

## How to Enroll

Please call Road Scholar toll free at (800) 322-5315 and reference Program #23358, "Best of Yellowstone for OLLI- Boise State," from May 19-25, 2019 and say that you are a member of the Osher Institute at Boise State University.

**This program will open for enrollment on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018.**

## Program Prices Per Person

Double-occupancy price: \$1,849

Single-occupancy price: \$2,409

## Registration & Cancellation Information

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#### Cancel Schedule:

Should you need to cancel from this program, please refer to the chart below for schedule and refund information.

Payment Schedule	
Deposit Payment <i>(due upon enrollment)</i>	\$100
Final payment due	March 21, 2019
Cancellation Policy	Fee per person
Cancel up to 120 days prior to program start date <i>(applies after date of enrollment)</i>	\$50
Cancel 119 to 56 days prior to program start date <i>(applies after Jan. 19, 2019)</i>	\$100
Cancel 55 to 14 days prior to program start date <i>(applies after March 24, 2019)</i>	\$200
Cancel less than 14 days prior to program start date <i>(applies after May 5, 2019)</i>	50% of order total
<i>Non-attendance fee will be applied if you do not call Road Scholar Participant Services at least one business day prior to the program start date. (applies after May 18, 2019)</i>	100% of order total

\* Road Scholar recommends that you purchase the optional Trip Protection Plan to protect your investment.

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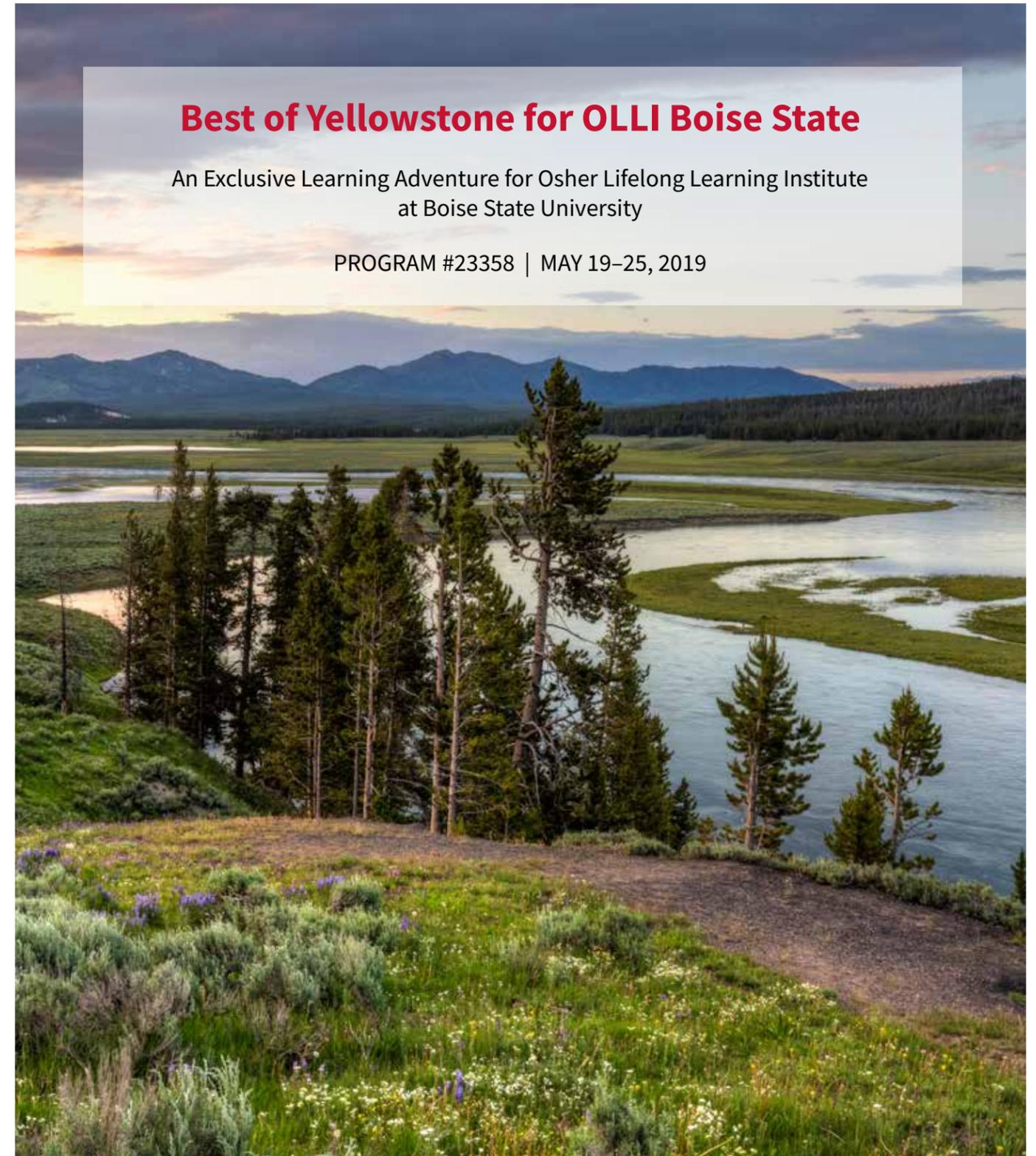
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# Experience Yellowstone's Natural Beauty

## Overview

Yellowstone National Park's past and present volcanic and tectonic activity is the foundation of its unique ecosystem and the ecological connections that make it so alluring. Join a park naturalist for a field study showcasing this UNESCO Heritage Site where landforms, together with climate, elevation and time, have resulted in a grand diversity of flora and fauna. Interpretive walks and field trips reveal wildlife, geology, forest, wildflowers and thermal features, as well as the park's human history and current issues.



Expect daily, moderate walking up to three miles a day on established trails, paths, stairs and boardwalks. Walking is integral to the program content.

## Highlights

- Investigate effects of the volcanic and chemical phenomena that created the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.
- Explore hot springs, geysers, mudpots, fumaroles and their surrounding hydrothermal life zone within the geyser basins of Yellowstone.
- Observe wildlife native to the region within Lamar Valley's expansive splendor.

## About Our Lodging

### Brandin' Iron Inn, 6 nights

Clean and friendly motel convenient to West Yellowstone dining, shopping and activities.

## This 7-Day Adventure to Yellowstone Includes

- 6 Nights of accommodations
- 17 Meals (6 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 6 Dinners)
- 2 Expert-led lectures
- 9 Field trips
- Group travel and transfers throughout the program
- A Group Leader to accompany you throughout the program to handle all logistics
- Modest gratuities, taxes and destination fees
- The Road Scholar Assurance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies

## About Road Scholar

This Yellowstone experience is offered through **Road Scholar**, formerly known as Elderhostel, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975. Road Scholar inspires adults to learn, discover and travel. Our learning adventures open minds to new ideas and deepen understanding of oneself and of the world's peoples, places, cultures, history and environments. A true university of the world, Road Scholar's meaningful — often transformational — educational adventures engage people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime.

## Adventure Itinerary

### Day 1: Sunday, May 19 Check-in, Registration, Welcome Dinner, Orientation

Hotel check-in begins at 3 p.m., followed by a Program Orientation and a Welcome Dinner.

### Day 2: Monday, May 20 The Geological Story of Yellowstone, Norris Geyser Basin

Begin the morning with an introductory lecture given by a park naturalist on the geologic processes that have shaped Yellowstone's landscape through the ages. Consider tectonic plate movement, the Yellowstone hotspot and how the Park's unique ecosystem and diverse habitats are a direct result of glaciations, as well as tectonic and volcanic activity. Then, board the motor coach and head into Yellowstone National Park for a field trip to Norris Geyser Basin. Venture on a walking field trip and see Yellowstone's oldest, hottest and most active thermal area. Located at the intersection of three major fault lines, evidence shows that thermal features have existed here for 115,000 years.

### Day 3: Tuesday, May 21 Old Faithful, the Heart of Yellowstone

Today, board the motor coach and start the journey to Old Faithful — the heart of Yellowstone. Our instructor will offer onboard commentary while following the flow of the Firehole River through the beautiful canyon, onto the Lower and Midway Geyser Basins. The Lower Geyser Basin spans 11 square miles and features one of the most diverse collections of thermal features found in the park. The Midway Geyser Basin contains the Excelsior Geyser, the largest hot spring in the park and one of the largest in the world. After a picnic lunch en route, the exploration continues to the Old Faithful area. Experience the colors, pungent smells of sulfur, and the hissing, bubbling, spouting and sizzling of the Upper Geyser Basin! Have a front-row seat to the world's best known and most beloved hydrothermal feature, Old Faithful, as it pours forth thousands of gallons of water and billowing steam, gushing skyward with each eruption. Following our instructor's lead, walk the boardwalks around Geyser Hill, which holds one-half of the world's geothermal features.

### Day 4: Wednesday, May 22 Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, West Thumb Geyser Basin

This morning, journey to the mighty Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Follow our instructor on a walk along a portion of the canyon that is 20 miles long, 800-1,200 feet deep and 1,500-4,000 feet wide. This walk along the canyon trail will reveal extraordinary colors of muted scarlet, pale yellows, greens and blues, all created by hot water acting on volcanic rock. Along the way, experience the roar of the 109-foot Upper Falls and see the mighty Lower Fall's 309-foot plunge into its canyon depths. Enjoy clear views of the pinnacles towering among the canyon

walls as our instructor leads an examination of the canyon's geologic story of glaciers, volcanic eruption, lava flows and huge ice dams. Following lunch, board the motor coach and set out for Yellowstone Lake via Craig Pass and West Thumb Geyser Basin. West Thumb is the largest geyser basin on the shores of Yellowstone Lake. It is speculated that its heat source is only 10,000 feet down. Thermal features here extend under the surface of the lake, as well as along the shore; several underwater geysers were discovered in the early 1990s. A number of geological forces are still at work here and are affecting the active hydrothermal features. Our instructor will lead our exploration of the basin and share some of the secrets behind the activity.

### Day 5: Thursday, May 23 Mammoth Hot Springs

Board the motor coach to transfer north to Mammoth Hot Springs. There will be an opportunity to walk a portion of the Mammoth Terraces. Our instructor will lead the walk as we observe the ever-changing, graceful travertine beauty. About two tons of travertine — a type of limestone — is deposited daily as hot, mineral-laden water wells up from beneath the earth's crust to add to terraces that began building thousands of years ago. After lunch at the Mammoth Hotel, the day's field trip continues with a hike off the beaten path into the back country around the Mammoth area. In the evening, board the motor coach and return to the hotel.

### Day 6: Friday, May 24 Tower Area Field Trip, Lamar Valley

This morning, head to the Tower area as the instructor offers onboard commentary. Upon arrival, walk with the instructor to appreciate Tower Fall and Tower Creek's graceful 132-foot plunge among volcanic pinnacles. This area is known for its black bear habitat and, while sightings cannot be guaranteed, you'll want to keep your eyes open and binoculars handy. Next, travel to Lamar Valley's beautiful, wide-open reaches — a fitting final destination to a week of discovery. Here is rich habitat with an abundance of wildlife including hoofed, winged, clawed, antlered and horned creatures. En route, the instructor will provide commentary to help us observe and contextualize an ancient flood that scoured the valley. The instructor will lead a scenic hike to fully experience the beauty of the landscape. Tonight, enjoy a special Farewell Dinner before gathering for a wrap-up session on Yellowstone's life zones. Review how a landscape's "geologic bones," combined with climate and elevation, resulted in splendid and diverse vegetation and wildlife.

### Day 7: Saturday, May 25 Program Concludes after Breakfast