GRAND TETON & YELLOWSTONE:
TWO NATIONAL PARKS, ONE GRAND ADVENTURE

JUNE 22 – 27, 2020
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Writer and historian Wallace Stegner called our national parks “the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than at our worst.” During this awe-inspiring adventure, you will marvel at the matchless majesty of nature as you leave the rest of the world behind.
### MONDAY, JUNE 22 – ARRIVAL

Evening: Welcome BBQ dinner at the cabins

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### TUESDAY, JUNE 23 - YELLOWSTONE HIKES

**Morning:** Breakfast at lodge  
Hike options:  
- Fairy Falls and Imperial Geyser  
- Avalanche Peak

**Afternoon:** Lunch on the trail

**Evening:** Dinner at Jackson Lake Lodge

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### WEDNESDAY JUNE 24 - YELLOWSTONE HIKES

**Morning:** Breakfast at the lodge  
Hike options:  
- Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, South Rim  
- Mount Washburn Hike

**Afternoon:** Lunch on the trail

**Evening:** Dinner in Sheffield’s restaurant

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### THURSDAY, JUNE 25 – GRAND TETON JENNY LAKE

**Morning:** Breakfast at the lodge  
Free-time for some optional activities

**Afternoon:** Lunch on own  
  Jenny Lake Cruise

**Evening:** Dinner at Jenny Lake Lodge

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### FRIDAY, JUNE 26 - YELLOWSTONE HIKES

**Morning:** Breakfast at lodge  
One last day of glorious hikes. We’ve had a busy trip, so take some time today to stop and soak in all the grandeur of the parks!

Hike Options:  
- Old Faithful to Observation Point  
- Mystic Falls

**Afternoon:** Lunch on the trail

**Evening:** Dinner at Old Faithful Inn

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### SATURDAY, JUNE 27 – DEPARTURE

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ACTIVITIES

Hikes
Each day there are two options for hikes, one an easier degree of difficulty and one a bit more challenging. Trailheads are an hour to an hour-and-a-half ride from the lodge but the gorgeous scenery unfolding outside your window will make the time fly by. Snacks will also be provided for increased comfort and enjoyment on the ride.

Tuesday, June 23 - Yellowstone Hikes

Fairy Falls and Imperial Geyser
This long, straight, wide and flat path is perfect for those looking for a comfortable hike and several spectacular sights. Fairy Falls, towering at just under 200 feet, shoots wispy falls into a peaceful pool below. A little farther on, you can get an up-close look at an active geyser, the Imperial Geyser. The lack of crowds and close proximity make this geyser, while not as large as Old Faithful, feel like a true hidden gem. This route also offers an aerial view of the brilliant rainbow colors of Grand Prismatic Springs. This enormous hot spring is the second largest spring in the world. Certain bacteria that thrive in hot water create that dazzling array of yellow, orange, red, green and blue you’ll see in the springs (5.2 miles round trip, no elevation change).

Avalanche Peak
Not for the faint of heart, this hike is short, but steep. Those who brave the summit will be rewarded with some of the best panoramic views in the park. The path crosses colorful meadows full of wildflowers and diverse types of beautiful forests before ending at one of the park’s tallest and most remote alpine peaks. The magnificent 360 view will take your breath away. Don’t forget a jacket - the peak can be quite windy (4 miles round trip, 2,000-foot elevation gain).

Wednesday, June 24 – Grand Teton and Jenny Lake

Nestled at the foot of Cascade Canyon in Grand Teton National Park, Jenny Lake comprises nearly two square miles of glassy mountain water, perfect for a leisurely boat ride. From a chartered boat, you will be surrounded by lush landscapes and a wide variety of wildlife in their natural habitat. Be on the lookout for bears, elk, bison, moose, eagles and foxes hiding in the shadow of Mount Moran as it rises straight out of Jackson Lake. Complete with a picnic lunch on the boat, this will be an extraordinary, idyllic way to experience the spectacular Grand Teton Park.

There is an optional 3-mile hike that leads around Phelps Lake. This nice and easy trail showcases the crystal blue waters of the lake and all its verdant shores.
Thursday, June 25 - Yellowstone Hikes

Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, South Rim
This hike is often listed as a “must-do” in Yellowstone. The trail follows the indomitable Yellowstone River downstream while providing iconic views of the Yellowstone Grand Canyon and the Upper Falls. Here, the dramatic colors and shapes of the rock reveal the park’s illustrious geologic history. Through the vibrant yellows, oranges, reds, purples, and whites you’ll be able to feel the massive erosive power of the river. We’ll stop at Artist Point, one of the most famous vantage points in the park. There is an optional detour (with stairs) along Uncle Tom’s Trail if you would like to obtain views of the Lower Falls as well (4 miles roundtrip, 500 feet of elevation loss and gain).

Mount Washburn Hike
If you’d like a bit more of a challenge, Mount Washburn yields a true mountain hike. A wide variety of wildflowers in every color surround this trail and wildlife is abundant. You’ll probably see rams and maybe even some bears. At 10,243 feet, the summit is the highest mountain peak in the Washburn mountain range and provides scenic views that stretch up to 50 miles. At the top you’ll find one of the three fire lookout stations within Yellowstone and there’s a good chance there will be snow. The grand summit, with its sweeping landscape from the Tetons all the way through Yellowstone, is a sight you will never forget (6 miles roundtrip, 1,400-feet elevation gain).

Friday, June 26 - Yellowstone Hikes

Old Faithful to Observation Point
Consider this the quintessential Yellowstone hike. Spouting geysers, expansive views, and historic buildings mark this short, sunny trek. Beginning at the famed Old Faithful boardwalk, the trail continues up to Observation Point, providing an elevated vantage point for the geyser. In the Upper Geyser Basin, you’ll find the largest concentration of geysers in the world. Snowmelt combined with the superheat from hotspots creates a network of geysers, mud pots, fumaroles, hot springs and other geothermal features. Stop at the historic Old Faithful Inn, built in 1903 using materials from within the park. It is one of the few remaining log hotels in the country (2.5 miles roundtrip, less than 250-feet elevation change).
Mystic Falls
To get a little more off the beaten path and into some backcountry, consider the slightly longer hike to Mystic Falls. This trail follows a winding creek through a conifer forest, into a boulder-filled canyon, and ends at a spectacular, 70-foot waterfall. Pictures do not do justice to this powerful, whitewater cascade. The overlook at Little Firehole River is a great spot to view the basin below as well as much of the valley stretching out toward the Upper Geyser Basin (4 miles roundtrip, 1,000-feet elevation gain).

Dining

Sheffield’s Restaurant at Flagg Ranch
Sheffield’s Restaurant at Flagg Ranch. The pace here is slower, perfect for luxuriating in good company and great food. The hearty meals are comfort favorites with a twist - bison burgers and huckleberry cobbler come highly recommended. (Elevation 7,000 feet)

Old Faithful Inn
Dinner will be in the Dining Hall of the Old Faithful Inn, one of the most famous lodges in the country. The magnificent building, more than 100 years old, was built entirely from local pine trees. You will enjoy the warm, inviting ambiance as you dine on local favorites like prime rib and trout, or try something a little different with the pork osso bucco or roasted quail. Between the stunning setting right in Yellowstone Park, the rustic and historic atmosphere of the lodge, and the top-notch food and service, this will be a meal to remember.

Jackson Lake Lodge
The Jackson Lake Lodge will fill your belly and your senses. The room is a visual feast, with stunning views of the Grand Teton Mountain Range through sixty-foot windows on one side, and on the other, the magnificent Rendezvous Murals. The indulgent cuisine is thoughtfully prepared with fresh ingredients like local buffalo, sustainable seafood and natural organic beef. The ambiance here is fine dining in comfort, and combined with the stunning views it is sure to be a highlight of the trip.

Jenny Lake Lodge Dining Room
The Four-Diamond dining destination located in a quaint, 1930s log cabin in the park. The restaurant’s five-course dinner offerings are locally sourced with high-quality sustainable ingredients. Between the mouth-watering cuisine and the spectacular views, a meal at Jenny Lake Lodge is a truly unforgettable experience.
OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

If you would like an alternative to one of the hikes or if you want to squeeze in a little something extra one day, we would be happy to make arrangements for you. Some options include:

Horseback rides with unforgettable views - You’re in cowboy country, embrace the West. Sway through the countryside with an experienced wrangler on a 1, 2 or 3-hour horseback ride. Suitable for beginners and seasoned riders alike, you’ll see a variety of meadows, woods, canyons, and wildlife. Trail rides tend to book up quickly, so please let us know as soon as possible if you’d like us to make arrangements for you.

The best fly-fishing in the country - Nowhere in the world are there so many public rivers, lakes and streams found in such a small area. Seven varieties of game fish live in the park: brook, brown, cutthroat, lake and rainbow trout, along with grayling and whitefish. If you want a fun and relaxing day on the river, we’ll find you the right expert guide or instructor to provide a memorable experience.

Fascinating short programs available right at “home” - Flagg Ranch offers several interesting programs like “Lawless in Yellowstone,” a retrospective on the National Parks Service; “Grand Teton Geology,” the forces that shape the mountains and lakes; a Lodge Art & History tour led by the Lodge historian; and various programs about wild animals like moose and bears. These short activities are a great diversion without even having to leave our accommodations.

Exploring Jackson Lake - Get away from the crowds and enjoy the solitude of nature as you explore at your own pace on a canoe, kayak, paddleboard or paddle boat. You’ll experience the breathtaking vistas that made the lake famous. Plan to do this activity in the morning while waters are a bit calmer and the sun is less intense.

Rafting the Snake River - For the thrill-seekers, a whitewater rafting adventure would be perfect. Experienced guides ensure a safe yet exciting exploit. Never fear, the upper section of Snake River offers a calm, scenic float if that’s more your speed. There’s something for everyone on the Snake River!

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**FLIGHTS**

**Arrival** - Make your travel arrangements to arrive at the Jackson Hole airport (JAC) on Monday, June 22. Transportation will be provided from the airport to our accommodations. Our trip will begin with dinner at 6 p.m.

**Departure** - Make your travel arrangements to depart from the Jackson Hole airport (JAC) on Saturday, June 27. We will provide transportation from Flagg Ranch to that airport.

**Elevation** - Depending on which hikes you choose elevation will be between 7,000 and 10,300 feet.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Headwaters Lodge and Cabins at Flagg Ranch will be our base camp during this outdoor adventure. In the heart of Wyoming, it is conveniently situated between the Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Park.

Unplug and unwind underneath towering pine trees, in river-view cabins that allow you to delight in the wonders of the wild without leaving behind all the comforts of home. You will feel truly immersed in nature while comfortable and cozy in your front-porch rocking chair or in front of the lodge’s roaring fireplace.

**REGISTRATION**

**Registration Pricing**

$4,275 per person, double occupancy  
Single supplement $896.50

Deposit of $750 holds your spot and secures early registration discount. Deposit is refundable until May 8, 2020.

Airfare is not included in the registration fee.

No risk registration. Full refund for cancellations prior to June 12. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we have been able to negotiate a full refund for this event.

Registration includes all meals, except one lunch, hotel accommodations, all scheduled activities and ground transportation once you arrive. Beginning with dinner on Monday, June 22 until departure on Saturday, June 27.

1. Online at  
   www.L3.org/events/national-park-tour-grand-teton-yellowstone

   or

   2. Call Tammy Hale at 512.900.4435