

Yellowstone & the Tetons in Spring

Trip dates: late May/early June 2025

Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks

Group size: 6; Cost GBP 6,895 per person**

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A **13 DAY, 12 NIGHT** PHOTOGRAPHIC AND WILDLIFE VIEWING ADVENTURE TO THE SPECTACULAR **GRAND TETON AND YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARKS**. THIS TRIP IS ESCORTED THROUGHOUT BY **ANDY SKILLEN** AND IS GEARED TO GIVE YOU A SUPERIOR PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE IN SOME OF THE MOST INSPIRING COUNTRY IN NORTH AMERICA. WE TIME THIS TRIP TO **MAKE THE MOST OF THE EMERGING SPRING** WEATHER, AVOID MOST OF THE CROWDS AND INCREASE OUR CHANCES OF WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS. WE WILL ALSO **DEVOTE PLENTY OF TIME** TO SOAKING UP SOME THE REGION'S SCENIC SPLENDOUR, FROM MOUNTAIN PASSES TO GEYSERS...AND ALL THINGS IN BETWEEN! ANDY HAS WORKED IN THIS PART OF THE USA MULTIPLE TIMES, AND AS OUR DRIVER AND GUIDE, HE WILL **ENSURE YOU GET TO SEE** AS MANY OF THESE INCREDIBLE LOCATIONS AS POSSIBLE...

****Single supplements will apply – please ask at time of booking if private accommodation is preferred**

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive group size of just **6 guests**
- **Zoom discussion** before the trip, answering your photographic questions
- **Photo notes and ideas** reference guide emailed to you before the trip
- 13 days and 12 nights in a prime time for wildlife viewing as Spring takes hold
- 11 nights within the borders of the National parks
- No wasted time commuting into the park from settlements outside
- Complete flexibility in time: we have our own vehicle and Andy does all the driving! We get out early, we stay out late...it's our choice!
- **Unhurried pace** to ensure total immersion in the locations

COSTS AND LOGISTICS

- **Group size:** 6 guests only
- **Cost:** GBP 6,895 per person, based on twin-share accommodation
- **Start point:** Jackson Hole Airport, Wyoming
- **End point:** Jackson Hole Airport, Wyoming

Please note: the exact dates for this trip will not be available until 12 months before as we await the opening dates for the National Parks accommodation we use. Please also note we cannot guarantee your arrival time back in JH at the end of the trip, but will aim for mid-afternoon. Consult with us before booking your flights out.

WHAT'S INCLUDED ON THE GROUND...

- 2 nights' accommodation in beautiful Jackson Hole
- 1 night's lodge-based accommodation in Grand Teton National Park
- 9 nights' lodge-based accommodation within the heart of Yellowstone National Park
- Our own 15 seater minivan giving plenty of room for kit
- Breakfast provided in the field each morning - meaning no missed opportunities
- All guiding and park fees
- Long days, early mornings, late evenings and the Yellowstone you've read about!

WHAT'S NOT...

- International and/or any domestic flight to/from the itinerary start/end points*
- Any meals or snacks other than breakfast. We will always be at an appropriate location to eat however - rest assured!
- Items of a personal nature
- Visa fees as appropriate
- Any departure taxes not covered in your international flight
- Gratuities

*** please advise your airline when booked**

YOUR ITINERARY....

Day 1: Arrive in Jackson Hole, and overnight (2 nights)

After your flight to Jackson Hole – most likely arriving late afternoon - you will be collected and transferred to a comfortable mid-range hotel in the beautiful town of Jackson Hole for two nights. The town is packed full of things to do and see, and is a photographer's delight. You will have two nights here, allowing us a full day to get out and explore after your long flights and stretch your legs. There is a fantastic Wildlife Art Museum on the outskirts of town, and we can arrange a transfer to/from there for you if you wish to see it. We will take wildlife spotting trips through part of Teton National Park, particularly on the look-out for beavers, elk and moose, and, if lucky, grizzlies. We will also be up and about super-early to catch one of the legendary sunrise locations in this part of the park as well as take in other iconic locations such as the Mormon barns.

Day 3: Signal Mountain - Grand Teton National Park

Another very early start from our Jackson Hole accommodation as we head north through the Tetons to some truly spectacular sunrise locations and the chance to capture some iconic shots. We will spend the rest of the day exploring Teton National Park, including some of the lesser known routes and taking in some of the beautiful vistas that present themselves. After a full day's viewing and photography, we will end up at our lakeside cabins for the night.

Day 4-6: Old Faithful (3 nights) - Yellowstone National Park

After breakfast, we will depart the Tetons and keep heading north and on into Yellowstone National Park. The southern sector of the park is crammed full of waterfalls, river views, gorges and thermal features, and we will take the opportunity to stop and get our images as we travel. It is the idea to spend as much time out of the vehicle as possible, and on occasion we will take short walks to some of the more beautiful views in geyser basins en route. We should arrive at Old Faithful by mid-afternoon – sightings permitting! – and after check-in there will be the chance to explore some of the most famous geyser features on earth! The next 2 days will be focused on getting out and about in the geyser basins of this spectacular part of the park, on foot and by vehicle. Please note, we will limit walks to a maximum of 3km, but the option for longer hikes can be entertained. The vast majority of our walks will be on level trails, designed to showcase some of the major sights, but on occasion, they might require a degree of slight incline. You will not need to be an Olympian, but a degree of fitness will help you enjoy this trip to the full. The Old Faithful area is also home to many bison, and I have even seen bears here before. We will keep doing our best to look for the best possible picture opportunities!

Days 7-8: Canyon Lodge (2 nights) - Yellowstone National Park

We keep heading north, past Yellowstone Lake (where we will ensure we have time to search some of the more likely bear areas) and head to the middle of the park where Canyon Lodge, as its name suggests, gives us excellent access to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Here a couple of excellent walks take us to some spectacular viewing points, as well as easily accessible sunrise and sunset vistas. We will also spend considerable time scouting the Hayden Valley for bison, bear, coyote, otter, osprey, eagle and wolf.

Day 9-11: Roosevelt Cabins (3 nights) - Yellowstone National park

Our stop in the far north of the park, for the last three nights, will be at the beautiful Roosevelt Cabins. This is prime wildlife territory, giving us access to the Tower region and also the Lamar Valley. We will use this base to spend as much time as possible out in the field searching for wildlife amidst some of the wildest and most spectacular country that North America has to offer. Grizzlies, wolves, coyotes, bighorn sheep, bison, elk and all the other candidates make up this area, and we will also explore the Mammoth Hot Springs section too. At all times, we will keep in touch with contacts in the area to keep abreast of any major sighting options.

Day 12: Canyon Lodge (1 night)

We will start our journey back towards Jackson Hole, breaking for one more night at Canyon Lodge on the way. This will give us the chance to explore the Madison river valley as well as top up on sightings in the incredible Hayden Valley.

Day 13: Depart for Jackson Hole

Today our adventure comes to an end, and we will leave in the early morning to make the long drive back to Jackson Hole. Today is a transit day, but we will stop a few times for brunch and at any key sightings along the way. Our aim will be to get you back to Jackson in time for the flights that afternoon, but we cannot guarantee it as Yellowstone and the Tetons have a habit of putting obstacles in the way! However, our aim is to reach there by around 3pm.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

To reserve your space on this very special adventure, simply email:

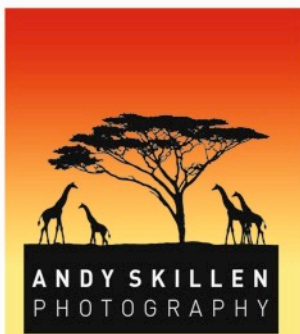
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to receive a booking form and ensure you are part of the adventure!

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