



Yellowstone, Glacier & Grand Teton Adventure ★ 4.79 41 Reviews

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8 Days

12 People Max



Explore the renowned landscapes of Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Teton National Parks on one grand adventure, filled with bucket list moments.

Over 8-days, you'll discover why Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Teton National Parks define America's most acclaimed landscapes. From the ever wowing Old Faithful to the deep backcountry along Going to the Sun Road, you'll glimpse Mother Nature's finest.

Starting in Jackson Hole, you'll immediately be amazed at Grand Teton's endless beauty. Hike through rugged mountain terrain and raft along Snake River Canyon. From here, Yellowstone awaits with its awe-inspiring West Thumb Geysir Basin, Upper Geysir Basin and Grand Prismatic. Along the way to Glacier National Park, stretch your legs in Big Sky and relax at pristine resorts with nothing but pure nature surrounding.

After a full day hiking in Glacier National Park, you'll say goodbye for now to your new life-long friends and ever caring guides. Discover the best of Montana and Wyoming on our Yellowstone, Glacier & Grand Teton Adventure.

Authorized Permittee of the National Park Service

Trip Highlights

Hiking - Artemesia Trail

Hiking - Grand Prismatic

Hiking - Highline Trail

Plus ... - Raft Snake River

Plus ... - Old Faithful

Plus ... - Horseback Riding

Plus ... - True Ranch Experience

Plus ... - Flathead Lake Kayak

Plus ... - Going to the Sun Road



ACTIVE ADVENTURES
ASSURANCE



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, Glacier & Grand Teton Adventure ~ Itinerary

DAY 1

Arrive into Jackson and Grand Teton National Park

Fly into Jackson Hole and Grand Teton National Park on your own time and transfer into the town of Jackson to the Rustic Inn (on your own), your home for the next two nights. This luxury lodge is located on seven lush acres adjacent to the National Elk Refuge and just a few blocks from Jackson's lively town square. Relax in the outdoor heated pool, Jacuzzi and sauna, or take a walk along the beautifully landscaped trails beside Flat Creek before meeting the rest of the group at dinner.

Rustic Inn (Dinner)

DAY 2

Float on the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park

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, we hit up some of the highlights of the park including Mormon Row and Jenny Lake.

Rustic Inn (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Rafting: 4 hours

DAY 3

Transfer to Yellowstone, picnic at West Thumb Geyser Basin. Hike above Grand Canyon of Yellowstone

This morning, we say goodbye to Grand Teton National Park as we make our way north to Yellowstone. Our 2.5-hour drive will be broken up by stops along the way for beautiful photo opportunities and a chance to stretch our legs on West Thumb Geyser boardwalk. Loop through an array of dynamic geysers and hot springs with names like Abyss Pool, Fishing Cone, and Lakeshore Geyser. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch at West Thumb Geyser after the walk then continue another hour through Hayden Valley on the lookout for bears, bison and wolves. Embark on a backcountry hike full of surprises that include spectacular views high above the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone. Tonight we'll stay at Canyon Lodge, situated in the center of Yellowstone National Park. The rustic accommodations allow for the opportunity to step back from technology and embrace lodging in the country's oldest national park.

Canyon Lodge (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Hiking: 2.5 miles (4 kilometers)

DAY 4

Hike Artemesia Trail through Upper Geyser Basin, watch Old Faithful, hike Grand Prismatic

After a relaxed morning, we'll hike Artemesia Trail to walk through the Upper Geyser Basin 'the back way'. After watching an iconic Old Faithful Geyser eruption, we'll enjoy a guide-prepared picnic lunch. This afternoon, we hike along the Firehole River to an overlook of Grand Prismatic, the third largest hot spring in the world. Tonight, our accommodation is located in the Gallatin Canyon, on a beautiful 320-acre spread of land. Hence the name, The 320 Guest Ranch, is 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.

320 Guest Ranch (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Hiking: 1-2 miles (1.5-3 kilometers)

DAY 5

Horseback riding at 320 Guest Ranch

One of the most authentic ways to witness the beauty of Montana is on horseback. Seasoned wranglers guide you along well-maintained, yet peaceful trails. Enjoy the leisurely paced ride through the pristine wilderness, beholding postcard-perfect views and looking for the abundant wildlife in the area like elk, deer, eagles, moose, coyotes, bears, and wolves. Enjoy a picnic lunch along the Gallatin River, surrounded by towering cliffs of the canyon before a scenic drive to The Forge Hotel where you'll enjoy a traditional handmade Italian dinner. Tucked along the rolling hills of Anaconda, Montana, The Forge offers contemporary rooms with amenities like a hot tub, indoor pool, fitness center, and more. After a full day of activities, The Forge is a comfortable place to reset and relax.

The Forge Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Horse-back Riding: 2 hours

DAY 6

Kayaking on Flathead Lake, night on your own

Your morning begins with a scenic drive through Flathead National Forest enroute to Flathead Lake. At the lake, you'll hop in a kayak to enjoy the peace of the calm waters. Keep your eyes peeled for mule deer, bighorn sheep, and many species of native birds that inhabit the lake's islands like bald eagles and osprey. Then it's a short drive to Whitefish, where you'll enjoy an evening on your own. Check into Grouse Mountain Lodge, one of Montana's finest lodge resorts, featuring an indoor pool, outdoor hot tubs, day spa, and a substantial list of services and amenities. Spend the evening relaxing here or exploring the town of Whitefish. Dinner will be on your own tonight.

Grouse Mountain Lodge (Breakfast, Lunch)

Kayaking: 2 hours

DAY 7

Explore Glacier National Park

Today we explore the Crown of the Continent as we hike the Highline Trail (also known as the Garden Wall) to Haystack Butte and back. To get there, we drive along the famed Going to the Sun Road to Logan Pass where our hike begins. The surrounding alpine environment will wow you with its vibrant wildflowers, precipitous peaks and even the occasional mountain goat or bighorn sheep. This evening, we get together for one last group dinner to toast to a wonderful trip spent exploring three of our nation's most beautiful national parks.

Grouse Mountain Lodge (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Hiking: 7 miles (11.2 kilometers)

DAY 8

Explore Whitefish, say your goodbyes

This morning you'll have time to explore one of the many activities Whitefish has to offer before saying our farewells. After, you'll be transferred to either your Whitefish hotel or the Kalispell airport for your departure home.

No Accommodation (Breakfast)

Useful Info

Where does the trip start?

On the first day of the trip we'll meet you at **Rustic Inn** at 4:30pm. You are welcome to book your pre-trip stay at this hotel directly or any other hotel in Jackson, though you must make your own way to this pick-up point at the pre-designated time.

***If you are booked on a Reverse Departure, please refer to your Travel Wallet for more details as the above times/locations will not apply.**

Where does the trip end?

Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Kalispell Airport at 12pm in time for flights below or at a hotel of your choice in Whitefish around 11:30am.

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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 Kalispell after 1:30pm. Earlier flight times will require a separate transfer booked at your own expense.

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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.

Trip direction

Some departures for this trip run in the reverse direction, which means you'll start in Whitefish, Montana and finish in Jackson, Wyoming. Contact us, or check your Travel Wallet once booked, to get the specific itinerary for your trip.

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!