

Old Faithful by Day, Teton Peaks at Sunset — A 3-Day Yellowstone & Grand Teton Road Trip

Two of America's original national parks in three days: Grand Teton's jagged skyline mirrored in Oxbow Bend, the weathered Moulton barn on Mormon Row, and a night at the Rockefeller-era Jackson Lake Lodge — then north into Yellowstone for Old Faithful's clockwork eruptions, the rainbow-ringed waters of Grand Prismatic Spring, and a night inside the century-old log lobby of the Old Faithful Inn, before a wildlife-watching drive back south past bison herds and the shore of Yellowstone Lake — with real lodges, restaurants, and 2026 prices for every stop.

DURATION	BEST TIME TO GO	FROM
3 Days	Late May – September	\$980 USD / person
	the interior park roads connecting Grand Teton and Yellowstone are fully open to cars only in this window (they close to vehicles roughly November–April); July–August bring the warmest weather and biggest crowds, while June and September offer fewer people and still-reliable road access	for 2 people

Day 1

Jackson Hole to Grand Teton National Park

Land in the only commercial airport inside a national park and spend the afternoon on Grand Teton's classic photo stops before a sunset at the range's most famous overlook.

Rental Car Pickup — Jackson Hole Airport

~20 minutes · From \$85 USD / day, mid-size SUV

Jackson Hole Airport (JAC) sits inside Grand Teton National Park itself, the only commercial airport with that distinction in the U.S. — Avis and the other major rental counters are a short walk from baggage claim, and a car is required for the whole loop.

Avis Jackson Hole Airport · +1 307 733 5469 · [avis.com](https://www.avis.com)

Mormon Row Historic District

~45 minutes, self-guided · Free with park entry (\$35 USD / vehicle, 7-day pass)

The weathered T.A. Moulton Barn, framed by the Tetons behind it, is one of the most photographed views in America — a row of early-1900s homestead barns along a dirt lane just off the park's main road, best in the low light of late afternoon.

Grand Teton National Park · +1 307 739 2501 · nps.gov/grte

Jenny Lake Scenic Drive

~1 hour, self-guided · Included with park entry

A one-way loop road hugs the base of the Tetons along Jenny Lake's eastern shore, with pullouts framing the range's sheer 7,000-foot rise from the valley floor — no better introduction to why climbers have been drawn here for over a century.

Sunset at Oxbow Bend

~45 minutes, self-guided · Free

A slow bend in the Snake River mirrors Mount Moran's flat-topped summit in still water at dawn and dusk — arrive 30 minutes before sunset to claim a spot along the riverbank among the other photographers.

Overnight — Jackson Lake Lodge

From \$420–540 USD / night, for 2 people

A Rockefeller-era lodge on a bluff above Jackson Lake, its 60-foot lobby windows framing the Tetons across the water — rustic-luxury rooms in outlying buildings, a short drive from Oxbow Bend and the park's northern entrance to Yellowstone.

Jackson Lake Lodge · +1 307 543 3100 · gtlc.com/lodging/jackson-lake-lodge

Day 2

Into Yellowstone: Geysers & Grand Prismatic

North across the park boundary to Yellowstone's most famous geyser basins, timed around Old Faithful's near-hourly eruptions and a sunset overlook of the park's largest hot spring.

West Thumb Geyser Basin

~45 minutes, self-guided · Included with park entry (\$35 USD / vehicle, 7-day pass)

A boardwalk loop of hot springs and steam vents right on the shore of Yellowstone Lake, the first geyser basin most visitors reach driving north from Grand Teton — a good stretch stop en route to Old Faithful.

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Old Faithful & Upper Geyser Basin Boardwalk

~2.5 hours, self-guided · Included with park entry

Yellowstone's most famous geyser erupts roughly every 60–110 minutes, predictable enough that rangers post the next estimated time at the visitor center — the boardwalk loop past it threads through the highest concentration of geysers on Earth, including Grand Geyser and Castle Geyser.

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n \$260–360 USD / night, for 2 people

~2 hours, self-guided - Included with park entry

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[Hollyford in Glenelg Basin, the second largest Merri-Deakin Plains with 52 large Trowl with the afternoon](#)

Jackson: Wildlife & Departure

Signal Mountain Summit Road

~45 minutes round-trip · Included with park entry

A short paved spur off the main road in Grand Teton climbs to an overlook above Jackson Lake with a 360-degree view of the entire Teton Range — an easy final stop on the drive back toward Jackson.

Jackson Town Square & National Museum of Wildlife Art

~2 hours, self-guided · Museum \$18 USD / adult

Jackson's town square is framed by four arches built from thousands of naturally shed elk antlers; the wildlife art museum a few miles north, built into a hillside overlooking the National Elk Refuge, holds one of the country's best collections of Western wildlife painting and sculpture.

National Museum of Wildlife Art · +1 307 733 5771 · wildlifeart.org

Departure — Jackson Hole Airport (JAC)

Self-guided

Closes the loop on three days that ran from a weathered homestead barn to a geyser field and back — return the rental car at the airport with the standard two-hour buffer before domestic departure.
