

Battling Bighorns

December 15-19, 2013

Cost \$1395 - Double Occupancy (Single supplement \$125)

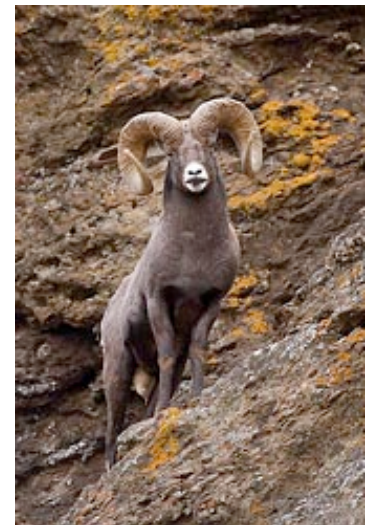
Deposit \$250 - Limited to 6 participants

From Cody Wyoming

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The beautiful and rugged Absaroka Mountains lie along the eastern boundary of Yellowstone National Park. Rising to over 13,000 feet they are home to one of the largest populations of Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep in North America. Each winter hundreds of bighorns winter in the valleys west of Cody providing excellent access to photographers. We will concentrate our efforts in the spectacular valley of the North Fork of the Shoshone River.

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The valley is also home to a host of other wildlife that with luck we may be able to see and hopefully photograph. River otters, bison, elk, deer, coyote, red fox, and cottontail rabbits are some of the inhabitants. Northern pygmy owls, golden and bald eagles, ravens, magpies, waxwings, robins, American dippers, and many others birds are native to this area.

The mountain scenery is inspiring, beautiful landscapes beckon you around every turn. There is no shortage of photographic subjects along the North Fork of the Shoshone River.

The cost of this tour includes 4 nights lodging (double occupancy), transportation, along with a welcome and farewell dinner. Single supplement fee for this tour is \$125.

Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive in Cody, Wyoming. Shuttle service to and from the airport is provided as well as accommodations for this tour. We will all meet at 6:00 pm for an orientation dinner and discussion of our upcoming photo adventure. Both United and Delta Airlines have regular flights into Cody.

Day 2-5 - We will depart around 7:00 am each morning and spend the day in the valley photographing the multitude of subjects available to us. A field lunch is provided to each participant as well as a variety of snacks and beverages. We will return to Cody each evening after sunset.

For your departure, there are evening flights out of Cody or you may prefer to stay over night and leave the following morning.



What to Bring

Equipment: We recommend a minimum of 300mm telephoto lens for this tour in addition to a variety of wide angle lenses or zooms and a mid range zoom lens. If you are shooting film bring at least 10 rolls per day depending on your shooting habits. Digital shooters will want to bring along a couple of flash cards and a means to download images when cards get full. We always suggest you bring along 2 camera bodies if possible in case of equipment failure. A window mount or beanbag is strongly encouraged.

Terms and Conditions

CANCELLATION POLICY: Due to the high number of cancellations we've received in the past several years a new refund policy has been implemented.

Cancellations more than 120 days ahead of the tour are refunded minus a \$50 handling charge.

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LUGGAGE: Franzfoto Tours requests that tour participants limit their luggage to the equivalent of one suitcase, one flight bag, one camera bag, and tripod. We do not wish to be dictatorial in this matter, but asks that group members bear in mind space and comfort in our vehicles. All personal luggage is the responsibility of the owner.

SMOKERS: Smoking is not permitted at meals or in vehicles. It can be permitted at photo stops where local ordinances permit, photography and photographers are not affected.

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