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Sunday, January 14th – Saturday, January 20th

### ***Workshop Itinerary***

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**Join us as we travel into the magical winter landscape called Yellowstone!**

Emerge yourself! Concentrate on photographing winter wildlife and mystic landscapes during this week of intense photography in the best place on earth!

The trip itinerary has been carefully planned to maximize photographic opportunities for YOU!

**Day 1** – Sunday, January 14 – Lodging: Holiday Inn, Bozeman, MT

- Check into your accommodations by 4 PM. (Holiday Inn shuttle from Bozeman International Airport available 24/7)
- We'll kickoff the workshop at 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm with an orientation to include participant introductions, itinerary details, maps, safety, ethics and a Q & A session. Get ready for an early morning!

**Day 2** – Monday, January 15 – Lodging: Best Western Plus, Gardiner, MT

- 6:30 am grab a hearty meal to start the day at the hotel breakfast bar.
- 7:15 am meet in the lobby with your luggage and gear ready to go. We will travel to Gardiner, MT via backcountry roads searching for resident wildlife and the best light for winter landscapes to photograph along the way. Have your camera gear ready!
- Check into accommodations then travel into YNP through the Roosevelt Arch at the North entrance. Be on the lookout for Pronghorn and Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep as they browse for food near the roadside. This will be a full day of photo opportunities.

**Day 3** – Tuesday, January 16 – Lodging: Best Western Plus, Gardiner, MT

- 6:30 am buffet breakfast before our departure into the Serengeti of the northern range, Lamar Valley.
- 7:15 am we head towards Cooke City, MT (NE entrance) in search of winter moose, bald eagles, epic landscapes and more. Prepare for another full day of photography.

**Day 4** – Wednesday, January 17 – Lodging: Old Faithful Snow Lodge, YNP

- 6:30 am breakfast. Fill your belly with a smorgasbord of favorites for a full day ahead!
- 7:30 am we load the snowcoach and travel into the interior of Yellowstone National Park making our way to Old Faithful, stopping along the way to photograph bison, fumaroles, winter landscapes and any other attraction that crosses our path.
- Check into our new accommodations. There may be time to photograph around the Old Faithful complex on your own before dinner, depending on how the day unfolds.
- 7:15 pm we will be dining as a group in the Obsidian Dining Room in the Snow Lodge. Afterwards, explore the luxurious lodge, photograph Old Faithful with a new moon, stay in and converse by the fireplace, shop for memorabilia or just immerse yourself in the unique lodge life before retiring to your room!

**Day 5** – Thursday, January 18 – Lodging: Best Western Plus, Gardiner, MT

- 6:30 am breakfast. Breakfast is on your own at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge.
- 7:30 am we board our snowcoach for the return trip to Gardiner stopping to photograph the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone for those stunning frozen waterfalls, golden canyon walls and sweeping panoramas.
- Prepare for a late arrival back in Gardiner, MT.

**Day 6** – Friday, January 19 – Lodging: Best Western Plus, Gardiner, MT

- 6:30 am enjoy a hot breakfast in the dining room before getting started.
- 7:15 am departure. Let's load the vehicles and make our way out to Lamar Valley for our last full day in the park. We could get lucky and see wolf activity, photogenic fox, a hunting coyote and other wildlife in beautiful winter coats. (Note: we make every attempt to locate and safely photograph wildlife throughout the workshop.)

**Day 7** – Saturday, January 20 – Workshop ends at noon

- 6:30 am breakfast at the buffet smorgasbord and preparation for our trip back to Bozeman.
- 7:30 am we depart Gardiner and visit Montana Grizzly Encounter (<http://www.grizzlyencounter.org>) to photograph the resident bears in captivity as they frolic their enclosure.
- Drop off at Bozeman International Airport or hotel in the area. (Please make your return flight reservations after 2:00 PM so the group may stay in the field as long as possible.)



**Notes:**

- You are responsible for airfare to/from Bozeman International Airport (BZN), MT. Shuttle to/from hotel will be provided by Holiday Inn, Bozeman. We suggest you arrive by 4 PM Sunday, January 14, 2018 to allow time to check in and prepare for our orientation meeting at 6:30 PM.
- You will receive a list of suggested photography gear and a list of suggested clothing upon receipt of deposit. This will help you prepare for a safe and rewarding experience.
- All aspects of this itinerary are subject to change. We will try our best to stick to the itinerary but the environment and weather will dictate what is necessary to stay safe and to take advantage of the best photo opportunities. Please respect the decision of the trip leader and understand changes will be made in the best interest and safety of the group as a whole. Thank you.
- If you are wondering, there are many restrooms throughout the park. We know where ALL of them are. We will be stopping many times during each day to make use of the facilities in remote areas. Some are equipped with hand sanitizer but not all are so you may want to bring a small bottle along.
- Each day we will have snacks and water available in the vehicles. It is highly suggested that you order a box lunch (when available) or purchase lunch items to take with you on our long days in the field. A thermos with hot soup, broth or a warm drink is VERY nice on cold days. (There are grocery stores in Bozeman and Gardiner, MT)
- WiFi and cell service may not be available, very slow or sporadic. Please plan for this and understand that we are in a wilderness area!
- The animals we will encounter are WILD and UNPREDICTABLE. We will follow park rules and remain a safe distance from them. This is for your safety and the animal's safety. We take the welfare of the animal very seriously and will give them the right of way in all circumstances. There will be ample opportunities to photograph wildlife. Bring your longest lens.
- There will be no smoking in the vehicles or hotel rooms. Alcoholic beverages will be at your expense.

## Trip Pricing:

Trip cost: \$4595.00 per participant.

A maximum of six guests are allowed/minimum of four guests is required. This will make available an affordable and personal experience for participants.

Now accepting a \$950.00 deposit to hold your spot. First come, first served. **Payment in full is due by October 31, 2017.**

Single supplement \$895.00 per person (if lodging is available).

Make payments to Sandra Lee Photography and mail your payment to 15864 Severino Lane, Valley Center, CA 92082. Cash, money order, check or credit cards are accepted, checks preferred.

### Cancellation policy:

- Cancellations 75 days prior to workshop, full refund, less \$50 processing fee - **October 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**
- Cancellations made between 74-46 days prior to workshop, forfeit deposit - **November 29<sup>th</sup> 2017**
- Cancellations made 45 days prior to workshop, all payments are non-refundable - **November 30<sup>th</sup> 2017**

In the event the trip leader must cancel you will receive a FULL REFUND in the amount you have paid directly to Sandra Lee Photography (this does not cover airfare or other travel costs).

### What is included:

Six nights lodging, five continental breakfasts, all transportation throughout the workshop, shuttle to/from airport, snacks & water daily, photo instruction by experienced trip leader, tip for snowcoach driver.

### What is not included:

Airfare to/from Bozeman, dinners, box lunches or additional snacks if desired, entrance fee to Montana Grizzly Encounter. If you are arriving early or staying longer, you will be responsible for your own lodging. Personal items, trip insurance.



### Summary:

Please review and understand the itinerary. Photo instruction will be available to all participants but we expect this trip to fill with advanced photographers, however, all photographic skill levels are welcome. Our goal is for you to enjoy your time with fellow photographers and leave with outstanding images from the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

### Disclaimer:

The above trip itinerary was arranged for the nature photo enthusiast as a unique journey to explore the wonders of Yellowstone National Park during winter season. The discounted price is intended to make it affordable and is not a reflection what so ever of the quality of the trip.

Expect moderate walking on hard-packed and/or fresh snow, carrying long lenses, tripods and other equipment. Temperatures range from 30 degrees to minus 20's. Dress in layers. You can definitely experience a workout at times but are not required to!

Your main resource is an experienced photographer/trip leader who has over 50+ visits to the park, including many in winter, and who will do their best to make your visit a memorable event. Failure to obey park rules or acting in a disruptive manner within the group may be reasons to ask you to leave. If this happens it will be at your expense.

**Sandy Zelasko, DBA Sandra Lee Photography is an authorized permittee with the National Park Service and maintains a CUA Permit in Yellowstone National Park for the purpose of field guided photography instruction.**