



Discover with Nature in Wyoming

Embark on an adventure to the stunning landscapes and fascinating species of Wyoming. The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is the largest nearly intact ecosystem in Earth's Northern Temperate Zone—a vast and untamed landscape spanning 20 million acres of wildlife corridors, mountain valleys, ranchlands, high desert plains, and winding rivers. This extraordinary region is home to bears, wolves, elk, bison, mountain goats, and many other species, making its protection a top priority for The Nature Conservancy.

Throughout our journey, you'll discover how TNC is conserving and restoring rivers, streams, and wetlands, enhancing wildlife migration routes, and pioneering innovative approaches to ranchland management and ecology in Cody, Wyoming, and beyond as part of our goals to protect at least 30% of the planet by 2030. These efforts are critical for preserving the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem's unique biodiversity mitigating and climate change impacts, ensuring a sustainable future for all species.



Photos: Sunset Over Heart Mountain, WY © Kinley Bollinger; Bull Elk Bugling During Mating Season, WY © Scott Copeland

Trip Highlights

- Learn how TNC is balancing sustainable cattle grazing with conservation efforts at Heart Mountain Ranch Preserve.
- Explore the ruggedly beautiful Shoshone National Forest by horseback or a guided hike.
- Journey through the towering, vibrant walls of the Shoshone River's Red Rock Canyon on a rafting trip with local guides.
- Experience the culture and spirit of the American West at the Cody Nite Rodeo.



Conservation Highlight: Wildlife Migration Corridors

Each spring and fall, mule deer, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, and pronghorn are all on the move. Their seasonal journeys are timed to take advantage of the nourishing vegetation, and they must move between expansive public and private lands to complete their migration. As climate change, recreation, and development increase, these migrations are becoming more hazardous; deadly fence boundaries threaten to entangle, fragment, and isolate herds along the way. Today, TNC is working with local and national partners to collect data and identify obstacles along migration routes, pursue more conservation easements, control invasive weeds that degrade habitat quality, and modify existing fences.

Conservation Highlight: Innovation & Collaboration

Scientists, ranchers, and outdoor enthusiasts all gather at Heart Mountain Ranch Preserve. As a site for advancing the field of rangeland management and ecology, the preserve hosts sustainable cattle grazing on its pastures, weed management projects, and wildlife research. The preserve supports one of the greatest concentrations of rare plants ever discovered on private property in Wyoming and is home to native mammals such as elk, mule deer, and antelope, and bird species such as golden eagles and sage thrashers.

Photo: Visitor Signage at Heart Mountain Ranch, WY © Mark Gocke

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1

Sunday, June 7

Arrive in Billings, Montana, by noon, where you will be greeted at the airport by your guide and a representative from The Nature Conservancy. From there, embark on a scenic drive to Cody, Wyoming, taking in the wide-open landscapes and rugged beauty of the Bighorn Basin along the way. Upon arrival at Bill Cody Ranch, settle into your cozy cabin and take some time to explore the stunning surroundings. In the evening, we will gather for a group welcome, followed by a delicious dinner.

Overnight at Bill Cody Ranch, Cody, Wyoming

DAY 2

Monday, June 8

After a hearty breakfast, set out for the day's adventure. A scenic hour-long drive brings us to Heart Mountain Ranch Preserve, where we'll explore the landscape on foot. As we hike, learn how TNC is advancing rangeland management and ecology by balancing sustainable cattle grazing with conservation efforts like invasive species control. Along the way, look for the wildflowers, birds, eagles, and other local wildlife that call this region home.

We'll break for lunch before continuing on to the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center. This powerful site preserves the history of the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, where thousands of Japanese Americans were interned during World War II. Led by the Director of Interpretation & Preservation, gain insight into this chapter of American history through a guided talk, short film, and an orientation to the galleries.

In the late afternoon, we return to Bill Cody Ranch for some well-earned downtime before gathering for a relaxing dinner.

Overnight at Bill Cody Ranch, Cody, Wyoming

DAY 3

Tuesday, June 9

After breakfast, set out on a 4-hour adventure to the breathtaking Shoshone National Forest. Choose between a scenic horseback ride or a guided hike, both offering an up-close experience of this rugged and beautiful landscape. As we ascend the mountain, we'll be rewarded with sweeping 360-degree views of the surrounding wilderness. Midday, pause for a hearty, open-fire lunch as you enjoy the crisp mountain air and serenity of the backcountry.

The early afternoon is yours to relax at the ranch or explore the surrounding trails at your own pace. Later, we'll head into town to visit the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a world-class museum complex dedicated to the history, culture, and natural heritage of the American West. With ample time to explore, you can dive into exhibits on Buffalo Bill Cody's legendary life, Plains Indian cultures, Western art, and the region's rich ecological history.

This evening, gather for dinner in town with staff and partners from TNC for engaging conversation and local insights.

Overnight at Bill Cody Ranch, Cody, Wyoming



Conservation Highlight: Water Conservation

Wyoming holds the headwaters of the Colorado, Missouri, and Columbia Rivers, as well as the Great Salt Lake, making the protection, conservation and restoration of these rivers, streams and wetlands a priority for TNC. Clean and abundant water is crucial for irrigation, wildlife, recreation and local drinking water. Near Cody, TNC is hard at work replacing invasive tamarisk and Russian olive trees with native, drought-tolerant plants that will be better suited to the warm conditions brought on by climate change.

Photo: Paddling Through the Red Rock Canyons of the Shoshone River © Dewey Vanderhoff

Itinerary Overview (cont.)

DAY 4

Wednesday, June 10

After breakfast, we'll head out to visit a local landowner conservation easement to gain firsthand insight into efforts to restore and protect Wyoming's wild landscapes. Our hosts will share their experience removing fencing from their land west of Yellowstone—a critical step in supporting wildlife migration corridors while balancing the needs of ranching. They will also discuss their work to reintroduce beavers, an essential keystone species that helps restore riparian habitats and improve water retention. Enjoy a picnic lunch on-site, surrounded by the landscapes these conservation efforts are helping to preserve.

In the afternoon, return to Bill Cody Ranch for some well-earned relaxation. Later, gather for a presentation on the Wind River Buffalo Initiative with conservation partners who will share their work and insights. This interactive session will set the stage for deeper conversations over dinner on-site, followed by informal fireside chats, where we'll reflect on our learnings and connect over stories beneath the Wyoming night sky.

Overnight at Bill Cody Ranch, Cody, Wyoming

DAY 5

Thursday, June 11

After breakfast, a representative from TNC's Wyoming Water Program will join us for an in-depth look at conservation efforts along the Shoshone River. A major tributary of the Bighorn River, the Shoshone is vital for drinking water, agriculture, fisheries, and recreation. It also serves as a crucial migratory route and winter range for wildlife like bighorn sheep, elk, and moose. However, the watershed faces ongoing challenges, from habitat degradation to high bacteria levels and irrigation obstacles. Learn about recent conservation successes and discuss the ongoing work to protect this essential river system.

Later, we'll meet our local river guides for a journey through the Red Rock Canyon of the Shoshone River. Launching from a private site, we'll navigate rapids while retracing the paths of the native communities that once thrived along this corridor. As we glide past towering red canyon walls, our guides will bring the region's rich history to life. Enjoy lunch along the riverbank, surrounded by the raw beauty of the Wyoming wilderness.

After returning to the lodge, enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. In the evening, gather for dinner in town before heading to the Cody Nite Rodeo. A tradition that dates back over a century to Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, this legendary rodeo captures the spirit of the American West with thrilling events, skilled riders, and a lively atmosphere.

Overnight at Bill Cody Ranch, Cody, Wyoming

DAY 6

Friday, June 12

Bid farewell to Wyoming!

After breakfast, we will transfer back to Billings for your journey home. To ensure a smooth departure, please schedule flights no earlier than 3:00 PM.



Trip Cost

Double Occupancy: \$6,295/person

Single Occupancy: \$6,995/person

This trip must have a minimum of 12 travelers and a maximum of 14.

This cost includes:

- Accommodations
- All ground transportation
- All meals beginning with lunch on Day 1 and ending with breakfast on Day 6
- All activities
- All gratuities
- All park entrance fees and permitting
- All guides
- Iconic leaders
- TNC hosts

This cost excludes:

- Travel to and from trip start
- Travel insurance
- Incidentals
- Alcohol, beyond the welcome reception



Registration: Please email travel@tnc.org to register.

Photos (from top to bottom): Grizzly Bear Running with Cub, WY © Shane Morrison/TNC Photo Contest 2019; Landmark Ranch Near TNC's Heart Mountain Ranch Preserve, WY © Kathy Lichtendahl; Pronghorn Antelope, WY © Gina Bare; Shoshone National Forest, WY © William S. Sutton



Payment & Cancellation Terms

All payment requests will be sent through Square. This may include the deposit, final payment, and any supplemental amounts for pre/post nights or extra transfers. If you need to cancel, please contact Iconic Adventures via concierge@iconicadventures.com.

Deposit:

- A \$1,500 per person deposit is due at the time of registration.
 - Cancellation 0-7 days after payment (when booked 7+ days before full payment is due): Deposit is fully refundable, less the credit card processing fee.
 - Cancellation 8-21 days after payment (when booked 8-21 days before full payment is due): Deposit is 50% refundable, less the credit card processing fee.
 - Cancellation 22+ days after payment: Deposit is non-refundable.

Full Trip Payment:

- Full trip payment is due 150 days prior to trip start.
 - Cancellation 150-136 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is 50% refundable, less the credit card processing fee.
 - Cancellation 135-0 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is non-refundable.

Contact Information

As you plan for your journey with The Nature Conservancy and Iconic Adventures, please feel free to reach out with any questions. To register, please contact travel@tnc.org.

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TNC Travel Values

● Access

Travel with renowned Conservancy experts and local partners for an exclusive, on-the-ground experience. You won't just see amazing places, you'll see how you are helping save them.

● Impact

Witness how your commitment to our planet and your passion for conservation are making a difference in the wild places and communities you are impacting.

● Knowledge

Learn how we are applying the latest cutting-edge science to affect global change and drive conservation.

● Inspiration

Immerse yourself in local cultures and awe-inspiring landscapes to foster your own connection to our world.

● Globally Minded

Elevate your understanding of our work by observing first-hand how TNC and our partners act locally and how we turn local results in to global impact by scaling solutions that work.

Photo: Davis Mountain Preserve, TX © Jerod Foster



TNC Traveler Expectations

Group travel with The Nature Conservancy provides our donors with the opportunity to experience, alongside fellow supporters, the places TNC is working collaboratively to advance our conservation mission. Within these curated trips is the chance to engage with a community of active individuals and conservation staff who enjoy teaching and learning about the important conservation work we do and exploring the outdoors.

In order to ensure an enjoyable trip environment that supports learning and enrichment, we need your partnership. We ask that all participants review TNC's Code of Conduct prior to joining a trip. We also encourage you to carefully review all trip information to make an informed decision as to whether travel with TNC and a specific trip's characteristics and activities are right for you. Following the Code is an expectation and responsibility for everyone in the larger TNC community, including our staff, partners, vendors and supporters. To that end, by registering for a TNC trip, you agree to uphold the Code.

While the entire Code of Conduct is important, the tenets that are especially relevant to TNC group travel are:

- respect for each other,
- respect for the world around us, and
- acting with integrity.

The following traveler expectations are intended to provide guidance for how those tenets translate to group travel but are by no means an exhaustive list. By participating in a TNC trip, you make a commitment to act in accordance with the TNC Code of Conduct to your fellow travelers, as well as to TNC staff, partners, community members and vendors. Any violation of or disregard for the Code of Conduct may result in removal from a trip and/or denial of future TNC travel participation.

TNC Traveler Expectations (cont.)

● **Respect all people, places and perspectives.**

Each participant on a trip is an integral part of the travel experience. Demonstrating respect and consideration is imperative not only for nature, local communities and cultures in the places we visit, but also for fellow travelers, staff, partners, community members and vendors. Everyone will bring different goals, backgrounds, experiences and abilities, and it is important that the group respect each individual's perspectives and needs throughout the trip. Sometimes trip participants become lifelong friends, and we encourage the camaraderie and community built through these shared experiences!

● **Harassment in all its forms, including discrimination and microaggressions, is not tolerated.**

There is no place on any TNC travel experience for disrespect to or bullying or intimidation of fellow travelers, TNC staff, partners, community members or vendors. All travelers agree to support an environment free from any behavior that could make an individual feel unsafe or diminish their dignity. If you experience or observe this type of behavior on a trip, please report it to your trip host or guide.

Examples of behavior that will not be tolerated include, but are not limited, to:

- Racial discrimination in any form (jokes, comments and/or actions)
- Verbal abuse of any traveler, staff, partner, community member or vendor
- Actions or statements that exclude or divide people because of their differences or differing perspectives
- Jokes about gender or sexual orientation or that include sexual innuendo
- Discriminatory actions or statements based on gender or sexual orientation
- Unwelcome physical contact or physical intimidation of a sexual nature

● **Act in accordance with the applicable law of the location(s) of the trip.**

Your trip location(s) may have different laws from your home location. You are expected to be aware of and adhere to the trip destination's laws throughout the experience, even when locations change throughout a trip.

● **Employ an attitude of flexibility.**

At times, there may be changes in the itinerary when deemed necessary or advisable for the comfort and well-being of trip members. We appreciate your understanding, flexibility and adaptability in order to make the trip safe and enjoyable for you and everyone else.

TNC and its tour operators reserve the right to deny registration or remove a tour participant from a trip should such person's behavior, health or mental condition impact the safe and equitable operation of the trip.

Thank you for your attention and understanding, and please let a TNC travel representative know if you have any questions in advance of registering at travel@tnc.org.

