MONTANA –BIG SKY, YELLOWSTONE & PARADISE VALLEY

Join us on a one-of-a-kind journey to share the beauty of the outdoors and the beauty that lies within. Guided by our team of experts, you and your guests will enjoy unforgettable moments of true adventure and unplugged connection while exploring the spectacular destination of your choice. Happy trails and a world of positive vibes await.

TRIP SUMMARY

Experience true beauty and adventure under Montana's Big Sky, explore the incredible wildland of Yellowstone Park, and take in once-in-a-lifetime views along the mountain ranges of Paradise Valley. By day, you'll hike with homegrown guides to experience stunning, secluded vistas in Yellowstone's backcountry. You and your group will trek across meadows and alpine lakes before riding horseback into the mountains with a fourth generation Montana cowboy. When night falls, relax and recharge with a soak in a soothing hot spring before tasting all that the local cuisine has to offer. After days of unplugged connection under Montana's "big sky," you'll understand why they call it the great outdoors.
DATES

June 10 - Family Trip
July 29 - Adult Trip (ages 16+)

Trip Price:
Adult: $2,698 ($580 single supplement)
Children: $2,158 to $2,428

TO LEARN MORE + TO BOOK:

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ITINERARY – ADULT TRIP

Day 1: Grotto Falls / Gallatin Canyon

Pick-up in Bozeman. Take a short hike through timber and meadows along Hyalite Creek to Grotto Falls. Enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch upon return from your adventure. Shuttle up Gallatin Canyon to the town of Big Sky and prep for a zip line tour across the Gallatin River. Tonights dinner is at the 320 Steakhouse and Saloon. Overnight 320 Guest Ranch. (L, D)

Day 2: Beehive Basin / Big Sky

Embark on an all-day hike amid the Spanish Peaks to Beehive Basin with
sweeping views of the Madison and Gallatin Ranges, including Big Sky's Lone Mountain (an alternate hike may be arranged on early season departures, depending on trail conditions). Lunch trailside by the shore of an alpine lake. Continue your trek through wildflower meadows, glacial streams and the distinctive crags of Beehive Peak. Dinner tonight back at the ranch. Overnight 320 Guest Ranch (B, L, D)

Day 3: Yellowstone National Park / Old Faithful / Grand Canyon of Yellowstone
Shuttle to Yellowstone for a hike to Old Faithful and the Upper Geyser Basin, home to the largest collection of geysers in the world. Drive along the shore of the magnificent Yellowstone Lake and up through bison-dotted Hayden Valley. Embark on a backcountry hike along the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, ending at a viewpoint of the incredible 308-foot Lower Falls. This evening, enjoy dinner at Canyon Lodge. Overnight Canyon Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 4: Mammoth Hot Springs / Yellowstone River
Drive to the northern section of the park where we hike a mostly downhill trail that ends at the vibrant travertine terraces of Mammoth Hot Springs. A few short miles away is the town of Gardiner where we enjoy lunch at the historic Roosevelt Arch. Load into rafts for a beautiful ride down the Yellowstone River. Drive through Paradise Valley to Chico Hot Springs Resort and Day Spa. Dinner tonight is on
Day 5: Absaroka Mountains / Paradise Valley

Shuttle to the Flying Diamond Ranch and mount up for a leisurely morning horseback ride high into the Absaroka Mountains. Our picnic lunch spot boasts spectacular mountain views. This afternoon enjoy a hike to a beautiful waterfall. Back at Chico, soak in natural hot springs before feasting on a candlelit farewell dinner. Overnight Chico Hot Springs (B, L, D)

Day 6: Chico Hot Springs / Bozeman

Take a morning hike to a nearby trout pond or enjoy a last morning soak in the hot springs. Return to Bozeman airport and area hotels (B)

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Activities – Adult Trip

Hiking: 2 to 6 miles per hike, easy to difficult terrain
Whitewater Rafting: Class I-III rapids, no experience necessary

Horseback Riding: Easygoing walking pace, no experience necessary

Zip Lining: Gear and instruction provided, no experience necessary

Discovery: Unlock the mysteries of Yellowstone's geyser basins. Wander your way along winding trails through Montana's pristine backcountry, unlocking the secrets of the forest along the way. Scrutinize the pros and cons of wildfire in a lodgepole pine tree ecosystem. Search for moose, bears, wolves, and elk in the middle of a supervolcano's massive caldera. Taste for yourself the tender juiciness of a Montana home grown beef filet mignon. Take in the beauty of North America's largest high alpine lake, Yellowstone Lake and make sure to ask about why the lake trout are such a big problem. Listen to a rancher's side of the story as you hear Martin or Jack Davis, fourth generation cowboys, explain how Yellowstone's reintroduced wolves have affected their cattle population. Learn why Chico Hot Springs Resort is a favorite celebrity haunt.

Discover for yourself this place they call Big Sky Country with the experts in adventure travel.

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experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, Austin Adventures guides will help you select the distance that’s right for you.

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locals. Back at Chico, soak in a natural hot spring before feasting on a candlelit farewell dinner while the kids are entertained with a pizza party at the Poolside Grill. Overnight Chico Hot Springs (B, L, D)

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Discovery: Traverse the property at the 320 Guest Ranch in search of a cleanly imprinted grizzly track in the dried mud. Learn the difference between Yellowstone's four geothermal features: geysers, hot springs,
mud pots, and fumaroles. Take a guess at why Yellowstone's bubbling hot springs come in a wide array of bright colors. Taste your way through an assortment of wild game options, perhaps the elk tenderloin, antelope sausage, or duck breast will be to your liking! Spot all kinds of wildlife ranging from the cute, furry Uinta Ground Squirrel to the massive, shaggy American Bison. Observe the effects of wildfire in a lodgepole pine ecosystem, past and present. Listen to a rancher's side of the story as you hear Martin or Jack Davis, fourth generation cowboys, explain how Yellowstone's reintroduced wolves have affected their cattle population. Find out why Chico Hot Springs Resort is a favorite celebrity haunt. Discover for yourself this place they call Big Sky Country.

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Accommodations – Adult + Family Trips

Nights 1 & 2: The 320 Guest Ranch
In the west, life has certainly gotten easier than it was in the early days, even at a Montana guest ranch. But some of the things that mattered most back then are still important today; like delicious, hearty meals, 320's friendly, laid-back attitude. Experience a 110 year old homestead - reshaped into a Montana guest ranch. Relive the early western atmosphere and down-home hospitality - all in one big beautiful, historic property. The 320 Ranch offers exceptional cowboy comfort just south of Big Sky Ski Resort, where the pristine Gallatin River winds through sage and towering pines, and mountains rise up against crystal blue skies.

**Night 3: Canyon Lodge and Cabins**

Featuring two lodges and recently renovated cabins, Canyon Lodge and Cabins is situated on the eastern side of the park next to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River. The rustic accommodations allow for the opportunity to step back from technology and embrace lodging in the country’s oldest national park. Located on site you’ll find a full service restaurant, elegant bedrooms with private bathrooms, a delightful lobby with two fireplaces, and a lounge and gift store that warmly beckon guests to linger and chat.

**Nights 4 & 5: Chico Hot Springs Resort & Day Spa**

The perfect location for your Montana getaway. This historic resort is located in the heart of Paradise Valley, just north of Yellowstone National Park - and nestled in the foothills of the breathtaking Absaroka Mountain
Range. Chico offers an extraordinary variety of accommodations, exceptional dining, outdoor adventures, live entertainment, ultimate relaxation, all with a warm smile and welcoming spirit from their friendly staff. This rustic-chic inn and day spa boasts mineral hot spring-fed pools, extensive gardens, & soothing spa services. In June of 1999, Chico Hot Springs was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions – except one dinner on your own – are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.

Included in the Trip Price

- Get outfitted in optimistic gear with a welcome kit from Life is Good
- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners – except one dinner on your own – refreshments and receptions.
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and
• knowledgeable local partners.
  Bikes, helmets and other necessary equipment - all safe and well maintained.
  Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
  Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.
  
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• One dinner on your own.
  Pre- and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
  Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
  All types of personal insurance.
  Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information
After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.

Additional Details
Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double adult room occupancy. Each additional person in a room receives a 10% discount (not combinable with other discounts). Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. *some restrictions may apply

Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure - Full trip payment refunded less a $300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61–90 days before trip departure - Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded
Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure - 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure - No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.