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The Wolves and Wildlife of Yellowstone



A 7-DAY WINTER WONDERLAND ADVENTURE

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Please join us on an extraordinary winter adventure: a seven-day wildlife expedition to Yellowstone—North America's best wolf-watching habitat.

Dressed magnificently with frost and snow, and with visitors few and far between, experience an ecosystem when its beauty is more untouched by the outside world than any other time of the year. Hushed and magical landscapes are the setting for steaming geysers, trees covered in ice crystals, and the movements of bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, and other wildlife—followed closely by the park's wolves.

Safari aboard custom vehicles with expert naturalists as we explore and learn about the animals, environment, hydrothermal activity, and history of the park. Enjoy a private sleigh ride through the National Elk Refuge and meet an award-winning wildlife photographer for a presentation during a visit to his gallery. Each evening, overnight in atmospheric hotels and a park lodge.

This is a small-group expedition and space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.


Please reserve by contacting the Vanderbilt Travel Office by calling 615.322.3673.

With best wishes,



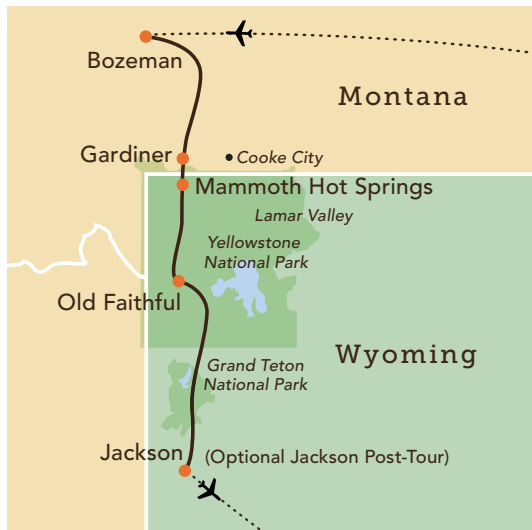
Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled learning opportunities for an exclusive "beyond the classroom experience."

 Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.

Amidst crisp air, bare trees, frosted earth, and brilliant thermal features of Yellowstone National Park, the wildlife viewing in winter is better than any other time of year. The elements of nature are in full sway, and its wild inhabitants—close-knit packs of wolves—are hunting, mating, and surviving.





Your 7-Day Itinerary

The itinerary for this wintertime program is a guideline that may change in order to maximize wildlife spotting, natural encounters, and weather conditions.

Day 1: Arrive in Bozeman, MT (D)

Welcome dinner

Overnight: GranTree Inn

Day 2: Bozeman / Paradise Valley, MT / Lamar Valley, WY / Gardiner, MT (B,L,R,D)

Full-day wildlife safari, reception

Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

Day 3: Gardiner / Lamar Valley, WY / Cooke City, MT / Gardiner (B,L,D)

Full-day wildlife safari, gallery visit, snowshoe

Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

Day 4: Gardiner / Lamar Valley, WY / Mammoth Hot Springs / Old Faithful (B,L,D)

Norris Geyser Basin, Artists' Paintpots,

Gibbon Falls, Lower Geyser Basin

Overnight: Old Faithful Snow Lodge

Day 5: Old Faithful / Jackson (B,L)

Sightseeing, Upper Geyser Basin

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Day 6: Jackson / Grand Teton National Park / National Elk Refuge / Jackson (B,L,D)

Half-day wildlife safari, sleigh ride, special farewell dinner

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Day 7: Depart Jackson (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

Activity Level: The majority of the program's activities will take place outdoors. A fair amount of walking on varying terrain is to be expected. Guests should be sure-footed on uneven, frozen, or snow-covered terrain as well as able to get in and out of all-terrain vehicles and manage stairs without assistance. They should also be prepared for cold temperatures.

Maximum elevation: 8,262 feet at the Continental Divide

Your Expedition Leaders

From their inside knowledge of the best wildlife viewing spots to identifying the wolves' signs and tracks, your two expert Orbridge Expedition Leaders and naturalist guides will make all the difference in your wildlife expedition. Enriched by their expertise, you'll bring home a deeper understanding of the apex predator's reintroduction to Yellowstone, along with a new appreciation of the drama and beauty of nature's hierarchy.



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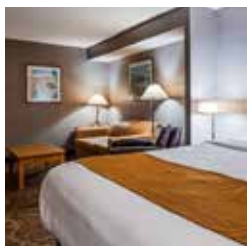




Accommodations (subject to change)

GRANTREE INN

The GranTree Inn features comfortable guest rooms near the best of Bozeman, Montana. Relax at the indoor pool and hot tub at this property that has been awarded the "Best of Housekeeping" distinction by AAA.



YELLOWSTONE GATEWAY INN

Conveniently located near the North Entrance of Yellowstone, this all-suite property features recently renovated apartment-style rooms. Each spacious suite offers a fully-equipped kitchen and living room, and easy access to nearby restaurants and shops.



OLD FAITHFUL SNOW LODGE

A short walk from its famous namesake, the Old Faithful Snow Lodge makes abundant use of natural wood, big-beam construction, and fixtures that echo back to historic Yellowstone lodges. The rooms are simple, comfortable, and outfitted with lodge details, such as wooden shutters over windows that open for fresh air.



THE LEXINGTON AT JACKSON HOLE

Located in the heart of picturesque Jackson with endless mountain views, The Lexington offers comfortable, contemporary western-style accommodations with a cozy and charming atmosphere. After a full day of outdoor activities, sip a hot chocolate beside the fireplace or take a dip in the beautiful indoor pool or hot tub.





Discover

- Immerse yourself in the unspoiled natural beauty, diverse wildlife, and dramatic tales of this unique ecosystem during this exclusive wintertime program.
- Experience Yellowstone in its winter incarnation: a world with frozen geyser rain, ghost trees with a frosty glaze, surprising winter wildflowers, and dynamic hydrothermal features set in snow and ice.

Explore

- Scout for wildlife from the comfort of a custom-outfitted, heated vehicle featuring oversized windows and a rooftop viewing hatch. Yellowstone is considered one of the best wolf-watching habitats in the country.
- Joined by two expert Orbridge Expedition Leaders and professional naturalist guides, learn informed perspectives and first-person accounts of the wolves' setbacks, survival, and victories.
- Keep binoculars close at hand: this is the *Serengeti of North America*, home to the largest concentration of mammals in the lower 48 states. Resident bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, moose, and other wildlife live among seven large predators, one of the most elusive being the gray wolf.

Interact

- Set out on a snowshoe adventure plus meet an award-winning wildlife photographer for a presentation during a visit to his gallery.
- Enjoy a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the National Elk Refuge. Created in 1912, this sanctuary is home to one of the largest elk herds in North America.

What's Included

- 6 nights accommodations
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners (including special welcome and farewell dinners), and a wine and cheese reception
- A fully-guided program with 2 Orbridge Expedition Leaders as well as expert local guides and naturalists
- All unique excursions and activities listed in the 7-day itinerary including transportation
- Use of in-field gear, including high quality binoculars and spotting scopes, Yaktrax, snowshoes, and adjustable hiking poles
- Hot beverages, water, and snacks throughout touring
- Admission and park fees throughout
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leaders, local guides, hotel housekeeping staff, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



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Standard
Rate:
\$5,999
~~\$8,399~~ Single

Special
Rate:
\$5,495*
\$7,895 Single

Reserve by Credit Card:

Call the Vanderbilt Travel Office at **615.322.3673**

Reserve by Check:

Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC**

Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 1376

Poulsbo, WA 98370

Email questions to: alumni.travel@vanderbilt.edu

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Name (as preferred on badge): _____ Class Year: _____

Email: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Name (as preferred on badge): _____ Class Year: _____

Email: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check ACH (Automated Clearing House) MasterCard/Visa American Express Discover

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DEPOSIT:

_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person for any pre/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

Reservation Grace Period. Reservations made 121+ days prior to the departure date may be cancelled within 30 days from the reservation date ("Grace Period") for a full refund. Notice of cancellation must be received in writing during the Grace Period. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date.

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per couple

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June 30, 2023

to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition
Library we've assembled for this program.**

What Guests Are Saying...

Our guides were fantastic—we were in very good hands! I enjoyed all aspects of the trip, especially opportunities to hike/walk/snowshoe in the beautiful surroundings. The program is very well run—structured without being rigid; the expertise of the guides was absolutely critical to the overall success of the trip.

~Lauren L., Whitehouse Station, NJ

Words are inadequate to describe this program. The fact that I'm planning to come back and do this again soon should be a small token of how much fun, informational and life changing it was.

~Tom S., Dallas, TX



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