

IMPRESSIONS NEWSLETTER



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NEW ZEALAND 2016

Impressions Newsletter ... " Seasons Greetings & New Photo Tours for 2016 "

Merry Christmas Everyone ...

As we celebrate the holidays, I'm pleased to share our holiday newsletter. In this edition we will share our 2016 photo tour destinations, images from our Reunion night held in November, and a few pics from some of this past years treks. Pour yourself a cup of eggnog, pull a chair up close to your fire place and enjoy our updates.

James

New Zealand Photo Tour

Out of the gate for 2016 we are very excited to be offering photo tours in January, February and March of 2016. One of our feature tours for the New Year is our tour to the south pacific to photograph the beauty of New Zealand. The tour is March 20th to April 6th, 2016. During our trek we will be visiting both the North

and South Islands. While in New Zealand we will be traveling by motor coach, boat and from coast to coast, (Christchurch to Greymouth onboard the TranzAlpine Train. A great feature of the TranzAlpe train for photographers is the open air observation car. Perfect for unobstructed photos during our
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GUATEMALA PHOTO TOUR
JANUARY 15TH TO 21ST, 2016



ICELAND NORTHERN LIGHTS
MARCH 2ND TO 7TH, 2016



NEW ZEALAND PHOTO TOUR
MARCH 20TH TO APRIL 6TH, 2016

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“New Zealand - March 20th to April 6th, 2016”

(page 1 continued) train journey across the country. The country is a geographical and geological wonder with both active and dormant volcanos, geysers, thermal springs, wild rivers, glaciers, beautiful beaches and fertile plains. Truly a photographers paradise.

Our 15 day tour will see us visiting all the major regions of the country, including a visit to Auckland and Christchurch. Our itinerary will give photographers a great cross section of urban and landscape opportunities.

The National Parks, beautiful sub tropical forests, geysers, hot springs, the alpine region and amazing beaches. We will also take a boat ride through a grotto illuminated with glow worms and visit Rainbow Springs, which is a unique region offering up flora and fauna and the opportunity to photograph the national icon, the Kiwi bird.

We look forward to you joining us in the enchanted land of the Lord of Rings, March 20th to April 6th 2016, this tour is now open for booking. The cost of our New Zealand tour is \$7225 per person based on double occupancy including airfare. For complete tour details, a copy of our New Zealand Tour brochure or registration, please visit <http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/new-zealand-phototour/> .



Lake Taupo



TranzAlpine Train



Glow Worm Caves

“Iceland Northern Lights Tour”

March 2nd to 7th, 2016

Iceland, the Land of Fire and Ice, the forces of nature have created a volatile playground of colour and beauty. Get ready to discover one of the most beautiful places on Earth.

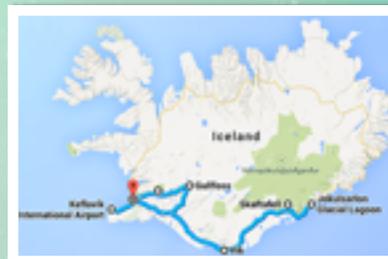
The shorter days of March combined with interesting locations and you have the beauty of the Northern Lights. Waterfalls, geysers, geothermic regions of steam, mud pots, and the black basalt south beaches will all be part of our tour itinerary. We have selected our hotels so we will be close to regions we will be photographing and ideal for photographing the Northern lights.

A daytime highlight of our tour will be a visit to the Glacial Lagoon at Jokulsarion Lake. The glacial ice and the reflections of the lake will make for spectacular photography. We have selected our hotels so we will be close to regions we will be photographing.

The cost of our Northern Lights Tour is \$3547.00 based on double occupancy and includes airfare from Toronto to Iceland, plus taxes. If you would like to read the full details of our tour, download a copy of our Iceland Photo Tour brochure or for registration, please visit <http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/iceland-northern-lights-march-2016/>



Northern Light Show



Tour Route



LAKE JOKULSARION

PHOTO TOUR TREKKERS HOLIDAY PHOTO TIPS



The holidays make for fantastic photo opportunities. We all capture a few moments each season be it with our digital SLR, point and shoot camera or even our cell phones. Here are a few tips to make great photos of Christmas, Hanukkah, or the mid-winter holiday of your choice. This year, come away from the holidays with great photographs.

Creative Comlosures & Move in Close

When composing your holiday images consider taking your main subject and positioning it off centre. If you have too much dead space move in closer so the viewer focuses on your main subject. This works great especially if you can balance your main subject with objects in your background or placed in the background on the opposite side of your main subject. For example the lights of your Christmas tree or a candle softly blurred sets the tone for the shot.

Second don't forget to take a deep breath and let your eye move all round your viewfinder to see what you have included in your image. Then move in closer. (Trust me all of a sudden you will see things that distract from your main subject. Your brain filters out things that your eye often misses. If your frame is filled with your subject and intentional background objects the result will be an image that will impact on your viewer.



Shoot when your subject is engaged with unwrapping & Consider turning off your flash

This works great when photographing adults and children and captures the moment of surprise or wonder as they are opening gifts or even playing with them for the first time. Be prepared and have your camera set and ready. Take a few test shots ahead of time and see what your exposure is going to look like.

Shoot quickly, and don't be shy. Move in close as discussed in the first tip. Also remember if photographing children get down to their level, you will be pleased with the results.

Also consider turning off your flash and using available light. This circles back to setting up in advance, choose a higher ISO and check your other camera settings. The warm glow of the lights can enhance your photograph. If you can't get a fast enough shutter speed as the images look blurry then consider your flash, but do try a few shots without your flash.

When taking Family & Group Photos

We take family and group shots every holiday ... and usually no one likes posing. If you make it fun, plan ahead how you are going to take the shot and do it quickly, you will discover the group will cooperate much more. Also because folk, are talking, laughing and blinking make sure to take quite a few shots. AND use your tripod and self timer so you are in the image too.

Outdoor Photographs

This time of year there are so many beautiful lights you want to take a few minutes and get outside to take a few photos. A couple of things to think about, take your tripod as your flash is not a good idea and look for possible reflections. Reflected light in water, ice, snow in a window really add a creative side to your winter lights photography.

One important tip is as you go from the warmth of your house or automobile your lenses can fog up. Think about this ahead of time and give your camera gear a chance to acclimatize to the colder environment. If you are getting in and out of your warm car take along a plastic bag and put your camera inside it prior to entering the warm vehicle. This will help reduce fogging of the lenses.



PHOTO TOUR TREKKERS REUNION NIGHT

Monday Nov. 23rd, 2015

Celebrating the world of Photo Tours:

What a great evening, and no better way to celebrate our photo tours then by hosting a Trekkers Reunion night. Our guest list was made up of the photographers that have traveled with us over the past years. One hundred and seventy-seven guests were in attendance and I thank you for coming out and joining our celebration. It was great to see so many friends that have traveled, photographed and experienced the different corners of the globe together.

We hosted our event at the Museum London and Art Gallery. Our evening begun with a wine and cheese reception then the group gathered in the amphitheatre for a series of slide shows and a keynote presentation showcasing our treks over the years and of course some of the fun images that happened to fall into the presentation. We also announced our new tours for 2016 and previewed our 2017 feature tour to Tibet and Bhutan which will be in 2017.

I would like to thank my co-hosts Dave Chidley, Deb and Bill Hall for joining us for the event and your help in preparing and presenting.

A big thank you to our photographers for the event Eric Davidson, Raspal Singh, Michael L'heureux, Seth Myers, Lizzy Malik-Lidstone and Atena Abdolrazagh. All are Lambton College first year photography students. They set up a studio, took photos and printed them on location to send home with all our guests. They also provided us with images of the event. Thank you and to their instructor from Lambton College Dave Chidley.



Wine & Cheese Reception



Keynote presentation



Guests enjoying the presentation



James presenting



Sidney, Danny and Paul

PHOTO TOUR TREKKERS REUNION NIGHT

Gallery of Images from our November Event ...



Longtime Trekkers Bill, Marg, Joyce and Dan



Some of the Trekkers that went on our Scotland Tour



Joyce, Pia, Paul, Ron and Tom Iceland 2012 guests



Dave and Erika a couple of cut ups



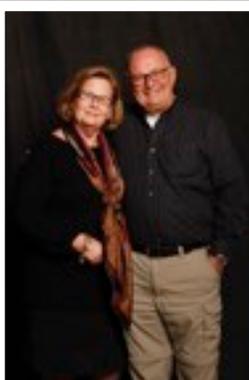
Deb & Bill Hall



Jerry Cornell



Our Lambton College Photographers



Marion & Barry Haley



Olga Davidson Trekkers oldest traveller



Gojko & Darinka Savic - Fran & Ken Dick





2016 Tours



Our list of tours for 2016 - Download a copy of our 2016 / 2017 brochure by visiting Trekkers website

January 15th to 21st, 2016 - Guatemala Photo Tour - 2 spots available

February 26th to 28th, 2016 - Weekend with the Wolves Photo Tour - 2 spots available

March 2nd to 7th, 2016 - Iceland Northern Lights Photo Tour - 6 spots available

March 20th to April 7th, 2016 - New Zealand Photo Tour - 8 spots available

April 22nd to 29th, 2016 - Yellowstone Photo Tour - Will be open for booking late December

May 15th to 21st, 2016 - Colorado River / Grand Canyon Photo Tour - Will be open for booking in January

June 4th to 14th, 2016 - Galapagos Islands Photo Tour - Sold out

June 24th to 26th, 2016 - Chicago Weekend Photo Tour - Will be open for booking in January

August 23rd to September 3rd, 2016 - Yukon Photo Tour - Will be open for booking mid January

September 15th to 29th, 2016 - South Africa Photo Tour - Will be open for booking mid January

October 23rd to November 1st, 2016 - Galapagos Islands Photo Tour - Will be open for booking late Dec

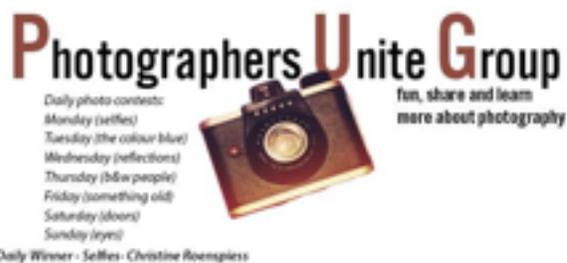
November 12th to 29th, 2016 - Thailand and Burma Photo Tour - Will be open for booking mid January

If you would like to join one of our photo tours please visit PhotoTourTrekkers.com to make your reservation. You can add your name to our advance tour list by visiting the future tours page on the website and submit your name and email address. We will notify you when the tour becomes available.



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Photographers Unite Group: Looking for a daily photo challenge, a place to speak with other photographers or just learn more about photography. If your answer is yes, join our closed photo group called Photographers Unite. Each day of the week we post a new photo challenge and you have 24 hours to submit two images into the category. At 8:00 p.m. EST each day we announce the winner of the contest. Our group has grown to over 300 members the last year. If you would like a photo challenge or just join in on some beautiful photography then please join us today.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PhotoUnite/>

Photo Tours 2015

Thanks for touring with us

Iceland



Iceland



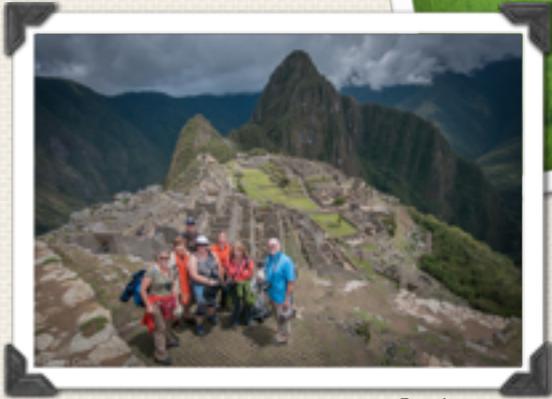
Galapagos Islands



Vietnam



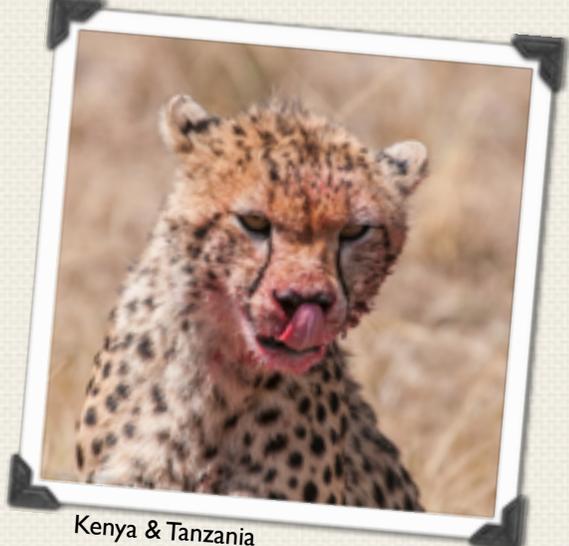
Vietnam



Machu Picchu



Galapagos Islands



Kenya & Tanzania



South of England

Photo Adventures ...

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“As we gather with family and enjoy the holidays, I want to take a moment a wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2016 ”

James

If you have traveled with us in the past we would love to feature some of your images on Trekkers website on Pic of the Week. To share an image visit the link below.

<http://phototourtrekkers.com/news/submit-image/>



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Yellowstone - image by Jerry Cornell



Slot Canyons - image by Dave Chidley

Booking your Photo Tour

Booking one of our photo adventures only takes a few minutes and is quick and easy with our online booking form.

www.PhotoTourTrekkers.com

Select the tour you wish to join from the main page then once you have reviewed the tour click on the register link and you are set to join us on the trek.

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Tour Details, Dates, Brochures and On-line booking available at www.PhotoTourTrekkers.com