The Wolves of Yellowstone

A 7-DAY WINTER WILDLIFE EXPEDITION

* Where Crying Wolf is a Good Thing *

Special Rate
SAVE MORE THAN $600
per couple

JANUARY 21-27, 2018
Dear Fellow Columbian,

This winter, accompany the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) on an extraordinary 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 the park 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.

Travel aboard custom vehicles with expert naturalists as we explore and learn about the animals, ecosystem, geothermal activity, and history of the park. Visit the Museum of the Rockies after hours for a private guided tour and special farewell dinner, among other exclusive experiences. At day’s end, overnight in atmospheric hotels and a park lodge.

The CAA is a global network connecting Columbians of all schools to one another and to the intellectual and social fabric of Columbia University, even after graduation. It links over 330,000 alumni through more than 100 regional clubs and shared interest groups, online resources, and over 200 thought-provoking programs around the world. The CAA Travel Study Program is one of the benefits offered to Columbia alumni and is an opportunity to continue one’s Columbia education through new intellectual, cultural, and geographical horizons.

Space is limited, and will be shared with participants from cosponsoring alumni associations. Please contact the Alumni Travel Study Program office at (866) 325-8664, or at travelstudy@columbia.edu for more details and to reserve your place today.

Kind regards,

Donna H. MacPhee ’89CC, P: ’17CC
Vice President for Alumni Relations
President, Columbia Alumni Association

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Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by July 25, 2017 to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Experience Yellowstone in winter:
a world with frozen “geyser rain,” ghost trees glazed in frost, surprising winter wildflowers, and geothermal eruptions in a setting of snow and ice.
Your 7-Day Itinerary*

Day 1: Arrive Jackson, WY (R)
Welcome reception
Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole

Day 2: Jackson / Old Faithful (B,L,D)
Old Faithful and Upper Geyser Basin
Overnight: Old Faithful Snow Lodge

Day 3: Old Faithful / Mammoth Hot Springs / Gardiner, MT (B,L,D)
Lower Geyser Basin, Gibbon Falls, Grand Canyon of Yellowstone
Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

Day 4: Lamar Valley / Gardiner (B,L,D)
Full-day wildlife safari
Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

Day 5: Lamar Valley / Gardiner (B,L,D)
Full-day wildlife safari
Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn

Day 6: Gardiner / Bozeman (B,L,D)
Half-day safari, Museum of the Rockies, farewell dinner
Overnight: Homewood Suites by Hilton Bozeman

Day 7: Depart Bozeman (B)

Optional Pre-Tour: Jackson, Wyoming

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: 8,391 feet at the Continental Divide

*Subject to change. Due to the nature of winter explorations, itineraries are guidelines and may change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters and weather conditions.

Program Highlights

• Immerse yourself in the unspoiled natural beauty, diverse wildlife, and dramatic tales of this unique ecosystem during this exclusive small group expedition to Yellowstone in winter.

• Scout for wolves from the warmth of a heated vehicle—Yellowstone is considered the best wolf-watching habitat in the country.

• Joined by an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader 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,” roamed by resident bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, moose, and other wildlife.

• Experience Yellowstone in its winter incarnation: a world with frozen “geyser rain,” ghost trees with a frosty glaze, surprising winter wildflowers, and dynamic geothermal features set in snow and ice.

• Enjoy a private, after-hours visit at Museum of the Rockies, where the area’s natural history is highlighted by one of the most important collections of dinosaur fossils in the world.

• What’s included: 6 nights accommodations with luggage porterage; a welcome reception, 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 5 dinners; admission and park fees throughout; all gratuities; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.
Your Expedition Leader

From their inside knowledge of the best wildlife viewing spots to identifying the wolves’ signs and tracks, your expert Orbridge Expedition Leader 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.

Accommodations (subject to change)

RUSTIC INN AT JACKSON HOLE
CREEK SIDE RESORT & SPA
Surrounded by 12 lush acres adjacent to the National Elk Refuge, Rustic Inn offers a bistro restaurant and lounge with full bar and wine cellar, sauna, fitness equipment, spa services, complimentary Wi-Fi, and laundry facilities.

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 hark back to historic Yellowstone lodges.

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.

HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON BOZEMAN
For your final evening, settle into this spacious all-suite property, located at the base of the Bridger Mountains about one hour from Yellowstone National Park. The inviting lodge décor features hardwood floors, buffalo and elk displays, and a two-story fireplace.
Optional Pre-Tour
Jackson, Wyoming
Located in the southern end of Jackson Hole Valley and just 60 miles from Yellowstone National Park, the historic town of Jackson is a charming, four-seasons destination with historic boardwalks, antler arches, endless scenery, and abundant outdoor activities.

Extension Itinerary*

Day 1: Jackson, Wyoming (B)
Welcome to Jackson! Settle into your accommodations and enjoy the evening at your leisure.
Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole

Day 2: National Museum of Wildlife Art (B)
Take a docent-led tour of the museum to view some of the 5,000 pieces from more than 550 artists, dating from 2500 BCE to the present. This afternoon and evening are at your leisure.
Overnight: Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole

Day 3: Jackson / National Elk Refuge / Main Program Begins (B,R)
Experience a sled tour into the heart of the National Elk Refuge, home to an estimated 7,000 or more elk in winter. This evening, meet your fellow travelers for the main program at a welcome reception.

Extension Highlights

• Take a docent-led tour through the National Museum of Wildlife Art.

• Experience a sleigh ride at the National Elk Refuge.

• What’s included: 2 nights accommodations at Rustic Inn at Jackson Hole Creekside Resort & Spa (or similar) with a gourmet breakfast buffet each morning; National Museum of Wildlife Art docent-led tour; National Elk Refuge sleigh ride excursion; luggage porterage; all gratuities; airport transfers for guests arriving at the suggested times; and transfers to and from the National Museum of Wildlife Art.

Early Reservation Bonus: See reverse for details.
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Jackson Pre-Tour: January 19-21, 2018

Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge LLC.

Guest Information:

Guest #1 Name: ___________________ Class Year _____________
Guest #2 Name: ___________________ Class Year _____________

Address:

City: ___________________ State: ___________ Zip: ___________
Email: ___________________ Phone: ___________ Alt. Phone: ___________

Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice ___________________ 2nd choice ___________________

Deposit:

(#) __________ guests joining program ($850/person) +
(#) __________ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $ ___________

Deposit Payment:

☐ Check enclosed ☐ Online Check/ACH ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card #: ___________________ Exp. date: ___________ CVV: ___________

Mail, fax or scan/email reservation form and deposit to:

Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program
P.O. Box 930
Riverside, CT 06878
Fax: (203) 724-0844  •  Email: travelstudy@columbia.edu

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: ___________________ Date: ___________

For more information: Please call 866-325-8664 or visit http://alumni.columbia.edu/travel

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Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $1,700 per person for the Antarctica program and $850 per person for all other programs, a deposit for any extension(s), and any non-refundable advanced payments, payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card, is due at the time of registration. Final payment, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds and due no later than 120 days prior to the Antarctica program and 90 days prior to all other scheduled program departure dates. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the date the program starts, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments.”

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*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single and Triple availability limited. **A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.
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