Imagine the thrill of a variety-packed adventure among two of America's treasured natural wonders, the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park. Experience hiking amid thundering geysers, biking beneath snow-capped peaks, soaring above the crowds on one the most spectacular rock climbs in the Teton Range, and rafting a nearby roaring river ... all in a land where elk, deer, buffalo and antelope play.

Tracing tranquil footpaths, we explore Yellowstone's mighty canyons and waterfalls, rugged peaks, and remarkable thermal features. We discover steaming fumaroles, spewing geysers and bubbling mud pots while experiencing one of the world's premier wildlife sanctuaries. In the neighboring Teton Mountains, we climb, bike and paddle beneath the shadows of one of the world's most dramatic mountain ranges.
Day 1. Biking Bridger-Teton and Hiking Upper Geyser Basin
L, D
Bridge Bay Campground
Our guides meet your group in Jackson. After introductions, we’re off for a scenic shuttle to the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Our cycling route is through the forest and meadows of the Buffalo Valley with superb views of the Tetons. The ride is downhill for the first few miles and rolling for the last part.
This afternoon we walk through Yellowstone’s Upper Geyser Basin that contains the world’s largest concentration of active geysers. The names of the natural wonders are as intriguing as they are fascinating to watch erupt—Beehive, Fireside, Sponge, Castle, Daisy and Morning Glory. As we walk, our guides will interpret the history and inner workings of the geyser basin.
- Biking Buffalo Valley in Bridger-Teton National Forest [approximately 14 miles with quite a bit of downhill]
- Hiking Upper Geyser Basin in Yellowstone National Park [up to 2 miles, negligible elevation change]
- Option: Observation Point walk [1 mile; 250 feet of elevation gain/loss]

Day 2. Hiking Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone
B, L, D
Bridge Bay Campground
Today’s exploration of Yellowstone begins in Hayden Valley, one of the park’s premier viewing areas for bison, elk, geese, trumpeter swans and pelicans. From the valley’s pastoral setting we head towards the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and lace up the hiking boots, don a daypack, and hit the trails. We walk through meadows and forests of lodgepole pine, past little-known mud pools and steam vents and on to Artist’s Point on the brink of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, a stunning colorful chasm of echoing waterfalls. The 20-mile canyon is one of the world’s most colorful wonders. With time permitting, we will also hike to another viewpoint of the Lower Falls (twice the height of Niagara) and marvel at the ever-changing perspectives of the golden-hued canyon walls.
- Artist’s Point hike [7.5 miles, rolling terrain]

Day 3. Hiking Avalanche Peak or alternate options
B, L, D
Bridge Bay Campground
For those looking for a challenging alpine hike, join us for a climb up Avalanche Peak. From the summit, we are rewarded with a breathtaking panoramic view of the rugged snow-capped Absaroka peaks and serene waters of Yellowstone Lake. The lake’s expansive 135 square mile surface makes it the largest lake for its elevation in North America.
If Avalanche Peak is still snowed in during early summer or our guides deem an alternative more appropriate we enjoy one of a variety of other options. Included in those options are a hike to Elephant Back Mountain for another unique view of Yellowstone Lake; or one through Pelican Valley which provides views of the broad open valley and forest and is some of the best grizzly habitat in the lower 48 states, although we’ll be lucky to see one.
Our campground is situated close to Yellowstone Lake, offering magnificent sweeping views. In the afternoon alpenglow, the views of the Absaroka Mountains across the lake’s reflective waters are breathtaking. With time permitting, enjoy a short walk along the lake’s sandy shores.
- Avalanche Peak hike [4 miles, 2000’ of elevation gain/loss]
- Elephant Back Mt. Hike option [4.5 miles, 800 feet of elevation gain/loss]
- Pelican Valley hike option [6 miles, rolling with minimal elevation change]

Day 4. Grand Teton National Park
B, L, D
Gros Ventre Campground
After a hearty breakfast, we shuttle to neighboring Grand Teton National Park, a paradise of snow-covered sawtooth mountains, peaceful meadows, shimmering lakes and dense forests. The Teton Range comprises 12 mountains over 12,000 feet, and the tallest, the Grand Teton, looms above at 13,770 feet.
The day is yours to spend as you like in these glorious surroundings. Superb self-guided trails await just a short shuttle away at Jenny Lake, nestled at the foot of the Teton’s craggy peaks. Take a scenic ferry across the lake and then hike to Hidden Falls and Inspiration Point. For the more enthusiastic, continue up Cascade Canyon for a bit of elevation gain and a chance to spot moose and other wildlife. Or, at an easier pace, circumnavigate the lake along the water’s edge and enjoy the stunning scenery or rent a canoe (at an additional cost) for a paddle around this beautiful, clear lake.

Day 5. Rock Climbing, Grand Teton National
B, L, D
Gros Ventre Campground
Get ready for a fun-filled day of introductory rock climbing. No experience necessary—just come with an adventurous spirit and a brimming smile. We begin again with the motor boat ride across Jenny Lake to access our climbing area near Hidden Falls, a 200-foot roaring, turbulent cascade sandwiched between the walls of a deep canyon. Under the care of our expert guides, begin by learning the basics: an introduction to equipment and terminology, knot tying and belaying. After learning easy maneuvers, we progress to some basic rock climbs and possibly have an opportunity to advance to more challenging climbs.
For anyone not wishing to try the climbing, we can arrange for another self-guided hike in the area or for a horseback ride. Advance reservations for horseback riding are strongly recommended so be sure to discuss your decision with your guides early on in the trip.

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- Rock Climbing [all day]
- Optional horseback ride [at no additional cost] or self-guided hike

**Day 6. Off-road Biking and Whitewater Rafting**
(B, L)

Back to peddle and paddle power for our grand finale! We begin with a ride near the eastern slopes of Grand Teton National Park. We head to Antelope Flats, home to one of the grand bison herds that call the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem home. While pedaling at a relaxing pace, we can marvel at the grandeur of the Tetons.

We then board rafts and enjoy a thrilling afternoon of whitewater fun on the Snake River. Grab a paddle and share the exhilaration as you experience a new challenge around every bend. Feel the river's current beneath you as you help steer your raft downstream. Each rapid is different and they change throughout the season depending on water flows. We return to Jackson at approximately 5:30 p.m. for our trip's conclusion.

- Antelope Flats Bike Ride [8-10 miles, flat to rolling terrain]
- Whitewater Rafting [8 miles, Class II-III+]

**Departure Details**

**Accommodation Type:** Camping

**Bridge Bay Campground:** We camp on Lake Yellowstone’s west shore next to Bridge Bay Marina which offers flush toilets and showers, boat rental and fishing opportunities.

**Gros Ventre Campground:** Situated in Grand Teton National Park, the campground lies along the Gros Ventre River with a mixture of sites in sagebrush, beneath cottonwoods, and adjacent to the river. The campground has restrooms with flush toilets but no showers.

**Trip Length:** 6 days/5 nights

**2016 Departure Dates:** June 26-July 1, July 10-15, July 31-August 5, **August 7-12**

**Price:** From $1,998/person

**Trip Rating:** Moderate

**Activities:** hike (2-1/2 days), bike (two 1/2 days), rock climb (1 day), raft (1/2 day), free day (1 day)

**Rental Options:** Bike ($125), Tent ($65), Sleeping Bag System ($45), Hiking Poles ($25), Day Pack ($25)

**Gateway City:** Jackson, Wyoming or Salt Lake City, Utah

**Gateway City Transfer:** Public transportation is available from Jackson Hole Airport to Jackson with Alltrans. Advance reservations are recommended. Alltrans may be reached at 800-443-6133 or 307-733-3135 [www.jacksonholealltrans.com](http://www.jacksonholealltrans.com). From Salt Lake City, **Jackson Hole Express** (800-652-9510 / 307-733-1719) offers daily shuttle service available once per day.

**Meeting Time & Place:** 8:00 am, The Lexington Hotel, 285 N. Cache, Jackson, Wyoming, 307-733-2648. We recommend that you have breakfast prior to our meeting and arrive ready for the days’ activities.

**Trip Conclusion:** Approximately 5:30 p.m. at select Jackson Lodges.

**Trip Fees Include:** All meals (lunch Day 1-lunch Day 6), accommodations, and activities per Itinerary; park permits and entrance fees, T-shirt, water bottle, support vehicle, professional guides, and bicycle riding and rock climbing instruction.

**Trip Fees Exclude:** Airfare, personal insurance, miscellaneous hotel expenses (phone, fax, laundry, etc.), additional optional tours, services not specified in the tour itinerary, and guide gratuities (An appropriate gratuity to each trip leader is approximately $100 per guest).

The information presented in this Itinerary represents the Trip's planned activities, routes, accommodations, departure and conclusion times. The actual activities, accommodations, sites, and timing may vary due to a variety of operational considerations or other unforeseen circumstances. As a result, we reserve the right to alter the itinerary in an effort to provide you with a safer and better experience. Naturally, we will keep you up-to-date on any substantive changes that affect travel plans and our guides will keep you well informed during your Trip.