

TRAVEL TERRITORY: ROCKY MOUNTAINS



DESTINY FOUNDATION: YELLOWSTONE & GRAND TETON EXPLORATION

"Off the Beaten Path was founded right here in the Greater Yellowstone Area over 23 years ago. We're delighted to be your guides on this enlivening and rejuvenating journey." Cory Lawrence, Off the Beaten Path CEO

Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks are full of delights and surprises—from bubbling mud pots to free roaming bison, wolves, and bears. Traveling with naturalist guides gives you a unique view into the landscape, where dynamic relationships between species weave a fascinating tale. And outside the parks, beautiful rural areas of Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho are welcoming corners of traditional western culture.

During your journey you have plenty of chances to explore this beautiful country on your own terms, choosing from a variety of activities such as hiking, biking, horseback riding, whitewater rafting, flat-water floating, fly-fishing, golfing, and easy nature walks—all with an experienced and knowledgeable guide. You'll see Old Faithful, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, the Tetons, and many other iconic and historical landmarks. There's also a chance to hit the shops and galleries of Jackson Hole and Big Sky, and indulge in some spa services if you like.

The journey is well-paced but never rushed, with time to really connect to this pristine and special land and the people who call it home. Welcome to Big Sky Country, off the beaten path.



OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Travel in style—Off the Beaten Path style. Allow us to satisfy your good tastes for the unique and intimate: superlative expedition leadership, personal connections, and consistent quality that add up to an exceptional experience. We've been delivering unique outdoor experiences for over 23 years. Join us for this outstanding trip into the heart of very own backyard, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.



Journey Activities

- **Wildlife:** The wildest sights are possible, from cranes dancing in a meadow to bear cubs tumbling in play.
- **Geyser gazing:** It's surprisingly thrilling to witness super-heated water explode up from the earth in a rumbling, hissing spout—and this is the best place in the world to do it.
- **Rafting:** Float the scenic Snake River under the towering Tetons, watching for moose, eagles, bison, and other wildlife along the river banks.
- **Hiking and walking:** Walk and hike with experienced naturalist guides throughout Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks; connect to the essential heart of one of our country's most treasured natural resources.



itinerary

Fly to Jackson, Wyoming. Inquire with Destiny Foundation should you desire to extend your stay beyond the designated trip dates.

Day 1 - Sunday Arrival in Jackson, Wyoming

Settle into your comfortable mountain-town lodgings and catch a breath of fresh air before collecting with the group and joining your guides for a welcome dinner.
Snow King Resort

Day 2 - Monday Jackson Hole, Grand Teton National Park, Snake River

Today you can choose to hike, or take either a quiet scenic float or whitewater ride down the Snake River. Hikers will



follow their naturalist guides on some of Grand Teton National Park's most beautiful trails. Whitewater rafters will thrill to a fun run through the Grand Canyon of the Snake, while those who prefer a more laid-back experience will float a very scenic flat-water portion of the Snake with an experienced naturalist to discover the history, nature, and geology of this very special place.
Snow King Resort

Day 3 - Tuesday Jackson area and Grand Teton National Park

You have your choice of activity again today. Mountain biking and hiking options await those who would like an energetic day, while others may prefer a tour of Jackson, and visits



to the renowned Museum of Wildlife Art and National Elk Refuge. An a la carte option to drift along the foothills of the Tetons via hot air balloon is an early morning option on this day (additional charges apply).
Snow King Resort

Day 4 - Wednesday Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks

Your naturalist guides lead you through Grand Teton National Park into Yellowstone (the two parks adjoin), with plenty of stops along the way to walk or hike, take photos, watch wildlife, and learn about and experience the beauty and surprises of this unique landscape.

You'll have opportunities to



walk the trails and boardwalks through Yellowstone's surreal geyser basins, with their steaming fumaroles and bubbling mud pots. At Old Faithful, check the board at the inn for the next eruption time, and catch that amazing natural show.

Your guides are great at spotting wildlife, and over the course of the day you have a chance of seeing bison, elk, bighorn sheep, wolves, grizzly and black bears, bald eagles, and other species. End the day at your resort in Big Sky, Montana.
The Lodge at Big Sky

Day 5 - Thursday Big Sky and Yellowstone National Park

You have another full day to explore Yellowstone. The day's highlight will be peering down into the spectacular chasm of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, with its dramatic waterfall. Your guides will explain how the Yellowstone River carved this canyon over time, and will take those who wish down a moderate trail to an overlook with an incredible view of the largest section of falls. This will also be another great day to look for wildlife.
The Lodge at Big Sky

Day 6 - Friday Big Sky, Sabbath Begins

LODGING

Snow King Resort, Jackson, Wyoming Nestled at the base of Snow King alpine ski resort, this resort and conference center boasts an excellent combination of guest service amenities and location.

The Lodge at Big Sky Located in perfect view of Lone Mountain Peak, the iconic centerpiece of Big Sky Ski Resort, this newly updated lodge will serve as a comfortable and accommodating base during the longest stay during your journey.

Teton Springs Lodge & Spa, Victor, Idaho Recently developed in an expansive valley pouring from the Teton Mountain Range, this full service resort combines outstanding guest amenities with a private, western-facing setting that is sure to delight.



Choose to hike the Big Sky area today with your naturalist guides, learning of the natural and cultural history that has played out in this modern-day playground, or stay closer to the lodge and enjoy a lovely walk or spa services (additional fees apply).

As the sun sets, settle into your comfortable accommodations for Sabbath observances.

The Lodge at Big Sky

**Day 7 - Saturday
Big Sky**

Sabbath observances. In the afternoon, your naturalist guides will offer a walk through the astounding natural beauty of the Teton Mountain Range.

The Lodge at Big Sky

**Day 8 - Sunday
Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, Teton Range**

Start the day off with an interesting and exciting visit to the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone. Here, you can learn about these iconic animals and observe them up close. After that, get ready for one of the sweetest, most “Western Americana” drives around, along the western slope of the Teton Range. If there’s time, we might stop for a soda at the fountain in Driggs, Idaho.

Arrive at the lodge in the

afternoon and settle in for your final two nights of the trip. This part of Yellowstone Country offers pristine beauty and a truly authentic western experience, from classic small towns to warmhearted and friendly faces at every turn. Hiking and walking options will be available to those that wish to stretch their legs upon arrival on this day. *Teton Springs Resort*

**Day 9 - Monday
Victor, Idaho**

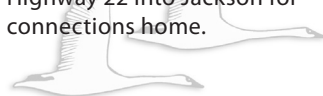
The group has one more full day of activity options to round out the journey. Hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and fly-fishing (additional fees apply) are available for those who would enjoy such pursuits. More leisurely paced options include golf, a visit to the spa, an interpretive walk with a naturalist, or just plain old relaxing at your lovely resort.

A final evening program brings the trip to a happy close, and guests can retire to their rooms for one more night of rest under the Rocky Mountain’s expansive “big skies.”

Teton Springs Resort

**Day 10 - Tuesday
Departures Home**

Mid-morning transfer over Highway 22 into Jackson for connections home.



WHAT TO EXPECT AND HOW TO PREPARE

Q. What will the weather be like?

A. In summer, temperatures are in the 70s. At the park’s lower elevations (like Mammoth), it can be 90 in mid summer—though most of the park rarely sees temperatures above the 80s. Mornings usually start out clear, and afternoons often bring thunderstorms.

Q. Do I need hiking boots?

A. Lightweight hiking boots work great for this journey. Lots of people just wear running shoes, but the terrain can be uneven, so something with ankle support is best.

Q. Will I need a day pack?

A. Most definitely! You can never have too much water, and you’ll want sunscreen, an extra layer of clothing, and a rain jacket to stay comfortable, and your camera and binoculars for that unexpected wildlife sighting.

Q. How much time will I be traveling in the motor coach each day?

A. Happily, not much! We have tailored the route to allow for many opportunities to get out and stretch your legs on days when we are transferring from one area to another. That way, even when we do have some driving to do, no one is feeling stiff and confined. It’s just too pretty in this area to ride for too long without getting out!

PRICING & OTHER DETAILS

Trip departure date: August 2-11

Trip length: 10 days, 9 nights

Journey begins/ends: Jackson, Wyoming

Group size: Approximately 40 travelers

Price: \$2,995 per person (double occupancy); \$940 single supplement

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LODGE AT BIG SKY



TETON SPRINGS RESORT



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