

The Wolves and Wildlife of Yellowstone





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THE WOLVES & WILDLIFE OF YELLOWSTONE (JACKSON TO BOZEMAN)

Explore the remarkable great American wilderness inside Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks during a sublimely special time of year—amidst winter's crisp air, bare trees, frosted earth, and brilliant thermal features. Here, unique and iconic wildlife roam throughout, including bison, gray wolves, coyotes, bald eagles, foxes, and robust herds of elk, mule deer, bighorn sheep, moose, and pronghorn. Scan snow-covered landscapes to notice a wide variety of animal tracks. While some species such as grizzly bears hibernate, others trudge, scurry, and slide through the snow to survive in winter. The elements of nature are in full sway, and fascinating inhabitants—such as close-knit packs of wolves—are hunting, mating, and thriving throughout the greater Yellowstone region that comprises one of the largest nearly intact ecosystems in the world. Safari through snow-kissed valleys and iconic mountain ranges for a true wonderland of natural beauty and inspiration.



Dear Friends,

Join us on an extraordinary winter 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.

Safari aboard custom vehicles with expert naturalists as we explore and learn about the animals, ecosystem, hydrothermal activity, and history of the park. Enjoy a private sleigh ride through the National Elk Refuge and meet an award-winning wildlife photographer for a presentation during a visit to his gallery. Each evening, overnight in atmospheric hotels and a park lodge.

This is a small-group expedition and space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Reserve online at ncsu.orbridge.com, by calling (919) 515-0508, or by emailing hart@ncsu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Hart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

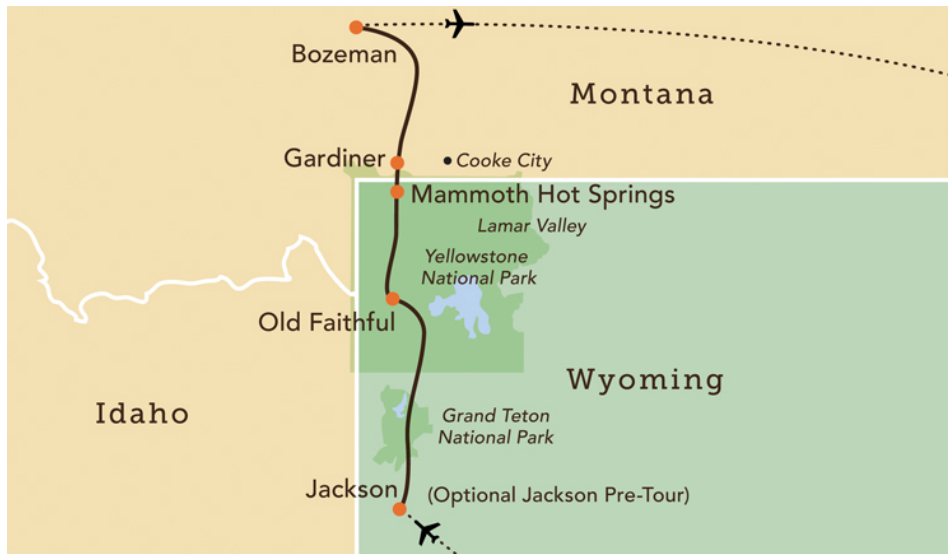
Kathy Hart
WolfTrek Travel Director
NC State Alumni Association

PS: Orbridge and NC State take your health and wellness seriously. Visit orbridge.com/wellness to learn about our enhanced COVID-19 protocols.

Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 4/6/2022

Program Highlights:

- Immerse yourself in the unspoiled natural beauty, diverse wildlife, and dramatic tales of this unique ecosystem during this exclusive wintertime program.
 - Experience Yellowstone in its winter incarnation: a world with frozen geyser rain, ghost trees with a frosty glaze, surprising winter wildflowers, and dynamic hydrothermal features set in snow and ice.
 - Scout for wildlife from the comfort of a custom-outfitted, heated vehicle, featuring oversized windows and a rooftop viewing hatch. Yellowstone is considered one of the best wolf-watching habitats in the country.
 - Joined by two expert Orbridge Expedition Leaders and professional naturalist guides, learn informed perspectives and first-person accounts of the wolves' setbacks, survival, and victories.
 - Meet an award-winning wildlife photographer for a presentation during a visit to his gallery.
 - Keep binoculars close at hand: this is the *Serengeti of North America*, home to the largest concentration of mammals in the lower 48 states. Resident bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, moose, and other wildlife live among seven large predators, one of the most elusive being the gray wolf.
 - Enjoy a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the National Elk Refuge. Created in 1912, this sanctuary is home to one of the largest elk herds in North America.
 - **What's included:** 6 nights accommodations; 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners (including special welcome and farewell dinners), and a wine and cheese reception; a fully-guided program with 2 Orbridge Expedition Leaders and professional naturalists, plus expert local guides; all unique excursions and activities listed in the 7-day itinerary, including transportation; in-field lectures and presentations, including an overview of the wolf packs, a naturalist's summary of the science and research on the biological impact of the repopulation of the wolves in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, and a discussion of the political history of the wolves' reintroduction; use of in-field gear, including high quality binoculars and spotting scopes, Yaktrax, snowshoes, and adjustable hiking poles; hot beverages, water, and snacks throughout touring; admission and park fees throughout; luggage portage; gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leaders, local guides, hotel housekeeping staff, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.
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Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive in Jackson, WY

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Welcome to Jackson! This evening during a welcome dinner, get to know fellow travel companions and your Orbridge Expedition Leaders as you discuss and anticipate the upcoming adventure.

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole (D)

Day 2: Jackson / Grand Teton National Park / National Elk Refuge / Jackson

Sunday, February 19, 2023

After breakfast, depart for a safari surveying Grand Teton National Park. Board a specially equipped vehicle, featuring roof hatches for enhanced viewing, to scout for various wildlife roaming the park.

Later, visit the National Elk Refuge—home to an estimated 7,000 elk—for a special horse-drawn sleigh ride. Celebrate this century-long tradition by getting close to the elk and learning about their habitat and means of survival while surrounded by the gorgeous Grand Tetons.

This evening is at leisure to explore Jackson's town square—only a short walk from the hotel—and take advantage of the abundant and diverse dining options.

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole (B,L)

Day 3: Jackson / Old Faithful

Monday, February 20, 2023

Depart Jackson for Yellowstone National Park. Enjoy lunch en route, transferring to safari snow coaches at Flagg Ranch before continuing the journey north to Old Faithful.

Watch Old Faithful erupt, then enjoy a nature walk to the Castle Geyser and explore the Upper Geyser Basin.

Overnight: Old Faithful Snow Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 4: Old Faithful / Mammoth Hot Springs / Lamar Valley / Gardiner, MT

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Head to Mammoth Hot Springs, a unique area of the park where colorful travertine terraces create mesmerizing, intricate landscapes. During a stop at the Lower Geyser Basin, discover the four hydrothermal features of the park: hot springs, mud pots, geysers, and fumaroles.

This afternoon, peruse the Albright Visitor Center, once a former army building built in 1909.

After lunch, set out for Lamar Valley—a prime wolf habitat. Climb aboard a heated, custom-outfitted van and venture into a winter wonderland where wolves and other wildlife play, hunt, and survive.

Dusted with snow, bison stand majestically within this protected area, and elk gather in the river valleys. Wolves stay in range of their prey. With the season's bare trees and frosty backdrops, conditions are better than any other time of year to spot the elusive predators.

During this full-day safari, your Expedition Leaders will share a wealth of knowledge, stories, and a trained eye to spot wildlife.

Tonight before dinner, rejoin the group for a lovely reception featuring wine and cheese.

Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn (B,L,R,D)

Day 5: Gardiner / Lamar Valley, WY / Cooke City, MT / Gardiner

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Before first light, begin another full-day adventure in the Northern Range—with opportunities to reach viewing points from where wolves have been sighted. Learn about the wolves' evolving family tree, the packs currently roaming the park, and the dynamics between individuals and families. Dramatic stories and perspectives about the saga of the wolves' demise and comeback over the last several decades add to this second day of scouting.

Afterward, stop at the studio of an award-winning photographer and listen to his stories of amazing wildlife encounters. Admire the myriad of wildlife photography displayed in the gallery. Weather permitting, take an opportunity to spot wildlife while venturing further into Yellowstone's Lamar Valley by snowshoeing along one of the park's ski trails that wind through mixed conifer and alpine forests.

Overnight: Yellowstone Gateway Inn (B,L,D)

Day 6: Gardiner / Lamar Valley, WY / Paradise Valley, MT / Bozeman

Thursday, February 23, 2023

This morning, make a final excursion in the Northern Range. After lunch, say goodbye to Yellowstone National Park, passing the iconic Roosevelt Arch at the North Entrance through Paradise Valley on the way to Bozeman for a special evening.

This grand adventure concludes with a festive farewell dinner to recount the week's highlights

and memorable experiences and bid a fond good-bye to the magnificent Yellowstone wildlife, the park, and your traveling companions.

Overnight: Homewood Suites by Hilton Bozeman (B,L,D)

Day 7: Depart Bozeman

Friday, February 24, 2023

After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception

The itinerary for this wintertime program is a guideline that may change to maximize wildlife spotting, natural encounters, and weather conditions.

(Itinerary subject to change.)

Activity Level:

Moderate

The majority of the program's activities will take place outdoors and a fair amount of walking on varying terrain is to be expected. Many of the dirt trails and boardwalks in Yellowstone are not routinely shoveled in the winter. **It is our expectation that guests on this program can withstand cold temperatures; walk on uneven, frozen, or snow-covered terrain; climb in and out of all-terrain vehicles; and manage stairs without assistance.** Also keep in mind that you will experience varying altitudes, from 5,282 to 8,262 feet.

Maximum elevation: 8,262 feet at Craig's Pass and the Continental Divide

What's Included:

- 6 nights accommodations
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners (including special welcome and farewell dinners), and a wine and cheese reception

- A fully-guided program with 2 Orbridge Expedition Leaders and professional naturalists, plus expert local guides
 - All unique excursions and activities listed in the 7-day itinerary, including transportation
 - In-field lectures and presentations, including an overview of the wolf packs and family trees, a naturalist's summary of the science and research on the biological impact of the repopulation of the wolves in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, and a discussion of the political history of the wolves' reintroduction
 - Use of in-field gear, including high quality binoculars and spotting scopes, Yaktrax, snowshoes, and adjustable hiking poles
 - Hot beverages, water, and snacks throughout touring
 - Admission and park fees throughout
 - Luggage portage
 - Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leaders, local guides, hotel housekeeping staff, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
 - Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
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Your Guide(s):

Expedition Leaders



This departure will be accompanied by premier Expedition Leaders who have extensive local knowledge and experience as cultural, historic, and naturalist interpreters. With their contribution of exceptional know-how and enthusiasm adding depth to your experience, enjoy the cultures and locations you explore with added confidence, understanding, and appreciation.

Accommodations:

The Lexington at Jackson Hole



February 18 - February 19

Located in the heart of picturesque Jackson with endless mountain views, The Lexington offers comfortable, contemporary, western-style accommodations with a cozy and charming atmosphere. After a full day of outdoor activities, sip a hot chocolate beside the fireplace or take a dip in the beautiful indoor pool or hot tub.

Start your day with a complimentary, hearty, hot buffet breakfast—offering many options that include local granola, fresh baked goods, breakfast burritos, and biscuits and gravy. Savor craft-roasted coffee from Jackson Hole's own Snake River Roasting Company.

Additional hotel amenities include complimentary coffee and fresh baked cookies each afternoon in the lobby, a coin-operated laundry facility, a business center with complimentary computer and printer use, and complimentary property-wide Wi-Fi.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, Heavenly-style Serta Perfect Sleeper Pillowtop Mattress, cable HDTV, private living area with love seat and second TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, mini-fridge, microwave, coffee and tea maker, iron and ironing board, and en suite bathroom with Rusk sundries and hair dryer.

Old Faithful Snow Lodge



February 20

A short walk from its famous namesake, the Old Faithful Snow Lodge makes abundant use of natural wood and big-beam construction, with fixtures that echo back to historic Yellowstone lodges. The rooms are simple, comfortable, and outfitted with lodge details, such as wooden shutters over windows that open for fresh air.

Take in its cozy fireplace and long wall of windows facing out toward Old Faithful Geyser.

Room Amenities: Phone, Wi-Fi (additional fee), refrigerator, coffee and tea maker, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

Yellowstone Gateway Inn



February 21 - February 22

Conveniently located near the North Entrance of Yellowstone, this all-suite property features recently renovated apartment-style rooms and a self-service laundry facility. Each spacious suite offers a fully equipped kitchen and living room, and easy access to nearby restaurants and shops.

Room Amenities: Denver Euro Top mattress, phone, flat-screen TV, Blue-ray DVD player and complimentary movies, complimentary Wi-Fi, safe, fair trade organic coffee and tea, iron and ironing board, en suite bathroom with organic sundries and hair dryer.

Homewood Suites by Hilton Bozeman



February 23

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. Take advantage of the complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport. Property amenities include complimentary Wi-Fi in public areas, an indoor pool and whirlpool spa, fitness center, on-site convenience store, laundry services (valet and self-service), and business area.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, kitchen, living area, dining and work areas, two flat-screen TVs, complimentary Wi-Fi, MP3 alarm clock, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

(Accommodations subject to change.)

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What Guests Are Saying:

"Our guides were excellent. Both were knowledgeable and reflected their experience both in finding wildlife, allowing us to appreciate it through scopes, explained what was happening as we watched, and took excellent care of us to assure our safety and comfort.

We found our "North American Safari" met more than our expectations. Without a doubt the excellent finding and coverage of the wolves will always reside in our memory, as will the other animals we have seen in their natural habitat."

—Robert & Judy W., Mission Viejo, CA

"I enjoyed the tour being respectful to the environment and wildlife. I felt very educated about the park and was grateful to be guided with such knowledgeable and enthusiastic guides.

The highlights of this program were seeing wolves three times, learning about the geysers, and learning how to snowshoe!"

—Caitlin N., Memphis, TN

"Our guides were fantastic—we were in very good hands! I enjoyed all aspects of the trip, especially opportunities to hike/walk/snowshoe in the beautiful surroundings.

The program is very well run—structured without being rigid; the expertise of the guides was absolutely critical to the overall success of the trip."

—Lauren L., Whitehouse Station, NJ

"For a one week trip, the activities were very well planned and executed with great efficiency. Our guides were very organized and got us to each activity and meal with no wasted time.

Far exceeded my expectations. First trip to both National Parks and coming in the winter and taking part in your tour was a wonderful experience."

—Ron W., Houston, TX

"Words are inadequate to describe this program. The fact that I'm planning to come back and do this again soon should be a small token of how much fun, informational and life changing it was.

It was a superb tour—absolutely best vacation ever. The passion the guides had for the wildlife was uplifting. The beauty of Yellowstone in winter was breathtaking."

—Tom S., Dallas, TX

"A top tier tour which far exceeded our expectations. Highly professional guides made the grandeur of Yellowstone come alive in a way we did not think possible. They possessed unsurpassed knowledge of the history, topography, natural wonders, and especially the wildlife."

—Frank & Shirley A., Cumming, GA

"The guides were knowledgeable, well-organized, passionate about sharing their love for Yellowstone National Park. They were accommodating, patient, and gracious towards those participating. They made all the difference and were top notch!

It was an excellent trip. Experiencing Yellowstone in winter is a trip I will never forget. I thought it was well run and one of the top experiences in travel I have ever had. The excitement of seeing the animals is unparalleled. The park is majestic, vast, and splendid—an American treasure!"

—Susan C., Wallace, NC

"We have never been to Yellowstone and this trip taught us so many things about the park, animals living there, the environment, park service, and the ecosystem. It was a spectacular experience!

It was an extremely well run and thought out program. Organized and anticipated every possible need or issue and was a fun and relaxing way of travel.

The guides were exceptional! Patient, extremely knowledgeable, warm, and never hurried and worked very hard to meet all expectations."

—Linda J. & Larry S., Ardmore, PA

"I would travel with Orbridge again—I seldom travel with groups, but this trip was wonderful. Excellent planning, preparation, focus on the things that matter and are the reasons I took the trip."

—Joan B., San Francisco, CA

"I've never had a more comfortable, fun and carefree travel experience. Everything I could have possibly wanted was provided, usually before I even thought of it! The amount of information provided was also phenomenal. I can't praise the guides enough.

This is a well thought out itinerary and everything was masterfully coordinated. It was a wondrous and awe-inspiring experience."

—Denise H., Sagamore Hills, OH

"We really didn't know what to expect, being our first time to this part of the country, but this program, this experience, was an unforgettable life memory.

Our guide's demeanor, knowledge and wonderful sense of humor made this trip a great experience."

—Dan & Pat O., Pine Plains, NY

"The guides were the best—very knowledgeable, pleasant and hard-working. They made the trip special."

—Don & Carol M., Newberg, OR

"All of our guides were wonderful. Very knowledgeable and great story-tellers. If we had been on our own, we never would have seen the wolves nor many of the other wildlife. It was the experience of the guides that gave us this wonderful experience."

—Janice W., Zelienople, PA

"This trip was very lovely. It was nice to explore all of the open plains and see the

beauty of winter, which I am not used to. Getting to know everyone so well and making these connections, which I didn't expect but was a wonderful surprise.

Excellent planning and accommodations as well as knowledgeable, approachable guides always kept things fun!"

—Elizabeth B., Palo Alto, CA

"The program fulfilled all of my expectations. The flow of the program was smooth and well planned. Great continuity and teamwork.

Our guides' level of knowledge was deep and wide; additionally they were accommodating, professional and friendly.

Observing the scenic views and wildlife were the highlights. Additionally, the knowledge gained from the guides was illuminating."

—Ed K., Suffolk, VA

"This experience was above and beyond anything I expected. I loved seeing all the animals, landscape and how our guides gave amazing lectures. They were extremely knowledgeable and very personable."

—Judith W., Austin, TX

"Great learning experience—excellent leaders, beautiful scenery—a totally unique experience for a southerner. We could have never done this on our own. Fantastic logistics and coordination."

—Eugene & Linda L., Austin, TX

"This program was perfect for us—great guides and good fellow travelers. Every day was a new treat. We saw everything we hoped for plus more, and learned so much!

We have traveled with Orbridge before and hope to again—you are really so good!"

—Jan T., Castle Valley, UT

"I always wanted to spend time in Yellowstone in winter—this was an excellent first experience. To anyone desiring to see wildlife and the geology of Yellowstone with experienced guides, this program met all needs."

—Angelina W., Yorktown, VA

"Orbridge adventures are always exceptional. We would repeat this trip—we didn't want to go home! Excellent planning and execution."

—Lucy C., Grand Prairie, TX

Optional Pre-Tour:

JACKSON



Located in the southern end of Jackson Hole Valley and just 60 miles from Yellowstone National Park, the charming town of Jackson is a four-seasons destination with historic boardwalks, antler arches, endless scenery, and abundant outdoor activities. The town boasts a host of fine art galleries and shops, and a bustling culinary scene from classic steak houses to a bounty of unique dining options.

Itinerary:

Day +1: Arrive in Jackson, WY

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Welcome to Jackson! Settle into your accommodations and enjoy the evening at your leisure.

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole

Day +2: Jackson Hole / Snowshoe Excursion

Friday, February 17, 2023

After breakfast, journey into the heart of winter on snowshoes with a naturalist guide. Learn about different aspects of winter ecology, and enjoy the beauty of Jackson Hole at this time of year.

Overnight: The Lexington at Jackson Hole (B)

Day +3: National Museum of Wildlife Art

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Spot for wildlife outside before taking a private, docent-guided tour of the National Museum of Wildlife Art. It's situated on a distinct cliff overlooking the National Elk Refuge. Enter the museum to view selections of the 5,000-piece collection from more than 550 artists. Dating from 2500 B.C. to the present, the collection chronicles much of the history of wildlife in art, focusing primarily on European and American painting and sculpture. The collection of American art from the 19th and 20th centuries is particularly strong, recording European exploration of the American West. Many of these works predate photography, making them vital representations of the frontier era in the history of the United States.

Enjoy an artful lunch and inspiring views of the Elk Refuge at the museum restaurant, *Palate*.

This evening, join with fellow travelers to begin the main program. (B,L)

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch

This pre-tour is not escorted by an Orbridge Expedition Leader, however the hotel concierge is available for independent tour and activity planning. Space is limited, so it's recommended to reserve early for best availability.

(Itinerary subject to change.)

Activity Level:

Moderate

Guests on this program should be able to walk a mile at a moderate pace, get in and out of various touring vehicles, and walk up a flight of stairs without assistance.

Accommodations:

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(Accommodations subject to change.)

What's Included:

- 2 nights accommodations at The Lexington at Jackson Hole (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Admission to the National Museum of Wildlife Art, including a docent-led tour and lunch (alcoholic beverage allowance included)
- Guided snowshoe excursion, including snowshoe equipment rental, hiking poles, use of binoculars, national park entrance fees, plus bottled water and snacks
- Excursion transportation

- Luggage portage
- All gratuities
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times



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Raleigh, NC 27695-7503

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

☐ Check ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House) ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Name (as printed on card): _____

Billing Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

DEPOSIT:

_____ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +

_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and the COVID-19 Acknowledgement at orbridge.com/wellness; and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Special group rate; limited offer. Rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.

**Pre-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.

PROGRAM RATES*

Double: \$4,995

Single: \$6,995

PRE-TOUR RATE**

Double: \$995

Single: \$1,495

Terms and Conditions

THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022.

Note: Travel credits and transfers are subject to the Terms and Conditions agreed upon at the time of the original reservation.

ORBRIDGE® TERMS AND CONDITIONS, RELEASE AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement includes contractual terms and conditions and releases Orbridge, LLC from liability. Any payment to Orbridge, including but not limited to deposits or full payments, constitutes your acknowledgement of, and agreement to, this Terms and Conditions, Release and Binding Arbitration Agreement Orbridge set forth below and in subsequent tour documents.

Limitation of Responsibility. Orbridge LLC, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, "Orbridge"), does not own or operate any entity that provides goods or services for your trip including, for example, ownership or control over hotels or other lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions or equipment used thereon, food service or entertainment providers, etc., even if they use the "Orbridge LLC" or "Orbridge" name. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Orbridge is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, Orbridge is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience (collectively, "losses") in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging or vessel facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, dangers associated with or bites from animals, pests or insects, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, paddle boarding, surfing, swimming, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, rafting, hiking, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics, pandemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Orbridge. In addition, I release Orbridge from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

Rates. Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares and costs (air, water, land, rail), tariffs and currency values. While Orbridge does everything possible to maintain the listed program rates, they are subject to change effective immediately upon posting unless otherwise specified by Orbridge. In the case of invoicing errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with the correct pricing.

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: (1) \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour except for programs noted in (2) and (3); (2) \$2,500 per person for Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway and \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour; (3) a non-refundable \$1,500 per person is due for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour. Deposits are payable by check, automated clearing house ("ACH"), wire transfer or major credit card.

Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer, and is due for: (1) all programs except Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date; (2) Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 195 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date.

If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program's scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH or wire transfer.

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.

Reservation Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be processed as follows:

(a) For all programs except those noted in (b) and (c), if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 90 calendar days prior to the program's scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(b) For Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 195 calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 195 and 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 149 and 120 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 119 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(c) All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour are non-refundable at all times.

In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

Travel Insurance. Orbridge strongly recommends that you purchase travel and cancellation insurance to protect your investment in the event of unexpected or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover emergency medical evacuation insurance and cancel for any reason insurance. Travel and cancellation insurance policies and dates by which policies must be purchased vary by provider/insurer, maximum coverage (including cancel for any reason) is generally only available for purchase within 14 days of your reservation being confirmed. It is advised to determine your insurance needs and make necessary arrangements soon after reserving on tour. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us.

Program Cancellations or Postponements. All programs are subject to cancellation or postponement by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for reasons such as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical problems that, in Orbridge's sole judgment, may impede program operations or represent conditions or events that may expose program guests and/or Orbridge to undue risk of harm, injury, damage or inconvenience. In the event of program cancellation or postponement by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join the same tour on a different date or a different tour. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference within 30 days of the alternative program's departure date. If it is higher than your original booking price, Orbridge will invoice you the difference and you will be responsible therefor. Transferred guests are subject to the terms of the original tour. Except for force majeure, if a program is cancelled or postponed by Orbridge, Orbridge will refund all payments made within 30 calendar days of notice of program cancellation or postponement if an alternative arrangement is not offered.

Itineraries. Accommodations, the itinerary, travel directors or expedition leaders, lecturers, hosts, faculty or organization representative, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge's control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate programs as planned, however adjustments, substitutions and changes may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, withdraw a program or any part of it, make such alterations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenditures or additional costs caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control.

Not Included. Unless otherwise specifically noted in the itinerary, program prices do not include the following expenses, which if applicable are your sole responsibility to pay and satisfy: trip cancellation insurance and passenger travel protection plan; domestic, international, and internal airfares except as indicated in program inclusions; transfers and luggage handling fees except in connection with scheduled group flights; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes; airline ticketing fees; airport transfers when arriving/departing on other than scheduled group dates; excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or other taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authorities; gratuities to drivers, guides, or ship's crew not specified; meals and beverages other than those specified as being included in the itinerary; sightseeing not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability); ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable; any items not on the "included" list of the tour documents

Health and Fitness to Travel. Through your participation in your tour, you assume responsibility for your own health, safety, and welfare and acknowledge that Orbridge cannot absolutely guarantee your safety or health. Your physician can provide guidance on your personal health risk and precautions to take while traveling. Some programs include physically active elements. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required and Orbridge will require all guests to follow local, state, national and/or World Health Organization health and safety mandates. Accordingly, you must be in good physical and mental condition to participate. You represent that you have no physical, mental or other condition, impairment or disability that may or will cause or create a risk of injury or other hazard to yourself or others in respect to any aspect of the program you have selected. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, limit, restrict or prohibit from participation in any aspect of any program any individual that it considers in its sole discretion to be impaired or unsuitable due to fitness level. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion and at the participant's sole expense, remove the guest from the program, or restrict the program-related activities of any individual whose physical or mental condition may or is likely to cause a hazard to himself/herself or others, or otherwise impair the enjoyment of other program participants. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing to Orbridge at the time a program reservation is made. Should you have any questions or need any clarification about a specific program, please ask for details at the time of registration. Orbridge will try to accommodate your situation if possible.

Accessibility. Orbridge cannot guarantee that the transportation, lodging, and entertainment/sightseeing accommodations will be accessible to all persons regardless of their physical and mental condition. In addition, many of the activities involved in each program include walking or the like for some distance on uneven ground or pavement or moving water as well as the ability to walk up and down stairs without assistance. Should any individuals seeking to participate in a travel opportunity need special accommodations to ensure their enjoyment of the trip, kindly provide notice at the time the reservation is submitted, and we will see if your participation is feasible. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside the United States.

At the time of reservation, Orbridge needs to be notified to determine if the special needs of an individual traveler can be met through special arrangements. It is possible that minor modifications to the services can be provided, but only if Orbridge is made specifically aware of anticipated needs. This notification should be made in writing no less than two weeks prior to the planned travel. Neither Orbridge nor any of the providers of transportation, lodging, or other services can provide special accommodations without this advance notice.

Where an individual with certain specific needs will be traveling with a group, it is necessary for other members of that person's group to be available to assist as necessary. Neither employees of Orbridge nor any suppliers of services can allow any of their employees to provide physical assistance to any guests.

Travel Advisories. The State Department and the Centers for Disease Control periodically issue statements and advisories about risks to travelers. These statements are country specific and contain important information. The State Department information can be found at www.travel.state.gov, and the CDC statements can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov>. Orbridge highly recommends everyone to review these sites.

Children. Orbridge welcomes the participation of children in most of its programs. However, in the event you do include your children or other minors for whom you serve as legal guardian ("Dependents") in your travel plans, you hereby agree that you are and shall be at all times solely responsible for their care, actions, safety and protection during the program and any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is possible or suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us.

Baggage. Program rates include the price of one piece of policy-compliant baggage per person during the land, cruise or rail portion of the program only unless specified in the itinerary. Air carriers and motor coaches often impose significant other restrictions or limitations on the number of pieces, size and weight of luggage and may reject or impose additional fees on luggage exceeding such limitations or restrictions. All such fees are your sole cost and responsibility. In addition and regardless of location or transportation method, your baggage and personal effects are and shall at all times be at your sole risk throughout the entire program. Please check with your air carrier for other applicable baggage restrictions and limitations.

Travel Documents. All guests are responsible for possessing and maintaining necessary travel documents. These documents shall be valid under state and federal law and as required by foreign countries being visited. Orbridge is not responsible for invalid travel documents and repercussions thereof.

For U.S. citizens, valid passports are required for travel to foreign destinations and some countries require specific visas prior to entry. Please direct any questions in respect to visa requirements to Orbridge, which shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide answers as a courtesy, provided that it shall remain your sole responsibility and obligation to obtain and verify that you have all required travel documents, including visas, necessary and appropriate for the program location(s) and sufficient blank pages in your passport for visas and immigration stamps. In addition, some countries require your passport to have an expiry date of not less than six months after your anticipated return to the United States. Orbridge disclaims all liability for any expenses or costs you may incur due to your prohibition or restriction from entering a country on the program itinerary or reentering the United States at the conclusion of the program. If travel documents fail to meet these requirements, boarding of aircraft or ship to any international destination may be denied and entry into such countries may be denied.

Photos and Videos. Orbridge may take photographs and/or video of its trips and participant grants Orbridge permission to do so and for it to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any compensation to participant. In addition, Orbridge may use, without compensation, any photographs or video taken by tour participants and submitted to Orbridge or to SmugMug without payment of any compensation. In submitting any such photographs or videos to Orbridge or SmugMug, participant warrants that he or she took the image and that the dissemination of same does not violate the copyright rights of any person.

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Other. Dates, program details and costs are based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time. While we do not anticipate material revisions of the itinerary or its included features, we do reserve the right to substitute accommodations or modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary Orbridge, in its sole discretion, deems necessary and in that case any additional expense or cost will be paid by the individual guest. Your baggage and personal effects are your sole responsibility at all times. It is prohibited by federal law and Orbridge policy to bring illegal drugs, firearms, or other contraband (including marijuana

for medical or recreational purposes) on any program.

Orbridge may at any time and without notice modify these terms and conditions, and any modification so made will be effective for all reservations made from and after the posted Effective Date.

In the event any term in these terms and conditions is deemed unenforceable the unenforceable clause shall be interpreted to give effect to the parties' intentions to the greatest enforceable extent, and all other provisions hereof shall remain fully enforceable according to their terms.

Binding Arbitration. I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, either according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Washington law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. By agreeing to these terms and conditions, both parties are waiving their right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Orbridge must be on behalf of only the individual(s) to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members travelling with them, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participant be part of a class or other joint action.

Acceptance of Contract. ANY PAYMENT TO ORBRIDGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEPOSITS OR FULL PAYMENTS, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AND AGREEMENT TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE AND IN MORE SPECIFIC TOUR DOCUMENTS.

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