

IMPRESSIONS

“Take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprints”



Fall Tour - Mont Tremblant and Park Omega September 27 to 30, 2012

Impressions Newsletter ...



I'm very excited to talk about our fall photo tour to Mont Tremblant and Park Omega in Quebec. The combination of fall colours and wildlife will make for a great four day photography weekend.

We have visited Park Omega once before but it was in late January and

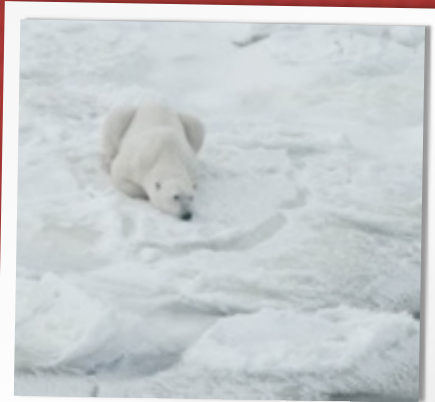
the grounds were deep in snow. So this time we will have the colours of fall. Besides the wolves we will have opportunity to photograph the bears who were deep in hibernation over the winter. The natural surroundings of the park will be a great backdrop for your photographs and we will

have plenty of time to capture the wildlife from onboard a privately arrange bus and by foot on several of the nature walks.

Not to far from Montebello and Park Omega is beautiful Mont Tremblant set out in fall colours. We will spend a day visiting the (con't)



MONT TREMBLANT FALL TOUR
SEPT 27TH TO 30TH, 2012



POLAR BEAR PHOTO TOUR
OCT 27TH TO NOV 1ST 2012



INDIA PHOTO TOUR
FEB 3RD TO 17TH, 2013

Fall Tour Mont Tremblant and Park Omega continued ...

this region. Waterfalls, valleys lakes, and fall colours will offer up many photo opportunities over the course of the day.

We will depart from London on Thursday morning and travel via Ayr Coach Lines to the Montebello region in Quebec. Our route will take us via Ottawa and while passing through the capital, we will stop for some photo opportunities.

Once we reach Montebello, Quebec we will be staying at the Auberge Montebello, located in the centre of this quaint town. Breakfast will be included each day and two dinners while staying at the Hotel.

During the tour, there will be workshop opportunities and time to discuss your images from the day. We will spend time to talking about Lightroom, Photoshop and Elements and the importance of creating proper digital workflow.

If you are interested in joining us on this tour there are still 8 spaces available.

The cost of the tour is \$695.90 per person plus HST, and single supplement is available. Tour inclusions, return motor coach from London with pick ups in Woodstock. Three nights accommodations at the Auberge Montebello, breakfast each morning at the Auberge, a four course dinner Friday and Saturday evening. Admission, Guide, Transportation within Park Omega, Mont Tremblant, Plaisance Waterfalls, a visit to Le Chateau Montebello and workshops.

To sign up for the tour, register online by visiting our website at www.PhotoTourTrekking.com and click on Fall Tour Mont Tremblant. Or you may contact myself or Shari Parker by calling the office at 519-679-8520 ex 2223 for James and ex 2231 for Shari. If you are calling from out of town call toll free 866-614-7717. Our website has additional tour information and a downloadable tour brochure. I look forward to you joining me on the tour.





www.PhotoTourTrekks.com

New Design to Photo Tour Trekkers Website

On the 12th of August we officially launched our re-designed Photo Tour Trekkers website, complete with many new features and options. We are very pleased with the results which include a smoother navigation throughout the website and more interactive opportunities.

Site navigation is now easier as we have added drop down menus on each of the webpages, making it easier to find the tour and registration pages. We have also added secure pages for tour registration.

Pic of the day is a new feature on the website. We are pleased to showcase photographers images from our past photo tours. Each day we post an image submitted by one of our photographers from a past tours and display the photograph on the website, with the photographer name, tour date and location. If you click on the thumbnail on the main page it opens a larger version of the image. You are also invited to post comments below the image, offer kudos to the photographer or inquire more about the image.

Also photographers that have been on our day trips or multi day tours are invited to submit images for pic of the day. All you do is visit the website and select submit image from the pull down menu, provide us with your name and tour, then upload the image. We look forward to sharing your submissions.

All past pic of the day images can be viewed by visiting the month by month archives. The link can be found on the right hand side of the pic of the day page.

We have also added an Interactive Travel Map. When you visit this page, you see a world map with blue push pins showing the locations of our past photo tours. If you click on the pin it will give you information about that tour and offer a link to a photo gallery of images from that place and country.

A guest book has been added where we invite you to leave comments and share your experiences about tours you have been on. We have also moved the future tour request form to the top of Future Tour page. Here you can provide your name, email and the name of a tour you may be interested in joining us on. In turn we will send you out advance information and allow you booking opportunity for that tour.

If you have not visited the new Photo Tour Trekkers website yet, please do so and feel free to leave your comments in the guest book.



Photo Tour Trekkers is now on Facebook, please visit our new page and click "Like Us"

Photo tips, Blog updates, Website Information, Pic of the day updates, Tour dates and much more ...

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Camera Clubs a great way to expand your photography skills



Camera Clubs

Next to learning about photography, talking and sharing your images is the best way I know to expand your photo skills. A great place to do this is your local camera club or photographic guild.

Southwestern Ontario has many clubs to choose from and if you look closely there is probably one close to your own back yard. Over the years I have had many opportunities to attend the different clubs in this region as a guest speaker or just a guest attending a special event. These are great organizations, lots of friendly people looking to share their ideas. These clubs all work with volunteer executive committees that put in many hours behind the scenes organizing some pretty amazing programs for their members throughout the season.

I have compiled a list of some of the clubs in our regions. If your club is not mentioned, no offense intended, please send me your listing and I will be happy to publish it in our next newsletter.

Even if you do not think this is for you, give it a chance. I know all the clubs welcome guests to come and check them out, if you like what you see they will be happy to make you a member.



London Camera Club

Meets every Thursday Sept to May
Free Methodist Church,
402 Commissioners Rd W
www.londoncameraclub.on.ca

Sarnia Photographic Camera

Meets first Tuesday of the month
Interactive meeting third Wed of the month
Sarnia Public Library - Sept to June
www.sarniaphotoclub.com

Woodstock Camera Club

Meets every 2nd Wed Sept to May
Altador Quality Inn
Hwy 59 and 401, Woodstock, Ont.
www.woodstockcameraclub.com

St. Thomas Photographic Guild

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday Oct to May
Elgin Military Museum
30 Talbot St. St. Thomas
www.stthomasphoto.com

Port Franks and area Camera Club

Meets 2nd & 4th Monday Sept to May
Port Franks Community Centre,
9997 Port Franks Road, Port Franks, Ont.
www.portfrankscameraclub.com

Chatham Camera Club

Meets 2nd & 4th Tues Sept to May
Evangel Community Church,
76 Sandys St. Chatham, Ont.
www.chathamcameraclub.com

Windsor Camera Club

Meets 1st & 3rd Tues Sept to June
Lincoln Road United Church
69 Lincoln Rd, Windsor, Ont.
www.windsorcameraclub.com

Stratford Camera Club

Meets first Tuesday Sept to May
Gallery Stratford
Romeo Street, Stratford, Ont.
www.stratfordcameraclub.com

Brant Camera Club

Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday Sept to May
Doug Snooks Eagle Place Comm Ctr
333 Erie Ave. Brantford, Ont.
www.brantcameraclub.com

GRIPS Grand River Imaging

Meets 2nd & 4th Mon Sept to May
East Presbyterian Church
10 Zeller Drive, Kitchener, Ont
www.gripskw.ca

Mount Forest Camera Club

Meets 4th Thursday Sept to May
New Faith Baptist Church
Corner of London Rd & King St
www.mountforestcameraclub.com

Highland Glen Camera Club

Meets 1st & 3rd Monday Sept to April
Keats Way Public School
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www.waterloocameraclub.ca



POLAR BEAR PHOTO TOUR - OCTOBER 27TH TO NOV 1ST, 2012 - We are please to announce our second tour to Churchill, Manitoba to photograph the Polar Bears just prior to thier migration towards the artic. Tour details and registration is now available by visiting www.PhotoTourTrekks.com click on Polar Bear Tour.

Polar Bears - Churchill, Manitoba

October 28th to November 1st, 2012

Polar Bear Photo Tour:

Experiencing the migration of the Polar Bear at the gateway to the Arctic Circle is beyond words. And to photograph them up close in their natural habitat is an experience you won't soon forget.

Join us in Churchill, Manitoba for an opportunity to photograph the Polar Bear from the tundra, dogsled, on foot and from the sky by helicopter. October 27th to November 1st, 2012.

We will be staying in Churchill at the Aurora Inn, centrally located to all our activities.

Weather permitting we will be keeping our eyes on the sky and if they are visible we will head out in the evening to photograph the Northern Lights.

We will be exploring and photographing the arctic tundra and venture into the tree line of the vast Boreal forest of the Canadian Shield. Caribou, Arctic Fox, Arctic Hare and Lemmings are other wildlife we may encounter. The Snowy Owl, Gyrfalcon, Ptarmigan and many other arctic birds that call this region home.

At the time of publishing our newsletter there are still 7 spaces available for this tour.

To reserve space please visit the Trekkers website and use our online reservations form. For additional questions please feel free to contact Shari Parker or myself at 519-679-8520 or toll free 1-866-614-7717.

Single supplement is available for this tour.



The cost of the tour is \$4650 CAD per person plus HST. If you wish to add the helicopter adventure it is an additional \$300.00 plus HST. Price based on double occupancy. Guests joining us from London and region airfare from London to Winnipeg direct via WestJet is \$313.20 per person plus air tax of \$86.25 and HST. Tour includes round trip airfare from Winnipeg, coach and transfers during our tour, two nights accommodations at the Hilton Suites in Winnipeg, and three nights accommodations at the Aurora Inn Churchill, all meals, tundra vehicle and dog sledding. Book on-line by visiting PhotoTourTrekkers.com.

Travel News Where are they now!!!



Image from davechidley.ca website

Dave Chidley **Photo Journalist & Photo Tour** **Trekkers Travel Host**

Aug. 20th, update, Dave is currently traveling to Tanzania to photograph three workshops presented by Art for AIDS International.

Many of our readers will remember that a few years ago Dave traveled with Art for AIDS International to South Africa. Documenting the workshops of London based Hendrikus Bervoets artist and co founder of Art for AIDS International.

Using his art workshops, Hendrikus gives a voice to young people. Helping them become more aware of AIDS and create a drive for change. Through the young people and his art, he has made great inroads in these communities.

Dave photographed the workshops conducted by Hendrikus working with South African children. Visiting the region he also captured many thought provoking images of children and their parents or guardians at AIDS clinics and hospitals. The entire project was presented in black and white. The images had an amazing impact on the viewers, making us all aware of the effects of HIV and AIDS.

Fast forward to today the 20th of August, sponsored by international Gold mining company, London Gold AG. Dave is enroute to Tanzania to photograph another series of workshops for Art or AIDS International. At the time of writing this piece he was emailing me from Amsterdam,

and after a 9 hour layover has a flight to Nairobi then on to Tanzania.

While in Tanzania Dave will be documenting villages where the mining company is setting up mining partnerships. Then they are off to Kenya to photograph roadside and highway medical clinics.

It will be exciting to see the images Dave creates from this adventure. In his last message he said he will try to email us a few shots over the next couple of weeks. We will post them on the Trekkers website.

Good luck Dave and safe travels. This is a great cause, and your photographs will again raise awareness of this wicked disease.



Arts for AIDS International South Africa Trip

Images by Dave Chidley



India February 3rd to 17th, 2013



Tiger Ranthambore National Park



Taj Mahal at sunset



Rickshaw Old Delhi

India February 2013 - Our November India Tour has now sold out, and we have continued to have requests for space. So we are pleased to announce a second tour to India February 3rd to the 17th, 2013. This tour has limited space, we can take 15 photographers, we currently have 6 spaces available.

Our trek in February will have a similar schedule to the November tour. In November we will be attending the Pushkar Festival and on the February trek we will experience the Maha Kumbh Mela festival in Allahabad. The Mela festival occurs once every 12 years and we will be there to capture it. Flying from Delhi to Varanasi will also be part of this trek.

Our schedule for this tour includes Delhi, Jaipur, and Agra which is famous for the Taj Mahal. While in Jaipur we will be visiting the Amber Fort located high on a mountain slope, we will ride via elephant to the top. And if you enjoy wildlife, our three Safari game drives at Ranthambore National Park to capture India's wildlife including the tiger will top off your photography experience.

Our India Photo Tour is \$5990.00 CAD per person plus air taxes of \$720.00, based on double occupancy, single supplement is an additional \$1595.00. Package price includes KLM International flights and return internal India flights from Delhi to Varanasi. For additional information, or to download a copy of our tour brochure or book this tour, please visit www.PhotoTourTrekkers.com.



Haircut Old Delhi



School Girls Delhi



Working Camel

Getting to know India - Facts and interesting information about Incredible India. Here's an opportunity for the photographers that are joining us on our India tour, and followers of our newsletter to learn a little more about India, her culture and people.

This issue's feature is the Taj Mahal, located in Agra.



The Taj Mahal is Mughal era art at its best, and is one of the most famous and recognized buildings in the world. The Taj Mahal itself is the tomb of the emperor and his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. The tomb is the representation of the house of the queen in Paradise, and its setting was based on the palace gardens of the great nobles that lined both sides of the river at Agra.

Taj Mahal took 22 years to build (1631 to 1653) under the orders of Shah Jahan and was dedicated to Mumtaz Mahal, the wife of Shah. It took 20,000 skilled workers at a cost of 32 core rupees and is built according to Islamic architecture. 1 core rupee today is worth approximately 217,000.00 Canadian dollars. The Taj is a Unesco world heritage site.

A few interesting facts about the Taj Mahal ... The Taj has the characteristic Mogul dynasty design with eight chambers representing the eight divisions of the Koran, and it topped with a gigantic double dome. The inner dome is about eighty feet from the ground. It is covered by the even larger outer dome and in perfect proportion is surrounded by four domed kiosks. The white marble was carried from Makrana southwest of Jaipur, which is about 400 kilometres away. The stone cutters and general constructions were paid from the Empire Treasure.

Due to the length of time to construct the Taj Mahal the empress was moved twice to temporary locations, and finally the third at the centre of the mausoleum with her face turned westward to Holy Mecca on the 26th of May, 1633. The palace was important for the pilgrims as Mumtaz died in childbirth, and considered a martyr following Islamic traditions. She had 14 children over eighteen years.

The emperor Shah Jahan husband of Mumtaz Mahal, begun his reign by killing his brothers, but he neglected to kill his sons, one of whom was destined to overthrow him. He captured his father, and imprisoned him in the Fort of Agra. For 9 bitter years the deposed emperor lingered there, never visited by his son, only spending his days looking from the Jasmine Tower of his prison across the Jumna to where his once-beloved Mumtaz lay in her jeweled tomb.

It is interesting to note that if it had not been for Shah Jahn being held captive by his son. The plans of the emperor were to build a second monument called the Onyx Palace which was going to be connected by a bridge over the river to the Taj Mahal. This never happened but the foundation pad can be seen from the Taj Mahal.

During both our tours we will be visiting the Taj Mahal and the Agra Fort. We have also made arrangements to visit the foundation of the Onyx Palace across the river, as it makes for a unique location to photograph the Taj.

Current Tours and Travel Updates



Current Tours and travel projects we are working on ...

Listed below is space availability on our current tours and updates of some of the photo tours preparing to depart and in the planning stages.

Attention November India Photo Tour Guests - This past week you were sent an email in regards getting your India Tourist Visa. If you did not receive this two part email please contact James or Shari as soon as possible. Thanks you.

Tours available for booking ...

Fall in Mont Tremblant and Park Omega - Sep 27th to 30th - 8 spaces available

Fall Day Tour location watch for announcement this month - Sunday October 14th, 2012

Polar Bear Photo Tour - Churchill Manitoba Oct 27th to Nov 1st - 7 spaces available

India Photo Tour - Nov 18th to 27th, 2012 - 0 space available

India Photo Tour - Feb 3rd to 17th, 2013 - 7 spaces available

All our tours can be booked online by visiting www.PhotoTourTrekking.com then click on the tour registration. Once your registration is filled out, we will contact you in regards to any final details. If you have any questions please contact us 519-679-8520 or toll free 866-614-7717, James at ext 2223 and Shari at ext 2231.



All our Photo Tips can now be found on our Facebook page, search Photo Tour Trekkers and Like Us additional for updates.



Photography is not a race to fill your memory card

Rapid fire is good for action photography or a series of time lapse images, but one thing to keep in mind is to reduce the number of images when out on a shoot. Take the time to move around, observe your subject and adjust your framing before pressing the shutter. Rapid firing with hopes for a good shot in editing, will lead to hundreds of hours of post processing or editing. Worst of all, too many images becomes overwhelming and you never edit them. Taking the time to compose and observe will also help you develop a better photographic eye.

2012 / 2013 Photo Tours



Mount Tremblant & Park Omega Sept 27th to 30th, 2012

October offers up fall colours, and Park Omega will offer up interesting animals such as the Wolves and Bears. This will be a great weekend photo trek and to top it off with great colour a visit to Mont Tremblant. The cost of the tour is \$695.90 plus HST, this tour is open for booking commencing Friday July 27th,

Polar Bears Churchill Manitoba Oct 28th to Nov 3rd, 2012

After a great response to our first trek we are pleased to offer this tour again in 2012. The polar bears, combined with the tundra of Canada's North make a perfect backdrop for photography. Book space today.

India Photo Tour November 19th to 30th, 2012

Offering up beauty, culture, urban life and landscapes our India Photo Tour will be an experience to photograph and remember. This tour is now sold out, but due to continued space requests we are pleased to be offering it again in Feb of 2012.

India Photo Tour February 3rd to 17th, 2013

Offering up a similar schedule to our November India Photo Tour, we are pleased to offer a second tour to India. On this trek we will be attending the Maha Kumbh Mela Festival near Varanasi. This tour is now available for booking. The cost of the tour is \$5990.00 plus air taxes of \$720.00 CAD. Please visit the website for tour registration.

If you are interested in one of our future tours please send us advance notice to reserve space to jcowie@carlsonwagonlit.com

Joshua Tree National Park and Mojave Desert April 2013

America's southwest experience continues with this trek.

New York City or Washington DC May 2013

We are currently working on one of the following locations for May of 2013. A repeat trip to NYC or possibly a photo tour to Washington D.C.

Queen Charlotte Islands June 2013

The west coast at it's best, join us on a nature exploration of the Queen Charlotte Islands and Prince Rupert.

Additional details will be available on this tour very soon.

Ireland August 2013

The beauty of the Emerald Isle comes alive with this trek in 2013

Namibia October 2013

Africa at it's best the fall of 2013, this trek will reward photographers with beauty beyond belief. The Namibia desert is to be experienced besides photographed.

Additional Tour Dates:

Tuscany Photo Tour August 2014

Machu Picchu October 2014



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.PhotoTourTrekks.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.PhotoTourTrekks.com