SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

DAY ONE

After you’ve checked in with our friendly staff take a moment to unpack and unwind after your time travelling. Our front desk staff can make a dinner recommendation or look at our carefully curated restaurant recommendation list and pick one on your own. T.R.’s Burgers and Brats is one of the highest rated restaurants in West Yellowstone and is one of our favorites. A “flavorFULL” and creative twist on the American classics: Beers, Burgers and Brats! Teddy Roosevelt themed, here you can try a local favorite: the San Juan with crispy jalapeños, guacamole, and a garlic aioli or the Commissioner with Peanut butter, huckleberry jam and bacon! Honorable mention to the Rough Rider with flamin’ hot Cheetos and a sriracha aioli and the huckleberry cheesecake for dessert. Check out the Rusty Bison gift store or the chain saw art while you wait for your table, both just right around the corner. Please note that the chain saw art is open air and subsequently, seasonal. After a bite to eat, explore the town of West Yellowstone for some shopping or catch a movie at the Yellowstone IMAX theater.

DAY TWO

Enjoy a sit-down breakfast at the Euro Café or grab a quick bite at the Bear Country Bakery before spending your day in the lower loop of Yellowstone National Park. Make your way to the West Gate to be amazed by Yellowstone’s most famous features. Travel through the west entrance to Madison Junction and turn right. Soon after you cross the river, you will see a sign for Firehole Canyon drive.  Don’t miss this spectacular waterfall. During the warmer months, stop for a swim in the Firehole River! On your way to Old Faithful, you will see many pullouts with geysers, boiling pots, as well as the Grand Prismatic (Midway Geyser Basin). Stop at all or many of the pullouts for more exploration.  Enjoy lunch at the Old Faithful Inn and the exhibits at the Old Faithful visitor’s center before grabbing a spot for the perfect view of Old Faithful. You may also hike along the many boardwalks and trails around the area. Next, make you way to the Lake Yellowstone Hotel at Yellowstone Lake for a huckleberry ice cream. Take in the alluring views of Yellowstone Lake. On your way back to West Yellowstone, you will drive through Hayden Valley, a great opportunity for wildlife sightings, including bear and moose. End the day with a casual dinner at one of the local’s favorite spot, Wild West Pizzeria. Wild West Express is a quicker option for anyone who wants a pizza picnic!

DAY THREE

Today, explore the upper loop of Yellowstone National. Gibbon Falls is just after the Madison Junction and is an excellent photo op. From there, continue to mammoth hot springs and if you’re up for it, take a dip in the Boiling River! This is where the icy, mountain top waters meet up with geothermally heated waters and mix together. It may take a moment to find just the right combination of the two different temperatures! Before you go, stop by the visitor center and they can direct you to which hot springs are open for the seasons. Tower falls is best viewed down a ¼ leisurely trail and finish the tour with a drive through Lamar Valley for a chance sighting of one of Yellowstone’s famous Wolf Packs. Come back for dinner Firehole BBQ is an excellent casual stop, featured on Food Networks “Diners, drive-ins and Dives” or Las Palmas (the taco bus on Canyon Street). If you’re not exhausted by now, check out some of West Yellowstone’s unique stores like the Beef Jerky Experience or take a stroll through the Museum downtown.

DAY FOUR

Today, choose your own adventure from the many activities available in the area.  Canoe or enjoy a beach day at the crystal-clear turquoise waters at Cliff and Wade Lakes while you enjoy the picturesque scenery and wildlife. Hike the Fairy Falls trails for an amazing overview of Grand Prismatic hot springs. (Don’t forget your bear spray!) or Hike the Mt. Washburn trail for the most panoramic and expansive view of the Yellowstone area. For a thrilling adventure, rent an ATV for the morning and journey to the top of Two Top Mountain for astonishing views of the Tetons.  History buffs may enjoy a visit to the Yellowstone Historic Center or the ghost towns of Virginia City and Nevada City. The Earthquake Lake Visitor’s Center is a great stop on your way back to town. You may rent a bike for a leisurely afternoon ride or visit the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center for a chance to uniquely experience the world of grizzly bears and gray wolves and the newly added Riparian exhibit with adorable otters playing! Relax at the Madison Crossing Lounge for a cocktail and a Bison Ribeye.

DAY FIVE

Wake up refreshed for your Whitewater Rafting adventure with Montana Whitewater Company. After your rafting adventure, explore the world-famous ski area of Big Sky. Continue south to 320 Guest Ranch for an afternoon horseback ride and chuckwagon dinner.  For one last experience, check out the West Yellowstone Rodeo, just minutes from town.