

A composite image for a brochure. The top section features a blue sky with white clouds. Below this is a dark red banner with the text 'Yellowstone & Grand Teton NATIONAL PARKS' and 'August 10 - 18, 2014'. The middle section is a photograph of a geyser erupting from a rocky mound, with a large plume of white steam rising into the sky. The foreground shows a shallow, orange-brown geothermal pool with mineral deposits. The bottom section is another dark red banner with the text 'Osher Lifelong Learning Institute' and the 'SV SU SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY' logo.

Yellowstone & Grand Teton NATIONAL PARKS

August 10 - 18, 2014

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

 **SAGINAW VALLEY**
STATE UNIVERSITY

This Nine Day Trip Includes:

- Round-trip air, airport transfers and motorcoach transportation to the Detroit airport
- Eight nights lodging, including two nights at the iconic Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- Twenty-three meals including eight breakfasts, seven lunches and eight dinners
- Private deluxe motorcoach transfers throughout the trip
- All tours, lectures, and admission fees as outlined in the brochure
- All tips and gratuities
- Pre-trip dinner at SVSU approximately two weeks prior to departure



Trip Highlights Include

- ▶ A Snake River scenic float trip which offers exquisite views of the Teton Mountain Range, natural history interpretation and wildlife
- ▶ Learn how cataclysmic volcanic eruptions laid the foundation for the largest concentration of geysers, hot springs, mud pots and fumaroles in the world
- ▶ A morning boat trip across jewel-like Jenny Lake where the backdrop of the mighty Teton Peaks stun the senses.
- ▶ The Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, a massive and splendid wonder that is 20 miles long, up to 1,200 feet deep and up to 4,000 feet wide.



About Our Program Provider

Our program provider is Road Scholar, formerly known as Elderhostel, Inc., a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975 to provide lifelong learning opportunities for adults. Their mission is to empower adults to explore the world's places, people, cultures and ideas, and in so doing to discover more about themselves. They offer nearly 8,000 educational adventures a year in more than 80 countries. Road Scholar was also our travel provider on our New York City, New Orleans, Southwest Parks and San Antonio trips which received excellent reviews. Our Yellowstone trip will be coordinated by the University of Montana Western.

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About Our Lodging

On our first and last night we will stay in a centrally-located hotel right in colorful Jackson, Wyoming. Then it's two nights in a very well maintained cabin near Jackson Lake and two nights at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge which combines modern comfort with rustic timber construction. We also stay two nights at the Lake Hotel on Yellowstone Lake, which is known as the "Grand Lady of the Lake."

- 49er Inn and Suites, Jackson, WY (1 night)
- Jackson Lake Lodge Cabins, Jackson Lake (2 nights)
- Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Old Faithful (2 nights)
- Lake Hotel, Lake Station (2 nights)
- 49er Inn and Suites, Jackson, WY (1 night)

Trip Itinerary

Day One: Sunday, August 10

We'll depart SVSU via motorcoach for our flights from Detroit to Jackson, Wyoming. We'll arrive in Jackson in the afternoon. After checking into the hotel, you'll have time to explore the town before an orientation and dinner at a downtown restaurant. (D)

Day Two: Monday, August 11

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll receive an introductory presentation about the Greater Yellowstone area which includes an overview of its unique ecosystem and wildlife. Then we're off to a docent-led tour of the National Museum of Wildlife Art. Lunch is included at the museum. In the afternoon, enjoy a Snake River scenic float where you'll see waterfowl, songbirds, shorebirds and possibly deer. In the late afternoon, we'll travel north via coach through Teton National Park and check into the Jackson Lake Lodge Cabins. Dinner will be in the Jackson Lake Lodge Dining Room. Your evening is free and might include wildlife viewing from the Lodge's back balcony overlook. (B/L/D)

Day Three: Tuesday, August 12

After a breakfast buffet in the Lodge dining room, we'll continue to explore Teton National Park with a morning boat trip across jewel-like Jenny Lake where a backdrop of the mighty Teton Peaks stuns the senses. Enjoy a moderate ½ mile hike to Hidden Falls, truly hidden and delightful. After sack lunches at String Lake, you'll learn more about the early settler's in the Jackson Hole area, visit the historic Chapel of Transfiguration, and Menor's Ferry. Dinner this evening will be in the Lodge dining room. You have another free evening to view wildlife or perhaps take a hike. (B/L/D)

Day Four: Wednesday, August 13

After a breakfast buffet in the Lodge dining room, we'll depart Teton National Park and journey north into Yellowstone country. You'll learn about the historic fires that swept through the area in 1988 and the role fire plays in the park's ecosystem. We'll continue along Yellowstone's wooded shoreline to the West Thumb Geyser Basin which showcases some of the parks deepest and more colorful hot springs. Climb westward from here and traverse 8,662 foot Craig's Pass. After a picnic lunch, we'll enter the Upper Geyser Basin, home to the world's largest concentration of geysers including Old Faithful. We'll check into the Old Faithful Snow Lodge and this evening enjoy dinner in the Lodge's dining room. The evening is free to enjoy a geyser walkabout or an ice cream. (B/L/D)

Day Five: Thursday, August 14

The day begins with a breakfast buffet in the Lodge's dining room. Then you'll enjoy an in-depth exploration with a naturalist of the Upper Geyser Basin. Witness hot springs, mud pots, fumaroles, and geysers with splendid names - Grand, Plume, Beehive, Castle, Lion and Doublet. Alternatively, enjoy a tour of historic Old Faithful Inn with an historian. After a picnic lunch, we'll head to the Firehole River Valley thermal basin which includes Midway Geyser Basin, Fountain Paint Pot and Firehole Lake Drive. Dinner tonight will again be in the spectacular Lodge dining room. In the evening, you can attend an optional ranger presentation. (B/L/D)

Day Six: Friday, August 15

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Old Faithful and travel to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, a massive and splendid wonder that is 20 miles long, up to 1,200 feet deep and up to 4,000 feet wide. We'll visit the Canyon's new Visitor Education Center which offers state-of-the-art geology exhibits and insight into the world of Yellowstone today as well as a journey into its volcanic past. After a picnic lunch in the Canyon area, go on an exploratory walk along the Canyon's South Rim to famed Artist Point Overlook which reveals stunning geology and views of spectacular Upper and Lower Falls. A late afternoon departure via Hayden Valley brings us to Yellowstone Lake's extensive 110-mile shoreline. This alpine lake extends 136 square miles and is so large that it often creates its own weather. Later in the day, we check into the stately Lake Hotel, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991, its anniversary year. After dinner in the Lake Hotel dining room, you'll have free time to enjoy the hotel's spacious glassed-in sun room or take a leisurely stroll about the hotel grounds. (B/L/D)

Day Seven: Saturday, August 16

After a buffet breakfast in the hotel dining room, we'll travel north tracing the mighty Yellowstone River as it exits Yellowstone Lake to finally break out into Hayden Valley's vast, wide-open spaciousness. This area supports a myriad of grazing critters from small rodents to large ungulates. You may spot bison, coyote, elk, raven, grizzly bear and birds of prey. We then depart the Mammoth area via 8,859 foot Dunraven Pass. Lunch will be at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel dining room. After lunch you'll have a chance to walk the Mammoth terraces to observe travertine beauty. We'll visit the Albright Visitor Center and Museum, built by the U.S. cavalry during "Fort Yellowstone" times. Dinner tonight is a picnic in the park. (B/L/D)

Day Eight: Sunday, August 17

After a buffet breakfast in the hotel dining room, we leave the Lake Hotel for Jackson Hole and Grand Teton National Park. Enjoy this visual review with supplementary interpretation while retracing our journey through both national parks. We'll visit the Colter Bay Visitor Center and its Indian Arts Museum in Teton National Park. After a picnic lunch, we'll go on a relaxing two-mile lakeside hike which will be a fitting closure for our time in the Parks. We'll arrive in Jackson and stay once again at the 49er Inn. Our farewell dinner tonight will be in town at a Jackson restaurant. (B/L/D)

Day Nine: Monday, August 18

After an expanded continental breakfast at the hotel the coach will drive us to the Jackson airport for our flight back to Detroit. The coach will take you from the Detroit airport back to SVSU. (B)





General Information

Information & Registration:

Call the SVSU-OLLI office at 989-964-4475. The office is open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Reservation Deadline:

There is no specific registration deadline, however this trip will likely be popular, so early registration is encouraged.

Activity Level:

Road Scholar considers this an **ACTIVE** trip. You should be able to walk up to two miles a day at elevations of up to 9,000 feet. Please consider your limitations before signing up for this trip.

Weather Projections:

Our weather should be comfortable in August with highs in the 70s and nightly lows in the 40s.

Trip Insurance:

It is highly recommended that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. You will be sent insurance information upon receipt of your initial deposit, or you may purchase insurance on your own. Our package does include Road Scholar's Travel Assistance Plan, which includes AIF Travel Assist and guarantees that you will be taken care of in the unlikely case of a medical emergency.

Trip Sponsor:

This educational travel experience is offered by the SVSU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). OLLI was established in 2001 as an educational resource for Mid-Michigan adults who are 50 years of age or better. The Institute offers classes, educational excursions, and social opportunities. For more information about membership call 989-964-4475.

Three Ways to Register:

- Call (989)-964-4475
- Fax the registration form to (989)-964-2656
- Mail form with payment to:
OLLI of SVSU
7400 Bay Road
University Center, MI 48710

Exploring Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks

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Registration

Name _____
(*exactly as it appears on your driver's license*)

Roommate's Name _____
(*exactly as it appears on your driver's license*)

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____

Cell _____

Roommate's Number _____

Trip Costs

- \$3,699* OLLI Members (double occupancy)
- \$3,759* Non-Members (double occupancy)
(*Non-member fee includes OLLI membership for 2013-14*)
- \$805 Single Supplement

* Please note, there may be an additional charge for airline imposed tax & fuel surcharges.

Deposit & Payment Schedule

- \$500 will hold your spot.
- The final balance is due by April 1, 2014.

Your deposit is refundable until April 1, less a \$10 processing fee. After April 1, cancellation policies of Road Scholar and the airlines will need to be considered.

Payment Method

Check (payable to SVSU) Amount Enclosed _____

Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Cardholder's Name _____

*This price is valid until 4/1/14. After that date, the price may increase. Your \$500 deposit locks in the lower rate.