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Explore the Wonders of the First National Park



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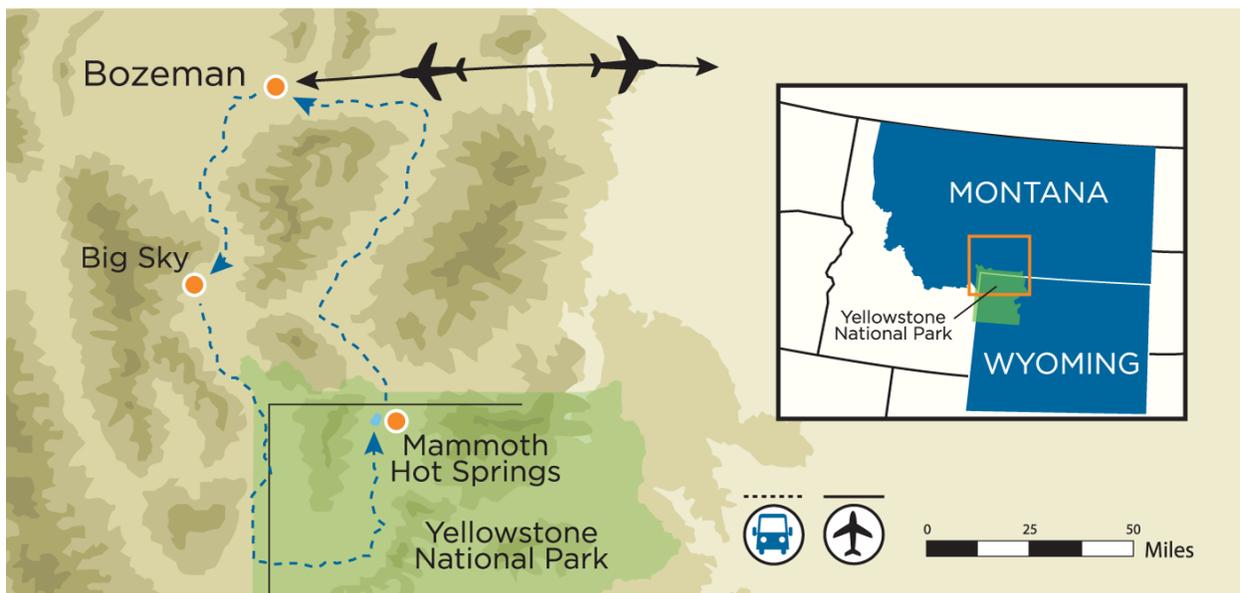
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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Hike, horseback ride, and fly fish in and around Yellowstone, America's first National Park
- ▶ Search for wolves, bison, elk, coyotes, and birdlife
- ▶ Hike the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, one of the most geologically spectacular sites in the Park
- ▶ Learn to fly fish from professional guides, who will help you perfect your cast
- ▶ Take a trail ride through forests and meadows along the Gallatin River

TRIP ROUTE



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QUICK VIEW ITINERARY

- Day 1 arrive in Big Sky, horseback ride, welcome dinner
- Day 2 geysers and river hike, pig roast dinner
- Day 3 fly fishing and hiking
- Day 4 hike in the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone
- Day 5 wildlife viewing in the Lamar Valley, hike in the Northern Range
- Day 6 explore Mammoth Hot Springs, wagon ride, farewell dinner
- Day 7 depart Bozeman

ACTIVITY LEVEL

High Energy

TRIP PRICE

Main Trip: \$4,995

Optional Single Accommodations: \$1,200

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DAY 1
Sunday
9/10/23

Arrive in Big Sky

Big Sky, in the southwestern corner of Montana, is just miles from Yellowstone National Park. Big Sky offers unlimited access to outdoor recreation: whitewater experiences, blue ribbon trout streams, backcountry hikes, meandering wildlife, and widespread wildflowers.

Arrival Information

Arrive at the Best Western Plus Grantree Inn in Bozeman today before 1:00pm.

Pick-up and Transfer

You will be picked up at 1:00pm from the GranTree Inn and transferred to Big Sky, Montana.

Settle in at the Ranch

Check in at the historic 320 Guest Ranch. Settle into your cozy log cabin before joining your group for dinner.

Horseback Riding

Hop on one of the loveable horses at the 320 Guest Ranch. Bring your inner cowgirl into the saddle and wind through forests, meadows of wildflowers, and along the banks of the Gallatin River.

Welcome Dinner

Enjoy a lively welcome dinner as you get to know your fellow travelers this evening. Share stories and learn about why each woman in your trip is excited to explore Yellowstone!

Accommodations
320 Guest Ranch

Meals Included
dinner

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DAY 2
Monday
9/11/23

Big Sky

Big Sky, in the southwestern corner of Montana, is just miles from Yellowstone National Park. Big Sky offers unlimited access to outdoor recreation: whitewater experiences, blue ribbon trout streams, backcountry hikes, meandering wildlife, and widespread wildflowers.

Geysers and River Hike

Head out early and journey to the heart of the Yellowstone Super Volcano. Look for bison, elk, and coyote, and see the greatest concentration of geysers in the world. Hike along the Firehole and Madison Rivers where you can see birdlife that includes trumpeter swans, bald eagles, and a variety of ducks, geese, and possibly water ouzels. Continue to Fountain Paint Pots and Biscuit Basin and see the sights at Old Faithful. If you're lucky, you'll catch a glimpse of Old Faithful geyser erupting! Continue hiking past some of the most visually stunning hot springs in Yellowstone.

Dinner

Enjoy a delicious western-style pig roast at the ranch tonight.

Accommodations
320 Guest Ranch

Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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DAY 3
Tuesday
9/12/23

Big Sky to Yellowstone

Yellowstone, the World's First National Park, was created to preserve for all time the essence of this wilderness with its fragile thermal wonders that struck awe in the hearts of early explorers, and to provide a safe habitat for its wildlife to roam. Even on the borders of the park, you'll feel how wild and immense the landscape is.

Hiking and Fly Fishing

Today you will have the chance to hike and try your hand at fly fishing in the very river that made Brad Pitt famous in *A River Runs Through It*. Receive personal instruction from your professional fly fishing guide who will help you tie your flies on, untangle your knots, perfect your cast, and even take your fish off the hook during your catch-and-release fishing lesson! Afterwards, enjoy a riverside picnic lunch before making your way to Gardiner.

Dinner

Enjoy dinner with the group at a local restaurant.

Accommodations
Absaroka Lodge

Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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DAY 4
Wednesday
9/13/23

Yellowstone National Park

Yellowstone National Park is in Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho, and was the first national park in the United States, established in 1872. It is known for its wildlife and geothermal activity. Its 3,468 square miles includes lakes, canyons, rivers, and mountain ranges, and it is home to hundreds of species of mammals, birds, fish, and reptiles, including the oldest and largest public bison herd in the United States.

Grand Canyon of Yellowstone

Continue on to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, one of the most geologically spectacular sites in the Park. Today's hike will take you to backcountry mud pots, where boiling mud bursts from the earth. See the grandeur of Lower Falls from several viewpoints as you hike the rim of the Canyon.

Dinner

Enjoy dinner with the group at a local restaurant.

Accommodations
Absaroka Lodge

Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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DAY 5
Thursday
9/14/23

Yellowstone National Park

Spend another day exploring Yellowstone National Park!

Wildlife Viewing in the Lamar Valley

Head to the Lamar Valley in the northeastern part of Yellowstone National Park, where you can view wildlife with binoculars and a spotting scope, and have an overview of the local history and geology, as well as the ecology of the wolves, bison, elk, coyotes, birdlife, and other animals in Yellowstone. Enjoy a bagged lunch on the road today.

Hike in the Northern Range

This afternoon's hike will take you through rolling sagebrush habitat and along cold mountain streams where wildflowers abound. Look carefully as you hike and find bear, moose, and maybe even wolf tracks.

Dinner

Enjoy dinner with the group at a local restaurant.

Accommodations
Absaroka Lodge

Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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DAY 6
Friday
9/15/23

Gardiner to Bozeman

Say goodbye to Yellowstone today and drive to Bozeman, the fourth-largest city in Montana. Founded in 1864, the town's fertile land attracted permanent settlers. Today, Bozeman attracts residents and visitors for quality of life, scenery, and recreation.

Explore Mammoth Hot Springs

Head to Mammoth Hot Springs to explore the unique and famous "travertine terraces." This is an amazing area to discover; the terraces were created over thousands of years. As hot water from the springs cools, it deposits calcium carbonate, which created this stunning landscape.

Lunch

Stop for lunch on your own at a local restaurant and take some time to walk around town.

Wagon Ride

Enjoy a Wild West Classic: a wagon ride. Your horses will skillfully guide the wagon along the Yellowstone Valley while you take in the view.

Return to Bozeman

Head back to Bozeman and check into your hotel.

Farewell Dinner

Have a farewell dinner with your new AdventureWomen friends. Reminisce over all the memories you have made and celebrate the end of an amazing journey through this truly spectacular area.

Accommodations
Best Western Plus
GranTree Inn
Meals Included
breakfast, dinner

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DAY 7
Saturday
9/16/23

Depart Bozeman

Bid farewell to your new friends and journey home.

Transfer to the Airport

Hop on the shuttle from the Grantree Inn to the Bozeman Airport for your flights home.

Departure Information

Depart from Bozeman, Montana (BZN) anytime today.

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time, if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

Meals Included
breakfast

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Accommodation Details

320 Guest Ranch

In 1898, when the west was wilder, two homesteads totaling 320 acres were combined to form the 320 Ranch. In 1936, Montana's first woman doctor and first pathologist, Dr. Caroline McGill, purchased the working cattle ranch as a rest and relaxation retreat for her friends and patients. Today, picture a quiet place, just north of Yellowstone Park and just south of Big Sky Ski Resort, where the pristine Gallatin River winds through sage and towering pines, snow-covered mountains rise against crystal-clear blue skies, and there's an abundance of pure, clean mountain air! That's where you will find the 320.

Amenities: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, hair dryer; Wifi

Absaroka Lodge

Absaroka Lodge is located just outside the North entrance to Yellowstone National Park in quiet, quaint Gardiner, Montana. The motel overlooks the Yellowstone River which can be enjoyed from the patio. Often, elk, antelope, deer, and other park animals can be seen across the way.

Amenities: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, hair dryer; Wifi

Best Western Plus GranTree Inn

Cradled between the Bridger, Gallatin, and Spanish Peaks mountain ranges, the Best Western Plus GranTree Inn offers perfect lodging that is conveniently located near restaurants, shops, and Historic Downtown Bozeman. Each large, non-smoking room is attractively decorated and has one king-size or two queen-size beds, cable TV and pay movies, data ports, voicemail, high-speed internet access, clock radios, hairdryers, coffee/tea makers, irons and ironing boards, and two phones with dual lines. Excellent amenities include a heated indoor pool, hot tub, exercise room, convenience store, gift shop, a business center, and the GranTree Bar & Grill. The hotel also offers room service, 24-hour airport shuttles, 24-hour front desk service, valet laundry service, and 24-hour laundry facilities.

Amenities: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, hair dryer; electricity; Wifi

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Included:

- ▶ Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- ▶ All meals as listed in the itinerary
- ▶ All ground transportation
- ▶ All park fees
- ▶ Guided sightseeing and activities as indicated in the itinerary
- ▶ Professional guide(s) throughout the trip
- ▶ All gratuities except for head guide

Not Included:

- ▶ Airfare to and from Montana
- ▶ Optional activities
- ▶ Meals not specified in the itinerary
- ▶ Alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified)
- ▶ Fees for travel insurance
- ▶ Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- ▶ Items of a personal nature

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Cancellations and Refunds

Notification of cancellations must be received in writing. Full payment is due 90 days prior to departure date, and the registration deposit is non-refundable.

For cancellations received 61-90 days prior to the trip departure date: 50% of the total trip cost is non-refundable. For cancellations received 1-60 days prior to the trip departure date: 100% of the total trip cost is non-refundable.

You are highly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance to cover emergency situations. Travel insurance information will be sent to you once you have registered for your trip.

Switching Trips

Our deposits are nonrefundable and nontransferable. If for some reason you need to switch to a different trip, please call us and we will do our best to accommodate you, but switching is not guaranteed.

No Smoking Policy

Beginning in 1995, our trips became smoke free. Please note that there will be no smoking by any participants on AdventureWomen vacations.

Health Insurance

You must have your own health insurance to participate in an AdventureWomen trip.

Adventure Travel Today

At AdventureWomen, we want everyone to understand that our excursions are adventure travel vacations and not "tours." We define "adventure travel" as travel in which one **actively participates**, as opposed to a "tour," in which one is more or less a passive observer. AdventureWomen designs and organizes vacations all over the world for women who want to **experience an active, out of the ordinary vacation, and meet new friends**. Most of all, we want our trips to be **fun!**

good-natured realist and have a sense of humor! Adventure vacations, by nature, require that participants be self-sufficient, flexible, and able to accept situations as they exist, and not just as they would have preferred or expected them to exist. The constraints of scheduled group traveling also necessitate that each of us be understanding of and sensitive to others. **Being on time** is important, and contributes to the congeniality, success and well-being of both individuals and the group!

In this spirit, the successful adventure traveler should be a