

Wolf Watching in Yellowstone National Park | Escorted Tour

Holiday Duration: 5 Nights



Overview

Wolf Tracking

In 1995, wolves were re-introduced into Yellowstone National Park and now there are several packs within the park. You, with the help of Frontier America, can view them in their natural habitat, with the best viewing available in the winter months.

Both Nathan Varley and Linda Thurston have a lifetime of experience working with wolves in the Rocky Mountains, and that gives you the best chance of viewing the wolves, although sighting is never guaranteed. The tours have a maximum of 12 people with two tours operating per month from October to April, whilst itineraries do vary slightly from month to month the one provided is the most typical one.

This itinerary is to be combined as part of your tailor-made holiday to USA. Talk to one of our experts about how to make this holiday the perfect one for you.

Here's a day-by-day guide to your itinerary. Feel free to ask us to add other days or ideas and excursions by contacting us directly, so we can give you the best price.

Day 1



Bozeman

Arrive in Bozeman, Montana and take the free shuttle to the Best Western GranTree Inn in Bozeman where you will spend your first night.

1 night Bozeman

Day 2



Bozeman to Yellowstone National Park

After breakfast, your adventure starts as you are driven to Yellowstone National Park. The route travels through the scenic Paradise Valley and the rugged mountain peaks. Once you arrive in Yellowstone, the group will visit the famous Roosevelt Arch before visiting Mammoth Hot Springs to walk the terrace boardwalk to experience the amazing hot springs.

You will then travel to your hotel for the next 4 nights, the Absaroka Lodge in Gardiner. A comfortable motel in the town of Gardiner, your room will overlook the roaring Yellowstone River as well as the rolling hills and snow-clad mountainous terrain. The motel is a simple facility with Wi-Fi access, cable television and complimentary coffee, tea or hot chocolate available in the lobby.

A renowned local chef, Zac Kellerman, will serve dinner that will be accompanied by the orientation by your wildlife biologists and guides.

4 nights in Yellowstone National Park

Days 3



Yellowstone National Park

An early start today around 6am, with breakfast served on-the-go, and head off into the Northern Range area of the park. The search for wildlife is often fruitful in this area of patchy forest and meadowland. You will also visit other wolf-rich areas such as Slough Creek and the Lamar Valley. You will mostly view from the road using binoculars and may also see other wildlife such as Elk, Bison and Moose. Wearing warm clothing such as insulated winter boots is advised due to some short treks. After a morning of tracking you will head to the Dan Hartman Gallery for lunch, and view some of his work as a naturalist, photographer and wildlife filmmaker. Dinner will be served at the Animal Track Education Centre.

Day 4**Yellowstone National Park**

A similar schedule to the day before as you continue your search for wolves. Today will largely focus on the observations of larger packs so that you can better understand these beautiful animals. Lunch and dinner will be served back in Gardiner and will feature an after-dinner session with a guest speaker.

Day 5**Yellowstone National Park**

Today brings another early start and it will be your last journey into the Northern Range. The hope is that you will get to view different wolf activities and have multiple sightings. Lunch will be followed by a trek to the beautiful Pebble Creek Canyon, snowshoes available. Again, you will have dinner back in Gardiner with an after-dinner session with a guest speaker

Day 6**Yellowstone National Park to Bozeman**

You will be driven back to Bozeman today where you can take the shuttle back to Bozeman Airport to arrive for your homeward/onward flight.



When to travel

Autumn

Autumn trips feature wolf packs following the vast herds of elk and bison to the valley bottoms. Frosty mornings often give way to warm, sunny days revealing the glory of this spectacular season. Search for wolves feeding on a fresh kill, hear the iconic bugle of a bull elk in the hills, all while spotting migrating eagles, hawks, and swans overhead.

Winter

Freshly fallen snow and frigid temperatures greet the adventurous who brave Yellowstone's winter for some of the best chances of witnessing amazing wolf behaviour, including the dance of predator and prey, or pack members in the throes of dramatic courtship in the annual breeding season. Is hearing wolves howling on your bucket list? Visit in winter, when the call of the wild routinely reverberates in the valleys of Yellowstone.

Spring

A rebirth happens in spring when wildlife sightings soar with the arrival of migrating animals and the waking of sleepy hibernators. Birds, bears, and rusty red bison calves appear on the greening landscape at a time when female wolves dig their dens in preparation for raising the year's pups

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