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## **YELLOWSTONE UNBOUND**

*“Now and then we hear the wilder voices of the wilderness”*—Theodore Roosevelt

Since Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872, it has been a sanctuary for the wilder voices of the wilderness. Wolves and coyotes yowl and howl across the still night. The low rumble of buffalo herds, snorting deer, and whistles of bald eagles break the silence. And below the surface, geysers gurgle and spit.

We’ve crafted a small-group, multisport tour through Yellowstone that takes you into Yellowstone’s wilderness and lets you hear its wildest voices. We spend our days exploring Yellowstone’s best wildlife viewing spots and surreal terrain in small groups that enrich your experience. Our nights are spent immersed in nature—unplugged and unbounded—so that your adventure doesn’t end as the sun goes down.

The best of Yellowstone awaits you. See the steam rise off of some of Yellowstone’s most stunning sights like Grand Prismatic, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Old Faithful. Hike through geyser basins, subalpine meadows, and Mount Washburn where you can take in the best of Yellowstone without the crowds. Hear the call of the wild in Lamar Valley, Yellowstone’s Serengeti, and bear witness to the yawning chasm of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

Our multisport adventure also ensures that you experience Yellowstone from different angles. We include a horseback ride through scenery unequalled in the Lower 48 and a zipline tour so you can soar from ridge to ridge with wildlife and wilderness sprawled below.

Join us on our 6-day Yellowstone Unbound tour and discover why Yellowstone remains the flagship of the National Park Service.

**Hiking, Horseback Riding, and Ziplining:** We designed our Yellowstone Unbound trip to be an adventure where guests with no experience can get their feet wet, while those with previous experience can push themselves further. Our activities are suitable and enjoyable for all ability levels. Before beginning our multisport activities, our guides will provide you with a proper safety orientation and some quick skills so that you are ready to enjoy some amazing experiences. If you want to adventure further just talk to the guides and they will show you the way.

**When to Go?** Yellowstone has an average elevation of 8000ft. This high elevation makes it a perfect place to visit in the July and August as the higher elevations counter the summer heat and the high alpine cools off nicely in the evening. Trips late in August and into September can experience some chilly mornings in camp.

**Why Choose ROW?** Every adventure travel company takes a little different approach to running trips. Our philosophy is to provide you with the kind of trip you want, so let us know if you have any special interests or requests. If you like to hike a lot, we’ll make extra stops and provide that opportunity. If you have something special you want to bring - a cello? A case of your favorite wine? Whatever it is - we’ll make room. Our aim is to please, and we do our best, while maintaining a lively, fun atmosphere in camp and on the trail.

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*Setting the High Watermark for Outdoor Adventure*

**ROW Guides:** There is no question that on any trip, the guides are the most important factor in terms of your safety, enjoyment, and ultimately, the success of the trip. For this reason, each of our guides is an exceptional person, willing and eager to share, teach, listen, learn, laugh, play, discuss, and above all, work hard to provide you with an informative, relaxed, spontaneous adventure. With one guide per five-six guests, you're sure to get the attention you deserve. Our guides are the main reason many of our guests return to ROW time and time again and wouldn't even think of traveling with another company. (References gladly provided.)

**Luxury Camping:** In order to make your trip run as smoothly and comfortably as possible, we send a support vehicle ahead to camp with the bulk of the camping gear, food, etc. This allows more mobility with our van to access less trafficked areas. The support vehicle and guide arrives early to camp and gets the kitchen set up as well as the spacious 4-person tents (one for every two people) that ROW provides. When we arrive in camp all you have to do is carry your personal gear (stored in a ROW-provided easy-to-use waterproof bag) to the tent of your choice and roll out your sleeping bag, flannel liner and thick, self-inflating foam sleeping pad (also provided by ROW). This gives you an extra half-hour of time for doing something you'd enjoy rather than setting up a tent.

**Camp Time:** To give you the opportunity to explore on your own, we generally arrive in camp no later than 5:00 each day so you have time to go hiking, read a book, enjoy a cocktail, or whatever you might want. Then, around 5:30, we serve a lavish hors d'oeuvres spread as dinner preparation continues.

**Meals:** The quality of our food reflects the quality of the environment in the west. We hand-select the freshest fruits and vegetables we can find and pack them carefully in huge ice-coolers. Likewise, these coolers carry fresh dairy products and meats. From these ingredients we prepare bountiful, healthy meals.

Sustainably harvested wild Alaskan Salmon served with a fresh garden salad, Prime Rib combined with a fresh Chilean salad, Idaho mashed potatoes, or made-in-camp lasagna are a few possible entrees. Big salads of vegetables and fruit add color and variety to every meal. Desserts are made each evening in our Dutch ovens and include delicious dishes such as cobbler and pineapple upside-down cake.

We serve juice each morning and moderate amounts of bottled wine with dinner. We also provide two beers and two sodas or juices per person per day. There's always plenty of cold water, lemonade mix, tea, coffee and cocoa. You're welcome to bring your own beverages or alcohol as well. We always have plenty of ice to keep your drinks cold.

**What to pack:** We have a through pack list that will be provided to you and we encourage you to follow the list. Our guides are trained to help you with these new experiences and make sure you are prepared. The most important thing to pack is a sense of adventure.

**The Last Supper:** Another small touch ROW adds is the inclusion of a farewell dinner on our last evening in Cody with ROW guests and guides. This dinner brings a nice "closure" to the week of adventure everyone has shared. (All-inclusive except for alcoholic beverages.)

**Signing Up:** Call our office first. We're happy to tell you who else is on the trip. Then, complete our trip application form and send it along with a \$500.00 per person non-refundable deposit.

**Logistics:** Our trips are designed to begin and end in Cody, Wyoming. With direct flights from Denver, Chicago, and Salt Lake City, and its close proximity to Yellowstone National Park, we feel that Cody is a great place to kick off this adventure.

**Meeting Time:** ROW will make your pre- and post-trip hotel reservations for you and this will be reflected on your invoice. The evening before the trip we stay in Cody at the Cody Cowboy Village.

On Day 0, at 6pm MST, ROW's Team Leader will meet you for a one-hour orientation to answer last minute questions and give you your waterproof bags to pack. This is an important meeting, so please be on time. The next morning, we meet at the designated time set by your Team Leader to begin the trip. Please have breakfast on your own before we meet.

At the end of the trip, we return you to Cody by 5pm where we encourage you to spend the night and enjoy our hosted, relaxed "farewell dinner" with other trip members and the ROW crew.

**If You Drive:** Driving is a great way to see more of the area and experience the west. You are welcome to leave your vehicle at the Cody Cowboy Village for the duration of the trip. Please notify the front desk of this to find out if they have any special place they would like you to park it

**If You Fly:** The Yellowstone Regional Airport (YRA) is located 15 minutes from the joining hotel on the east side of Cody. Flights from Chicago, Salt Lake City and Denver can be arranged on Delta and United. Upon arrival, a taxi can be arranged at the airport. We suggest Town Taxi; they can be reached at 307-250-3939. Cody is a small town, so you can call the taxi service while getting your luggage. It costs \$15 to travel from the airport to the Cody Cowboy Village. If you require a taxi around town the cost can vary from \$8-\$12.

**Extra Luggage?** If you have luggage that you won't need on the trip you can store it with the Cody Cowboy Village; please talk to the front desk when you arrive.

**Last Minute Phone Numbers:** Please call us if you have any questions or if you need to reach ROW at the last minute, try our office first at (208) 765-0841 or 800-451-6034. If you need to get a message to the Cody Cowboy Village their number is 307-587-7555.

**Suggested Reading:** See ROW's complete reading list for Yellowstone Unbound.

**Gratuities:** Here are some helpful guidelines on tipping. Your guide is a paid professional. Tips are appropriate and accepted only if we exceeded your expectations. Whether you tip and how much you tip should depend on your satisfaction with the trip, your feelings about tipping, and your financial means. If you believe your guide deserves a tip, a suggested range is from 7-12% of your trip cost. If you had the time of your life, then the sky is the limit! We also appreciate your comments. We use your feedback to recognize extraordinary guest service and to discover areas where we can make improvements. Our goal is to exceed your expectations! (P.S. Let us know if you found these guidelines appropriate or helpful.) Tips can be given to the "ROW Team Leader," who will distribute equally among the crew.