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Exploring Photographers

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SCOTT JOSHUA DERE

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU ON PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI TO

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

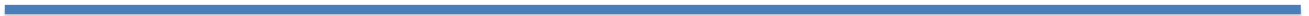
JANUARY 10TH TO 16TH 2020



YOUR EXPERIENCED GUIDE AND ESCORT SCOTT JOSHUA DERE OFFERS AN EDUCATIONAL APPROACH TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

Scott Dere has been a nature and wildlife photographer for 20 years. His Photographs have been published in many different magazines and textbooks across the country. He has traveled extensively around the world, creating some of the most incredible photographs of animals in their natural habitats seen to date. Since 1996, Scott has been engaged with incredible species of animals and birds ranging from Africa to North and South America. However when it comes to Yellowstone National Park, Scott has 10 Years of experience frequenting the park during all seasons of the year. His knowledge of the terrain and the animal's behavior are unmatched in the field. Scott is also a Master Photographer and has given Workshops Sponsored by Sigma, PPSNYS, and PPGNY to groups of aspiring photographers on how to obtain the sharpest photographs while working in the field. This alone will help provide our guests with the best opportunities to make incredible images of your experience in this pristine environment located in beautiful Wyoming.

Scott Joshua Dere has been taking photographs since he was 5 years old. At just 13 years old, he landed his 1st job as a lighting assistant at a local New York Studio. For the next 17 years he worked with many different professional studios discovering different techniques and styles of lighting. During this period, Scott achieved a BFA in Fine Art Photography from The School of Visual Arts in NYC, and 2 Masters of Photography from the PPA (Professional Photographers of America) while currently the President of the largest chapter, Professional Photographers of Greater New York. Scott has been published in several magazines such as PDN, B&W Magazine, Outdoor Photographer, Outside, Color Magazine as well as Textbooks such as Scientific American and Organizations like NANPA and Greenpeace.



YOUR ITINERARY



DAY 1 - Sunday Jan. 10th

Arrive in Bozeman!! Sit back and relax for a 90 Mile scenic drive through Big Sky and into West Yellowstone, Montana. Check in to the 3 Bear Lodge and get settled before dinner and meeting with your host and guides Scott Dere and Christopher Daniel.

Day 2 - Monday Jan. 11th

Wake up for an early breakfast and then grab your snowmobiles before an or immediate departure into the park. First day exploring will be slower paced while we look for tracks and survey each pullout looking for animals and photographic opportunities. Lunch will be at Old Faithful Lodge where we will enjoy and eruption of the reliable geyser. Afternoon search for wildlife continues on the return trip to town. Meals aloft with a presentation on The Elements of Nature from host Scott Dere at 3 Bear Lodge. Tips on spot metering, auto focus, and stabilization will be covered and accompanied by photographs from the park for your viewing pleasure.



Day 3 – Tuesday Jan. 12th

Wake up early for a quick breakfast and an immediate departure into the park. We will spend the entire day looking for animals while exploring hot springs and geysers and the Firehole Canyon along the way.

Lunch at Old Faithful Lodge where we will walk the geyser boardwalk looking for Landscapes and other interesting subjects to photograph during this short hike. We will always stop for photographic opportunities during our daily tours.

Day 4 – Wednesday Jan. 13th

Wake up early for a quick breakfast and an immediate departure into the park. We will spend this day traveling farther into the park to explore the Hayden Valley and all the scenic views along the way. We will pack lunches with us and picnic in a random area while out in the field. Opportunities to see and photograph Bison, Elk, Coyote, Wolves, Otters, Bobcat, Fox, Big Horn Sheep, and Moose are always possible while in the park. This evening we will make our way back to Old Faithful for a group dinner and stay on sight for the evening. The group will enjoy a night photography session at Old Faithful Geyser that evening led by Scott Dere.



Day 5 – Thursday Jan. 14th

Wake up at Old Faithful Lodge for a nice breakfast buffet and enjoy a relaxing start to the days activity. We will always keep a constant look for the wildlife and their movements. We liaison with other guides and rangers so we can constantly attempt to get the best vantage points to photograph from. Everyday's itinerary can change slightly to obtain the best opportunities for photography and accommodate the groups wants and needs. The search goes on to find the animals in actions, the best landscapes and lighting for photography. Lunch will be at Old Faithful with afternoon exploration time before we return to town to get back to 3 Bear lodge.



Day 6 – Friday Jan. 15th

Wake up early for a quick breakfast and an immediate departure into the park for a final day of exploration. We will retrace our original path down the Madison River Valley exploring all photographic opportunities along the way. The group will be able make their final images of the trip enjoying this pristine oasis inside a Super Volcano. Lunch at Old Faithful Lodge and early afternoon trek back to town to turn in our Snowmobiles. A group Dinner to toast the trip and reminisce our adventure will be set up for the evening.

Day 7 – Saturday Jan. 16th

Wake up to begin your trek back home. Make your last preparations before leaving and start with a hearty breakfast before boarding a shuttle back to Bozeman and the Gallatin Field Airport.

EXTENSION

For those that just cannot get enough, there is more to see. Join Scott Dere as he makes his way to Gardiner, Montana a town located at the North Gate entrance to Yellowstone. Here we will continue the adventure and explore the northern and western areas of Yellowstone National Park. Spend some time at Mammoth Hot Springs to get some amazing abstract images of the more famous volcanic hot spots that contains mineral pools and water falls. We will continue on to other special Landmarks like Tower Junction, Petrified Forest, and the Famous Lamar Valley. A very good chance of seeing Otters, Wolves, Coyote, Big Horn Sheep, Bison, Eagles and even Mountain Lion.

Scott will take the three hour trip around the park once all guests depart for the airport. We will find our accommodations and immediately get into the park for the last hours of light. Dinner in town at a local restaurant and early to bed for an early start the following day.

Day 8 – Sunday Jan. 17th

Early rise and a quick breakfast to be able to get into the park before dawn. We will make our way deep into the Lamar Valley right away in search of early morning Wolf activity. From there we will work our way back towards town looking for wildlife action along the way. There are many locations that animals hang out in year after year that allow for great photographic opportunities on this side of the park. Our days here will be spent searching for the animals and beautiful landscapes.

Day 9 – Monday Jan. 18th

Early rise and a quick breakfast to be able to get into the park before dawn. We continue into the park looking for opportunities along the way. Our last full day will be spent covering every corner of the northern territory of Yellowstone. A short hike into the Lamar Valley will hopefully bring an Otter sighting as we try to maximize our photographic opportunities. We will stay in the park as late as possible with a great dinner in Gardiner that evening.

Day 10 – Tuesday Jan. 19th

The last morning we will get breakfast a more normal hour and go up to Mammoth Hot Springs for some morning photography. We will make the best of our time in the morning, making sure to leave with enough time to get to Gallatin Field Airport in Bozeman for departures. Montana wildlife does extend outside the park and we will keep an eye out for Golden Eagles and Rough Legged Hawks on our drive back to Bozeman.

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

REGISTRATION

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to:

The Elements of Nature, 607 Broadway, Cedarhurst, NY 11516. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$950 per person for the main trip and \$250 for the extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or money order ONLY.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due 95 days before departure – you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for The Elements of Nature to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by other partners or because of changes in accommodations.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of Airline ticket to Bozeman, Montana, excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

GRATUITIES AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are NOT included.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRIP INSURANCE: Because of the array of unforeseen circumstances that could delay or cancel a guest's trip, we highly recommend that guests purchase an optional insurance policy. Information will be sent to registrants.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to October 10th 2016 less \$300 handling fee.
- November 1st 2016, deposit is forfeited.
- November 20th, 2016, less 50% of tour cost.
- After December 10th, 2016, no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible at a fee of \$150 per person subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, drivers license, credit cards, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final Hotel information and Transportation from the Airport will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to your trip, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: The Elements of Nature will provide transportation from Gallatin Field (Bozeman Airport) to your Hotel in West Yellowstone, Montana.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: All rooms have private bathroom facilities and are heated. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: On this trip all meals are the responsibility of the traveler. There are great restaurants in town as well as a brand new Welcome Center at Old Faithful where will have lunch daily.

WATER: West Yellowstone and the surrounding areas are known to have some of the freshest and purest water in the United States. However, it is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

BAGGAGE: On average, flights in the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds; however we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel as light as possible.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES: Neither The Elements of Nature (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any safari or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any safari being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

REFUNDS: While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a safari due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the safari takes place. The Elements of Nature act merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a safari constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this safari, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. The Elements of Nature, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions. For any questions you may have on insurance, contact Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and refer to ARC #71298.





RESERVATION FORM: SCOTT JOSHUA DERE / YELLOWSTONE

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 per person, plus \$250 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Winter Adventure in Yellowstone Trip departing on **January 10th 2020**. Cost is \$5,500 per person, double occupancy.(Currently, subject to change).

Contact The Elements of Nature at 516 569 3444 if you require assistance with airfare to Bozeman, Montana

Final payment due date is: (November 12th 2019)

Please make check payable to The Elements of Nature, and 607 Broadway., Cedarhurst, NY 11516
Deposits can be made by Check or Money Order; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (*As appears on passport*): Mr. Mrs. Ms.

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with

_____ (form sent separately)

- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount. I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of: \$1,495 for the main trip \$595 for post-extension
- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of \$2,495 Mammoth – Lamar Valley post-extension
- Optional Transportation between West Yellowstone, Montana & Gardner, Montana (\$300 per person)

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of August 12, 2019, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel.

**WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE.
RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE
CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE
TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE:

DATE: _____
SIGNATURE:

DATE: _____

The Elements of Nature 607 Broadway, Cedarhurst, NY 11516

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)

Date of Birth (M/D/Y)

2) NAME (*As appears on passport*): Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Date of Birth (M/D/Y)

Passport No. Green Card No. Expiration Date Nationality

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1)

2)

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

Scott Joshua Dere's The Elements of Nature Yellowstone January 2019

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge.

While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.