YELLOWSTONE UNBOUND

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

To celebrate the rate solar eclipse in 2017, National Parks Unbound will be hosting a special TOTALITY trip as our Yellowstone Unbound trip will be right next to the Totality. What better place to observe this than in the middle of a National Park. We will be adjusting our itinerary on this trip slightly to ensure that we are in the best location to observe the Totality. As well we will be providing solar eclipse viewing glasses to all guests so that they can enjoy the experience.

Accommodations in the area are filling fast. We still have space on our departure and we take the entire headache out of viewing the TOTALITY.

This is the first Total Solar Eclipse on US Mainland soil since 1979 and there will not be another one along this path until 2045. Come experience the shadow.

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.

Picture This:

- Watching for elusive gray wolves, bison, and elk in Lamar Valley
- Discovering wilderness and wildlife casual tourists often overlook
- Horseback riding and ziplining across lesser-seen Yellowstone landscapes
- Camping in comfort surrounded by nature
DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 0:
Arrive in Cody, Wyoming

Arrive in Cody, Wyoming a day before our Yellowstone tour takes off. Direct flights from Salt Lake City, Denver, and Chicago to Cody, WY are available for easy connections. At 6 p.m., meet your Team Leader and fellow travelers for a brief orientation.

Located only 52 miles from Yellowstone’s east entrance, Cody embodies the raw spirit of the west. The home of famous Buffalo Bill, the rodeo capital of the world, and the wildest way into Yellowstone, your night in Cody is the perfect way to dive into your Western adventure.

There’s plenty to explore in Cody. The Buffalo Bill Center of the West has 5 museums that explore the spirit of the West and the Cody Nite Rodeo (which runs from June 1st-August 31st) offers some classic western entertainment. There’s also the opportunity to see some Old West street theater gunfights where Wyatt Earp always gets the bad guy.

We STRONGLY encourage you to arrive early this day to ensure no delays, as noted on Day 1, we will be leaving PROMPTLY at 7:30AM

Accommodations: Cody Cowboy Village; Cody Hotel (not included in trip costs)

Day 1:
Arrive Yellowstone National Park and Explore Canyon Area

TOTALITY Day - This day we will depart PROMPTLY at 7:30 AM from our Cody hotel. Our route will take us into Yellowstone National Park and then further South into Grand Teton National Park, where we will stop in the wide open Snake River Valley to observe the Totality. Our viewing location will be a bit north of the main line, but we will still experience 2 minutes and 12 seconds of totality (vs 2 minutes and 20 seconds). Once we get to our viewing location we will hand out our solar eclipse glasses and get ready to step into the shade. Totality will occur at 11:35 AM which is why we are not able to wait for any late guests.

Guides will be providing photography advice on how best to capture the totality with your camera. Once the Totality has passed we will take a moment to enjoy the beauty of Grand Teton National Park before heading back into Yellowstone National Park where we will explore the West Thumb Geyser Basin (Unique to this departure). From here we will then head to camp

This evening, return to our national park campsite set up and waiting for you. Relax with a drink and freshly prepared food.

Accommodations: National Park Campsite
Meals Included: L,D
Day 2:
Mount Washburn and Mammoth Hot Springs

After packing up camp we drive through the Hayden Valley and make stop at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone for a short view of the falls and the canyon. Afterwards we load up and drive to our hike up Mount Washburn where we will take in the views and enjoy a lunch on trail. We end our day at our exclusive Yellowstone Unbound Camp just outside the park. It’s camping in comfort, with nothing but nature.

Accommodations: Yellowstone Unbound Camp
Meals Included: B,L,D

Day 3:
Lamar Valley

We wake early for morning wildlife viewing in Lamar Valley—Yellowstone’s most consistent wolf-sighting destination due to its lupine revival since the ‘90s. The thriving megafauna populations of bison (most commonly viewed), pronghorn sheep, grizzlies, badgers, deer, coyotes, bald eagles, and osprey have well-earned Lamar Valley the epithet of Yellowstone’s Serengeti.

We drive to wherever the animals are this morning, with a stop on the way to enjoy a picnic breakfast. It’s a morning out in nature with our scopes and cameras as we hope to view the loping wolves and wildlife in their natural habitat.

Our afternoon then takes us into Slough Creek, where we stretch our legs with a short hike through its river-laced meadow. If the weather’s right, take a quick dip when we stop for a picnic lunch. Look out for more wildlife on our return hike and trip back to our waiting Yellowstone Unbound Camp.

Accommodations: Yellowstone Unbound Camp
Meals Included: B,L,D

Day 4:
Horseback Riding and Zipline Tour

Today, enjoy some multisport activities around our Yellowstone Unbound Camp. Trade in your hiking shoes for some horseshoes this morning as you set off on a horse ride. The ride lets you travel through more of Yellowstone’s unique ecosystem as it was originally explored, on horseback.

Our afternoon takes you off the trails and into the trees as you set off on a zipline tour. The aerial adventure will give you new views of Yellowstone, mountain streams, and wildlife ambling below. This evening, relax in nature at our camp.

Accommodations: Yellowstone Unbound Camp
**Meals Included:** B,L,D

**Day 5:**  
*Mammoth Hot Spring and Grand Prismatic Overlook*

Enjoy a final hot breakfast at our Yellowstone Unbound camp before setting off into Yellowstone to Mammoth Hot Springs and Grand Prismatic Spring.

Our short morning hike takes us to a viewpoint overlooking Grand Prismatic Springs, one of the three largest hot springs on the planet. Our hike gives us an excellent, unique vantage point of the vividly colored springs. Don’t worry about crowds creeping in on your photos as we stop to take in this natural wonder.

This evening, settle into our national park camp prepared for you and soak in your final night surrounded by nature.  
**Meals Included:** B,L,D

**Day 6:**  
*Old Faithful Geyser and Arrive Cody*

Pack up camp and enjoy a final coffee wakeup call as our Yellowstone adventure concludes. We drive into the park and visit Old Faithful Geyser. Up next, we visit Old Faithful and hopefully sit down to a picnic lunch with a faithfully eruptive geyser show. We then explore the basin and its landscape of hissing fumeroles, gurgling mud pots, and prismatic hot springs.

After our morning hike, we begin our travel back to Cody with a lunch break en route. Settle into your hotel in Cody, say goodbye to new friends at a farewell dinner, and enjoy some of Cody’s many activities.

**Accommodations:** Cody Cowboy Village (not included in trip costs)  
**Meals Included:** B,L,D

*Good Eclipse Site*

*Good Map of Totality*