



TRAVEL WITH THE HOUSTON ZOO AND WILDLIFE EXPEDITIONS FOR A: YELLOWSTONE WOLVES AND BEAR DISCOVERY

May 22-26, 2012

Cost \$1,599 based on double occupancy

Single Supplement \$250

Airfare into Jackson, Wyoming not included

This trip offers premiere wolf and bear viewing opportunities in the country. This program is a must if you are a bear or wolf enthusiast, or are just curious about large predators. Participants travel to the best sites in Yellowstone to view grizzly and black bear behavior as they emerge from months of hibernation, and the interaction of wolves and their prey. You'll enjoy spying bison and elk calves, the magnificent green-up of North America's "Little Serengeti," and famed scenic highlights of the world's first national park. This tour is definitely for the adventurous at heart and will require very early and sometimes chilly mornings for ultimate wildlife viewing!



YELLOWSTONE WOLF



GRIZZLY MOM & CUBS

Comment from a 2010 participant:

"The sights were breathtaking and our excellent guides' encyclopedic knowledge of the park and wildlife made every drive a special experience. The thrill of seeing a mother Grizzly with her two new cubs could only be topped by watching three wolves travel across a ridge to feast on their kill in a river bed. Sharing all this with a congenial group of Zoo members made it all the more enjoyable." ~Alice and Roy Lively

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MAY 22ND: Flight into Jackson, Wyoming and met by hotel staff for transport to The Lexington Hotel, in historic Jackson Hole. Our intrepid travelers will meet in the early evening for a wine and cheese reception with our knowledgeable biologist the night prior to the expedition. This reception will allow us to ask questions, go over local map and our traveling route, as well as a description as to what we should expect on our trip.

OLD FAITHFUL



May 23RD: Expedition biologist picks you up between 6-6:30 a.m. at your hotel in Jackson, Wyoming. Participants should arrive with packed personal items for a one or two nights stay. A equipment list for details of what you will need will be made available to you in advance of the trip. We journey north through dramatic Grand Teton National Park into Yellowstone National Park searching for elk, bison, deer and pronghorn antelope. We stop along the way for breakfast at Signal Mountain on picturesque Jackson Lake and lunch at Old Faithful. After seeing the famous geyser erupt, we continue north to Mammoth Hot Springs. We then travel to the scenic Lamar Valley in search of bears and wolves, enjoying a light field dinner en route. We spend the twilight hours continuing our search: a successful expedition depends almost entirely upon searching key areas during these evening hours. After dark, we drive to our accommodations in Cooke City, Montana.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included.

May 24TH: We will have breakfast and return to the Lamar Valley, called America's Little Serengeti, in hopes of witnessing the morning hunt. Mid-day will provide an opportunity to explore the predators' habitat on foot and a chance to rest up for another evening of viewing in the Lamar Valley. After dark, we will return to Cooke City for the night.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included.

BISON



May 25TH: After swinging through Lamar Valley for one last look, we will leave this area mid-morning to enjoy a hearty lunch at an area restaurant. Afterwards, we will tour Hayden Valley, favored habitat for grizzly bears. Our return trip may include stops at the colorful Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, crowned by a waterfall more than twice the height of Niagara Falls. We will return to Jackson, arriving in the early evening to the Wyoming Inn.

Breakfast and Lunch included.

PRONGHORN

26TH: After a provided continental breakfast at the Lexington Hotel, we prepare for our return flight back home. Depending on the time of your flight, there may be time to take a free shuttle into town for local sightseeing. If you would like to extend your trip, we would be happy to arrange extra nights at the Wyoming Inn.

**Reserve Your Space Today: Contact conservation@houstonzoo.org or 713-533-6836
Trip is limited to 12 individuals.**

Cost per person based on double occupancy \$1,599
Single supplement fee \$250

Cost Includes:

- Fully-escorted by Wildlife Expeditions Biologist and Houston Zoo Conservation Department staff
- Airport transfers in Jackson, Wyoming
- Welcome dinner, wine and cheese reception at the Lexington Hotel
- Two nights accommodations at the Lexington Hotel
- Two nights accommodations in Cooke City, Montana
- Meals as listed in itinerary
- Donation to Houston Zoo Naturally Wild Wildlife Conservation Program

Not included:

- Airfare into Jackson, Wyoming
- Alcoholic drinks other than at wine and cheese reception
- Phone calls
- Laundry or other items of a personal nature
- Gratuities
- Any other personal expenses



RED FOX



YELLOWSTONE FALLS