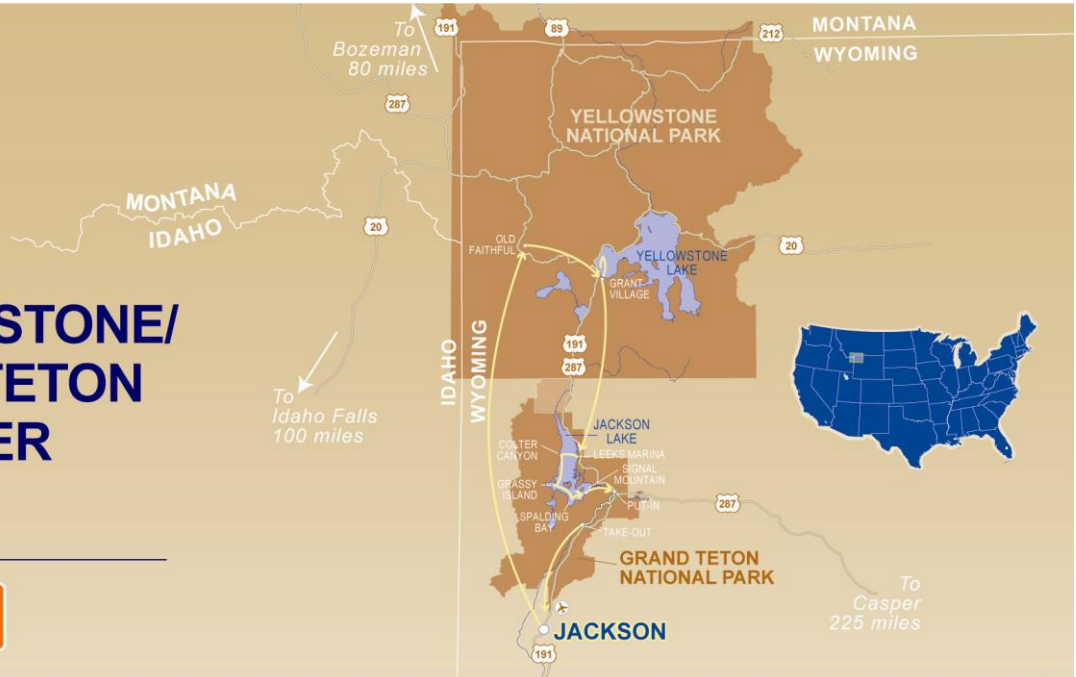




YELLOWSTONE/ GRAND TETON EXPLORER

Itinerary



MEETING PLACE:	Lexington, Trapper Inn & Suites, Jackson, Wyoming
MEETING TIME:	7:30 PM the night before your trip
RETURN TIME:	4:00 - 6:00 PM on Day 5 or 6
AREA COVERED:	Yellowstone Lake, Jackson Lake and the Snake River
RIVER RATING:	Class II
MINIMUM AGE:	7 years
TRIP LENGTH:	6 days/5 nights or 5 days/4 nights
ACTIVITIES:	Lake kayaking, Hiking, River Rafting
BOAT TYPES:	2-person touring kayak, Oar raft

Our adventure begins with a visit to Old Faithful Geyser followed by a guided tour of Yellowstone National Park's world renowned Lower Geyser Basin. Spend an afternoon paddling along the coast of magnificent Yellowstone Lake, a geothermal lake at the heart of the nation's first national park. Our Jackson Lake sea kayaking excursion is a multi-faceted outdoor adventure in full view of the magnificent Tetons. For the final portion of our multi-sport adventure we transfer to rafts for a 13-mile float down the Snake River. At the end of our journey we will have paddled and floated over 50 miles of some of the most spectacular scenery in North America—having traveled from the center of Yellowstone National Park, through the heart of Grand Teton National Park to its southern boundary.

AWARD-WINNING NATURE-BASED ADVENTURES SINCE 1969

O.A.R.S. has been in business for over 40 years and that is no accident. Great trips on some of the world's best rivers and coastlines are the recipe for this success. Always focused on our clients and their vacations, it is our genuine belief that river trips and nature-based adventures are extremely valuable life experiences. With that as our foundation, we have committed ourselves over the years to providing the best trips available, always with an eye on improvement.

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BOAT TYPE - see photos at http://www.oars.com/our_adventures/river_ratings.html

- Sea Kayak—Made for one or two people, these boats offer hands-on activity and the chance to peacefully explore lakeshores and coastlines. These quiet crafts are ideal for close observation of wildlife in even the shallowest inlets, and are highly responsive and easily maneuverable.
- A motorized raft is used as a support boat on the lake.
- Children as young as 7 may accompany the trip. Due to kayak design and the pace of our trips we must restrict requests for single kayaks to those with a height of 4'11" or taller, and 14 years or older. Previous paddling experience is also suggested. **Smaller children must be in a double kayak with an adult or older sibling.**
- Oar rafts are the most stable of river craft. They are rowed from the center of the boat by your guide, and carry 3 to 5 passengers plus any gear. These boats will be used on the river the last day of your trip.

SPECIALTY TRIPS

- **Solo Travelers trips:** What brings unique individuals together on an O.A.R.S. Solo Travelers trip is a shared appreciation for outstanding quality, a spirit of adventure and exploration, and a passion for good times.
- **Photography:** Join an acclaimed photographer for a special photography workshop in the Tetons. Our photo expeditions are geared for photography, with special attention to being at the right place at the right time for the "perfect light." Whether you are an enthusiastic beginner or an advanced professional, you will benefit from our professional photographers' years of experience photographing the outdoors. Grand Teton National Park was first photographed in 1872 by William H. Jackson and continues to delight even the most amateur of photographers. The mountains, lakes, rivers, forests and wildlife leave hardly a view unworthy of a picture.

Sample Itinerary

We pride ourselves in running a relaxed and always flexible schedule. Every trip is different depending upon the group, other trips on the water and sometimes the weather. The following is a sample of what your trip might be like.

The Day Before Your Trip...

We meet at 7:30 pm at the Lexington, Trapper Inn & Suites in Jackson for a pre-trip meeting. This is an opportunity to meet your fellow travelers and guides, and ask any last-minute questions. Your guides will give you a thorough trip orientation, then pass out your waterproof bags so that you can pack your belongings that evening.

Day 1

We begin the first day of our adventure in Yellowstone National Park with a visit to Old Faithful, the world's most renowned geyser. Following a delicious lunch in the park, we continue our journey with a guided tour of the geothermal hotspots of the Lower Geyser Basin featuring regularly-erupting geysers, hot springs and an otherworldly mud pool. The West Thumb Geyser Basin section of Yellowstone Lake offers the ideal venue for our 3-hour introduction to sea kayaking and an up-close perspective of geysers erupting at the water's edge. After exploring the geothermal features of the West Thumb of Yellowstone Lake, we will then make camp at Grant Village Campground.

Day 2

After a hearty breakfast we drive south to Grand Teton National Park, arriving at Leeks Marina just before lunch. We say good-bye to the vans and civilization and head across Jackson Lake in our stable kayaks. Continuing on our paddle to our campsite at Colter Camp on the western shore of Jackson Lake, we'll

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enjoy dinner and the sunset beneath the Tetons. There may be a possibility for a short hike into one of the remote canyons of the lake's western shore.

Day 3-5

We paddle our sea kayaks along the western shore of Jackson Lake to Grassy Island located in Moran Bay. This secluded island is our camp for the next night or two. There are several short hiking options available during the day, including Moran Canyon. Keep your eyes open for moose, elk, fox, beaver, black bear, mule deer and coyote that are found in the area.

Depending on the group and weather conditions we may enjoy a hike to Bearpaw and/or Trapper Lakes, cascades in Moran Canyon, a longer hike to Leigh Lake, or just relaxing in our secluded Grassy Island camp. We return to camp for another night of fantastic wilderness cuisine and camping beneath the starry sky.

Now that we have conditioned sea legs we depart Grassy Island camp and paddle to Spalding Bay. En route, we will stop for lunch and take a short hike along the southern shore of Jackson Lake and the majestic Teton view. Spalding camp is our destination for a delicious dinner under the stars and a spectacular camping spot.

Final day (5 or 6)

After breakfast we depart Spalding Bay for Signal Mountain where we leave the sea kayaks behind and transfer in vans to the Snake River near Pacific Creek. Our rafts are waiting for the 13-mile peaceful meander along the base of the Grand Tetons on the Snake River. We may see moose browsing on willow, or yellow-bellied marmot sunning on the rocks. Take-out is near Deadman's Bar, with a late afternoon return to Jackson.

What's Included?

- Skilled professional guide service
- 4 or 5 nights catered camping
- Expedition equipment, including 2-person shared tent, splash jacket and dry bags
- High quality inflatable rafts, sea kayaks, and related equipment including paddle and personal flotation device
- All transfers from Jackson to Yellowstone and return from the river

What's Not Included?

- Transportation to and from Jackson, Wyoming
- Pre- and post-trip accommodations and meals
- Sleeping bags and pads (these items may be rented from O.A.R.S.)
- Insurance of any kind, including travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Items of a personal nature (an equipment list will be provided)
- Gratuities

Something Voluntary

In reviewing your statement, you'll note a \$1/person/day donation to Waterkeeper Alliance, a non-profit conservation organization that connects and supports Waterkeeper programs to provide a voice for waterways and their communities worldwide. This donation is voluntary and may be removed from your invoice if you choose not to participate. Please notify our office if you would prefer to delete the donation from your balance.

The O.A.R.S. Foundation is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization with the express goal of providing opportunities for young people to experience the magic of a river trip. Visit www.oarsfoundation.org to learn more about how your tax deductible donation can change young lives for the better.

A Few Important Details

Reservations & Deposits

- A \$250/person deposit is required at the time of reservation. The balance is due 60 days prior to departure.

Cancellations, Transfers & Refunds

- If you find it necessary to cancel your trip, please notify us as soon as possible. The cancellation fee after you've made your deposit can range up to the entire trip cost, based upon the number of days prior to your trip that we receive your cancellation notice. We regret we cannot make exceptions for personal emergencies. For this reason, **we strongly urge you to investigate trip insurance** (see Insurance).
- Cancellations 60 days or more prior to the trip earn a full refund less \$100 person. Cancellations 59 days or less, prior to your trip are not refundable.
- If you transfer from one trip to another, there is a \$50/person charge up until 60 days before the trip. Transfers made after this time will be treated as cancellations.

Medical

- Under most circumstances, if you are of an adventurous spirit and in reasonably good health, you should have no problem enjoying an O.A.R.S. trip. People with medical conditions, including pregnancy, should have a physician's approval before taking an adventure travel trip.

Insurance

- Although every effort is made to insure a safe trip for all, we strongly recommend that you protect yourself, your belongings, and your vacation through the purchase of a short-term traveler's policy. A trip cancellation policy covers your non-refundable payments in most cases, should you have to cancel your trip at the last minute due to illness or injury. Trip participants should realize that in the event of illness or injury on a river trip, evacuation can be prolonged, difficult and expensive. Personal belongings and cameras are carried entirely at the owner's risk, and O.A.R.S. accepts no responsibility for lost, damaged, delayed or stolen property.

Acknowledgement of Risk

- Everyone is required to sign a standard Acknowledgement of Risk before the trip, acknowledging awareness that some risks are associated with the trip. Safety is of the utmost concern on our trips. However, due to the nature of the activities, a condition of your participation is that you will sign this form and return it to our office before the trip begins. Anyone who refuses to sign the form will not be allowed to participate, and consistent with O.A.R.S. cancellation policy, there will be no refund of the trip fees at that time.

Responsibility – An Important Notice

- O.A.R.S. West, Inc. and cooperating agencies act only in the capacity of agent for the participants in all matters relating to transportation and/or all other related travel services, and assume no responsibility however caused for injury, loss or damage to person or property in connection with any service, including but not limited to that resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, theft, pilferage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, government restrictions or regulations, and discrepancies or change in transit over which it has no control. Reasonable changes in itinerary may be made where deemed advisable for the comfort and well being of the participants, including cancellation due to water fluctuation, insufficient bookings (this trip requires a minimum of 4 guests), and other factors. There is risk in sea kayaking and whitewater rafting, particularly during high-water conditions. Rafts, dories and kayaks do capsize. You could be swept overboard. The water can be very cold. Your guide will make every attempt to assist, but you must be strong and agile enough to "self-help" and "float-it-out" without further endangering yourself or others. We reserve the right not to accept passengers weighing more than 260 pounds or with a waist/chest size exceeding 56 inches. We may decide, at any time, to exclude any person or group for any reason we feel is related to the safety of our trips. We are experienced at accommodating people with various disabilities. Please give us an opportunity to make you feel welcome. We need to discuss any special requirements ahead of time. On advancement of deposit the depositor agrees to be bound by the above recited terms and conditions. Prices are subject to change without notice.

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