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Winter Photography in Yellowstone National Park

with Oregon State University accompanied by former National Geographic editor-in-chief and OSU alumnus, Chris Johns, '74



FEBRUARY 2 - 8, 2023

Blanketed in snow and ice, the sheer beauty of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks in winter is simply unmatched.

Join your fellow OSU alumni to photograph majestic landscapes and charismatic wildlife while exploring two of our country's national treasures. Traveling aboard a comfortable, heated snowcoach offers greater access and unique perspectives on park scenery. Accompanied by Chris Johns, renowned photojournalist and awardwinning former editor-in-chief of National Geographic magazine, you'll have the opportunity to practice new techniques and add stunning images to your portfolio.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Capture images of wildlife like wolves, bison, elk, mule deer, coyotes and bald eagles contrasted against the icy backdrops of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.
- Witness the geysers, hot springs and fumaroles of Yellowstone's Lower Geyser Basin, Fountain Paint Pots and iconic Old Faithful.
- Talk with science, nature and travel writer David Quammen (schedule permitting), author of "The Song of the Dodo," and meet documentary photographer Louise Johns, daughter of Chris Johns, while enjoying our time in Bozeman.
- Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride for a close-up view of thousands of elk, and learn how the settlement of Jackson Valley has affected the herd's winter migration.
- Meet with a member of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Membership in the OSU Alumni Association is required to travel with OSUAA Group Travel. If you are not a member, please contact the Membership Dept. at 877-678-2837 to sign up today or join online at **ForOregonState.org/Join**. If you prefer to send a check, please include \$60 for a single membership and remit to: OSU Alumni Association, CH2M HILL Alumni Center, Corvallis OR 97331-6303.





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B,L,D = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

FEBRUARY 2 - BOZEMAN, MT

Today arrive at the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, where you will meet your tour director and transfer to your hotel. (*Please arrive in Bozeman by 3 p.m.) Enjoy some free time to settle in. Then, join the group for a presentation by a member of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting the lands, waters and wildlife of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, followed by a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *Overnight at BW Plus Grantree Inn or similar. (D)*

FEBRUARY 3 - BOZEMAN, MT

This morning, depart Bozeman and take a scenic drive to the North Entrance of Yellowstone National Park for a day of wildlife watching, scenic beauty and photography with Chris Johns and his daughter, who is also a renowned photographer. In winter in the northern part of the park, especially Lamar Valley, the cold, wind and snow drives the



wolves, bison, mule deer and coyotes down from the high ridges and mountains to forage and hunt for food in the open meadows near the road, creating optimum viewing for Yellowstone safari-goers. Although wolves roam throughout Yellowstone, Lamar Valley and the Northern Range's open vistas provide good viewing. You will also explore Mammoth Hot Springs with its beautiful Hot Spring Terraces. A boxed lunch will be included today. After a wonderful day in Yellowstone, return to Bozeman and enjoy dinner and an informal talk with author **David Quammen*** and documentary photographer **Louise Johns**. Overnight at BW Plus Grantree Inn or similar. (BLD)

FEBRUARY 4 - WEST YELLOWSTONE, MT

This is your day to discover Yellowstone National Park, America's oldest and most famous national park, via snowcoach. After a scenic drive, arrive in West Yellowstone and board a heated snowcoach which provides a clear view, moving easily across the snow while listening to the insights of an experienced Yellowstone guide. Visit some of the landmarks for which Yellowstone is famous, including Madison River, Fountain Paint Pots and the world's most famous geyser, Old Faithful. There will be plenty of time to witness Old Faithful's dramatic display, enjoy lunch on own and explore the area. In the afternoon, enjoy a return trip to West Yellowstone with additional picture stops along the way. The evening is free on your own. *Overnight at Holiday Inn or similar. (B)*

FEBRUARY 5 - WEST YELLOWSTONE, MT

After breakfast, meet your snowcoach driver once again and depart for another wonderful day in Yellowstone National Park. Today your destination is the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Along the way, visit Norris Geyser Basin, which features Steamboat Geyser. While it doesn't run "on time" as much as Old Faithful, Steamboat is the tallest geyser anywhere on the globe and it's spectacular any time of year. The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone is a must-see phenomenon in winter. You'll be captivated by the snow clinging to the canyon walls and the ice bridge that forms at the bottom. It's definitely a "bucket list" location. If time allows, Hayden Valley will also be a stop on your route. It is here that you will often find photo-worthy bison herds, elk and other animals. Lunch is included today. Late in the afternoon, return to West Yellowstone with the evening free on your own. *Overnight at Holiday Inn or similar. (BL)*

FEBRUARY 6 - JACKSON, WY

Depart West Yellowstone for a scenic winter drive over Teton Pass to the Old West town of Jackson. After some free time for lunch on your own, head north into Grand Teton National Park for an afternoon of sightseeing and photography. The majesty of the Teton Range in winter is a sight to behold! Scenes of the Snake River with the Tetons in the background are beautiful and iconic. A blanket of snow also makes spotting wildlife easier. After a wonderful day, arrive at your hotel in the heart of Jackson. The evening is free to dine on your own at one of the many wonderful restaurants in town. *Overnight at Rustic Inn or similar. (B)*



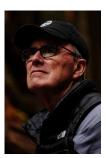
FEBRUARY 7 - JACKSON, WY

Enjoy a beautiful winter day with incredible views of the rugged Teton Mountains. After breakfast, start the day with a fantastic winter experience. Just a couple miles north of Jackson is the National Elk Refuge, winter home for thousands of these majestic animals. Get a close-up view as you take a horse-drawn sleigh ride right into the massive herd on the Elk Refuge. Your sleigh driver and guide will explain how the settlement of Jackson Valley affected the elk herd winter migration and why the refuge now plays an important role in their survival. Enjoy some additional photo ops at your host's discretion. Return to Jackson with the rest of the day free to explore the many restaurants, shops and art galleries on your own. This evening, join the group for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and celebrate your winter experience. Overnight at Rustic Inn or similar. (BD)

FEBRUARY 8 - DEPARTURE

This morning, transfer to the Jackson Hole Airport for your departure flight home.

MEET YOUR TRIP LEADER



Chris Johns, '74

You may not know his name, but you could never forget one of his photos. Christopher Johns made some of the most recognizable pictures of our time. A renowned photojournalist and awardwinning former editor-in-chief of National Geographic magazine, Johns now serves as a strategic advisor to the

National Geographic Society. He is a member of the advisory council for the *Oregon Stater* alumni magazine and in the upcoming year will support OSU journalism students through mentorship experiences and classroom collaborations.

After spending a career as a journalist walking the tightrope between worry and wonder, he's now fostering a rising artist with her own distinct ethos. His daughter Louise Johns, who picked up a camera as a child during her father's last assignment, now is shaping her own photography vision one image at a time.

FILM: THE WONDER AND THE WORRY

The Wonder and the Worry is a film currently in production about two amazing careers, a lyrical exploration of family, and the craft of photography and the power of journalism to effect change. It is also the story of the transformation of one of the most influential institutions in publishing, National Geographic magazine, which has long celebrated a natural world now perched on the edge of irreversible global change. This is a story of the soul of journalism and of the achingly beautiful planet balanced precariously close to the edge of devastation.

Your participation in this travel program will help support the film's production.

Look for "The Wonder and the Worry" to launch in 2023.











ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

This program takes place in winter conditions, where snow, ice and other uneven terrain are possible. Participants need to be in good physical condition with ability to climb stairs, walk reasonable distances, including on uneven ground, snow and ice. Come prepared for cold weather with overnight locations at elevations up to 8,000 feet.

LAND PRICING

\$5,625 per person

Price includes accommodations, meals, activities and entrance fees as described in the itinerary; non-alcoholic beverages with included meals; private vehicle transportation; full-time guide; gratuities for all local guides, drivers, meals and porters; and donation to "The Wonder and the Worry" film production.

Does not include airfare, estimated at \$529 per person from Portland to Bozeman; meals not indicated; alcoholic beverages; laundry services; or other items of a personal nature. Other departure cities available. Holbrook can assist with your flight arrangements upon request.

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THE FINE PRINT

Price is based on double occupancy; for a single room throughout the trip, add \$740 per person. A \$500 per person deposit and enrollment form are required to reserve your space on the trip. This deposit is refundable minus a \$200 cancellation fee until October 30, 2022, at which time final non-refundable payment is due.

Travel/trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended (offered through Oregon State University Alumni Association). Please note: To receive some benefits, you will need to sign up for insurance within 14-21 days of paying your trip deposit.

Itineraries may be subject to change due to protocols and adjustments related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the latest information regarding Holbrook Travel's COVID-19 policies, please visit holbrooktravel.com/covid19

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