



Montana and Yellowstone

September 16-21, 2025

During this photography workshop we'll visit some great locations both inside and outside Yellowstone National Park. Limited to just six clients, it will be led by myself and my long-time friend [Donnie Sexton](#). Her many decades of knowledge about Montana and photography throughout the state and park will be an invaluable resource for us all. We'll use two vehicles, which means everyone will have their own door and plenty of room. The trip starts and ends in Bozeman, MT. Some of the places we'll visit are a fairly easy walk from the parking area, and others offer you the opportunity to roam



much further. Sunrise at this time of year is around 7am and sunset around 7:30pm.

The price is \$2400/person. That includes all local transportation (from Bozeman and back), snacks and water in the cars, entry fees, ghost town, ranch and model fees as well as planning and instruction and occasional critiques (as requested). It does not include flights to/from Bozeman, meals (with one exception), or lodging. There's a block of rooms booked for all of us for the first night in Bozeman and the following four nights in West Yellowstone. Payment details for the trip are at the bottom of this note.



Here's the itinerary (dates are fixed, but what we do at what exact times may change based on weather or other changing conditions):

Tuesday, Sept. 16

Arrive in Bozeman (Gallatin Int'l Airport, BZN) by end of day. I've booked rooms for all of us at the Quality Inn near the airport (about \$200/night including breakfast).

Wednesday, Sept. 17

We'll get an early start to Yellowstone, first exploring Mammoth Hot Springs. Then lunch either at the Grill there or in Gardiner. The

afternoon will be spent looking for wildlife in Hayden and/or Lamar Valleys. Back to West Yellowstone for dinner and our first of four nights



at The Crosswinds Inn (about \$295/night, including breakfast).
Moonrise, 2:16am, moonset at 5:57pm.

Thursday, Sept. 18

We'll start with a sunrise shoot in the park. Then we're off to the Old Faithful Geyser Basin to explore that area, followed by lunch at the lodge (grill closes at 1pm). In the afternoon we'll return to West Yellowstone for a break. If you have the energy, you might want to visit the nearby Grizzly Bear and Wolf Discovery Center there (\$16.50). Or, take a nap to recharge your internal battery! Late afternoon will see us returning to the park for a sunset shoot. Moonrise, 3:31am, moonset at 6:22pm.

Friday, Sept. 19

Today we'll explore other areas of Montana. Our first stop will be the old towns of Virginia City and Nevada City, which are fun to wander with camera in hand. There's a good chance we'll be able to arrange for a model or two to join us!

Later that day we'll arrive at the Parade Rest Guest Ranch to photograph cowboys and horses, then stay until after dark to try some light painting.
Moonrise, 4:43am,
moonset at 6:42pm.





Saturday, Sept. 20

For our final day, we'll return once more to the park. We'll visit the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, look for more wildlife and take advantage of different weather/light to spend more time photographing various geyser basins. Aside from a break for lunch, the entire day will be spent in Yellowstone. Moonrise, 5:53am, moonset at 7pm.



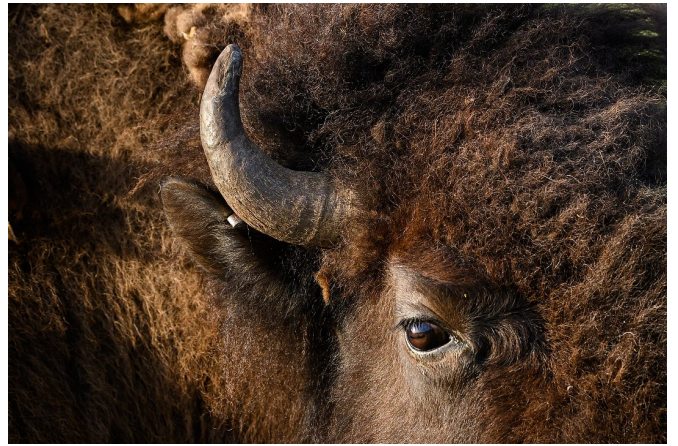
Sunday, Sept. 21

Return to Bozeman for our flights home. Don't book any flights before noon, as it's about a 2-hr. drive from West Yellowstone.

Level of difficulty: Moderate. Plenty of walking on both paved paths, boardwalks and trails. Supportive footwear with good tread is a must as we're sometimes off-trail. And I'll be wearing one of my favorite photo accessories full-time –knee pads!

Weather: Temps could be as high as 70 in the daytime and down to freezing overnight. There's always the possibility we'll encounter some snow (rare) or rain. Plan to dress in layers.

All clients must sign an assumption of risk form
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Here's how to register and pay:

To register, simply call or email me to confirm that there's a spot available for you. After that, I'll let you know when it's time to send me your deposit (\$1000) and book travel. The deposit is fully refundable until June 20 if you have to cancel.

The balance, \$1400, is due July 22. After that, if you have to cancel, I can refund all your money if either you or I can find someone to take your spot. If you're worried that you might have to cancel, I'd suggest looking into trip insurance.

You can pay via PayPal or Venmo (let me know and I'll send you my account info), or mail a check to me at:

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Questions? Let me know - Reed

