jackson Airport at 12pm in time for flights below or at a hotel of your choice in Jackson around 12:30pm.

What flights would you recommend?

Arrival: We recommend arriving in Jackson at least the day before your trip starts. Many guests like to arrive a day or two early to accommodate potential flight delays and/or explore the city prior to your trip start.

Departure: Flying out on the last day of the trip, we recommend departing from Jackson after 2pm. Earlier flight times will require a separate transfer booked at your own expense.

Will I have contact with my guides before the trip starts?

Your guides will call your cell phone the night before your trip begins to touch base on the first day's plan. If they don't get through to you, they will leave a voicemail on your cell phone with all the details you need to plan for your first morning.

What should I bring with me on the first day?

When you speak with your guides the night before your trip, they will give you a detailed description of what to bring with you on Day 1. Typically, this includes a day pack with your rain jacket, sunglasses, hat, camera, etc. Anything you want easy access to during the day should go in your day pack as the rest of your luggage will go in the locked cargo trailer pulled behind the van. Your guides will provide you with a water bottle on the first morning of your trip and will always have water available for refills. There will be snacks available at all times in the van. Your guides will also have bug spray and sunscreen accessible for you to use.

What are your recommended guide gratuity guidelines?

You will have 2-3 guides on your Austin Adventure (depending on group size). We recommend USD\$20 per day, per guest, per guide. Typically, gratuities are offered by check or cash in local currency on the final morning of the trip and can either be given to each guide individually or to one guide to be equally distributed. Most of our guides these days also accept gratuities via Venmo (please note this app does not work in Canada). All dining, housekeeping and activity tips are included in your trip price.

How do rooming arrangements work?

Trip prices are based on shared arrangements (typically two guests per room), unless otherwise stated. For solo travelers, we'll pair you with another person of the same gender to share rooms and if there's no one suitable to share with, there's no forced single supplement. However, if you specifically request your own rooms, you can opt to pay the single supplement. Solo travelers who book within 90 days of departure, where there are no other solo travelers willing to share, will be required to pay the single supplement.

For Family Vacation bookings, families consisting of four guests traveling with children aged 17 and under will be automatically assigned one shared room. However, the following alternative rooming allocations are available:

Families consisting of four guests with all children aged 13 and above are welcome to opt for additional rooms as per advertised double occupancy adult rates.

Families consisting of four guests with at least one child aged 12 and under are automatically assigned a shared room. However, families can opt to pay the adult rates for all guests in their family to have an additional room.

The same principles apply for families consisting of more than four guests.

Rooming preferences are subject to availability and must be communicated in writing at time of booking. Automatic assignments as per this policy will be applied in the absence of any specification provided by guests. Any request for additional rooms during trips will be at guests' own expense and subject to rates made available by the accommodation provider at the time. All minors (guests aged 17 and under) must be accompanied by at least one adult.

What is not included?

Flights to and from trip start/end points

Pre/Post Accommodation

Optional extra activities

Travel insurance

Gratuities for your guides

General Trip Information

You can find details on recommended flights and fitness, as well as trip start and end in the 'Useful Information' section above.

Excluded

- Transportation (air and land) to and from start/end points
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides

Outdoor Experience

Our trips allow you to make the most of the backcountry, whether you're relatively new to hiking or a seasoned trekker. Our highly trained and experienced guides will be at your side, safely guiding you to magnificent places you wouldn't get to on your own. The challenges are there, if you're looking for them. All we ask is that you're energetic and in reasonable shape and we guarantee you'll have an incredible time. You don't need experience kayaking to enjoy paddling on the water and you don't need to be a serious biker to enjoy the rides we do. In fact, we have so many options available you don't need to paddle or ride at all if you'd rather hike or just laze around!

Itinerary Updates

We update our itineraries regularly, so please check our website for the most up-to-date itineraries and pricing. We make every effort to ensure itineraries are updated as necessary, though changes may occur without prior notice due to unforeseen circumstances

Accommodation

You'll love the interesting places we've discovered over the years. You'll visit really spectacular and off-the-beaten track locations and stay in comfortable bed and breakfasts, lodges, apartments and hotels for the most part. Keep in mind the most remote locations have limited accommodation options, but 5-star scenery!

Included

- Our own highly experienced guides, with you from start to finish
- Industry-leading Guest-to-Guide ratio (averaging 6:1)
- Your own 'Travel Wallet', an online space with everything required for your trip
- Our knowledgeable Customer Service Team to answer your queries - just a phone call, email or chat away
- Customer Service pre-trip phone calls to ensure you're 'trip ready'
- All accommodations for the duration of your trip
- All meals except where indicated in the itinerary
- Unlimited snacks to keep you fueled
- Special 'Wow!' moments you'll never forget
- All activities outlined in the itinerary
- All necessary equipment (well-maintained and safe) for activities
- All gratuities for hotels, restaurants, and activities
- All park and other entry fees
- Transportation in our air-conditioned vans - safe, clean, modern, and comfortable!