

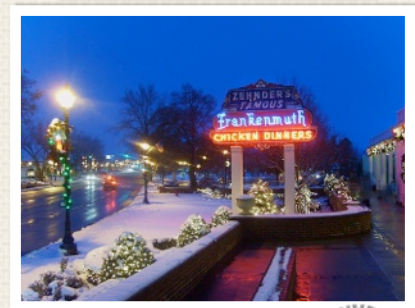
# IMPRESSIONS

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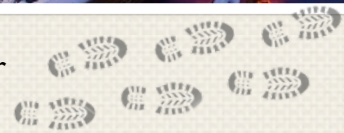


## PHOTO TOUR TREKKERS

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## Impressions Newsletter ... Christmas Holiday Tour Sun Dec 9th, 2012



What a fun way to kick off the holiday season then a photo trek to Frankenmuth, Michigan. Join us as we spend the day visiting the holiday capital. The unique architecture, interesting shops all decked out for the holidays, the Bavarian clock tower and even a beautiful covered

bridge along the river will make this a fun day of creating images.

After a day of photography and exploring the village, we will have dinner at Zehnder's famous for their chicken dinner.

The cost of our holiday tour is \$89.99 plus HST and you can

register online by visiting Photo Tour Trekkers webstie. We will be offering pick-ups in Woodstock, London and Sarnia. Please note a passport is required for this tour.

I'm pleased that Deb and Bill Hall joining me as co-hosts on this tour. Hats, gloves, cameras, here we go!



HOLIDAY PHOTO TOUR  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 9TH 2012



INDIA PHOTO TOUR  
NOV 18TH TO DEC 1ST 2012



INDIA PHOTO TOUR  
FEB 3RD TO 17TH, 2013



**CP HOLIDAY TRAIN**  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 2ND, 2012**  
**8:15 P.M. RICHMOND ST CROSSING**  
**LONDON, ONTARIO**

**PHOTO SHOOT**



**YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PHOTOGRAPHY, FUN AND SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER. MEET AT 695 RICHMOND ST. 8:00 P.M.**

**CP Annual Holiday Train**

It's that time of year again and the CP Holiday Train will be coming to London on Sunday December 2nd arriving at 8:15 p.m. at the Richmond Street crossing located between Oxford Street and Central Avenue.

The train visits over 140 communities across the rail network during the holiday season with it's fully lighted and decorated locomotive and box

cars. At each even one of the centre box cars opens up to a full performing stage. This years performers are Tracy Brown and the Claytons and Santa!!

We will be meeting at 8:00 p.m. at 695 Richmond Street next to the Tim Hortons for some holiday fun and photography. After the train event warm up by joining us for a hot chocolate.

The goal of the Holiday Train is to collect food and money for

each communities local food banks and raise awareness in the fight against hunger. All food and donations collected stay in each community the train stops.

We had lots of fun last year and look forward to seeing you on Sunday December 2nd, 8:00 p.m.

If you plan to attend please send a quick email to give me an idea of folk joining us for refreshments. [jcowie@carlsonwagonlit.com](mailto:jcowie@carlsonwagonlit.com)

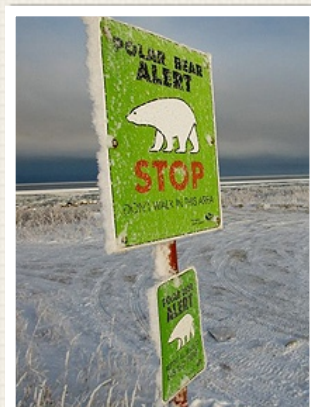


**Polar Bear Photo Adventure - Churchill, Manitoba**

We had another great tour this year up to Churchill, Manitoba to photograph the polar bears out on the tundra and ice. The weather was great offering us up a beautiful blue sky day which was great for our helicopter tour, sunrises and a day on the tundra. Then a slightly overcast day which added a whole other dimension to our images and photography experience.

A special thanks to local photographer Mike Macri who presented his images of Churchill through the seasons, Steve Club our guide and Peter and Mary an Inuit couple who presented a Inuit cultural experience. Also to the photographers that joined us on the trek. It was a great week, great images and plenty of laughter.

Our next tour to Churchill will be a summer trek in July of 2014. Thousands of Beluga Whales will be part of this tour.



Pic of the Day - on [www.PhotoTourTrekkers.com](http://www.PhotoTourTrekkers.com)

Join us on Facebook ....



### **Pic of the Day**

We have received great feedback that folks are enjoying the daily postings for Pic of the Day on Photo Tour Trekkers website. Each day we post a image from one of our past photo tours featuring the work of the photographers that have joined us on the tour.

If you missed past images that were featured on Pic of the Day you can visit the archives to see the previous featured images. To get to the archives visit the website, click to view the current Pic of the Day and on the right had side you will see the links to the past months features.

We love to show off your work, so if you have images you would like to share visit the website and upload your images. Please make sure to include your name, and the tour the images are from, we will notify you by email the day your image is featured. Please note we announce your Pic of the Day on Facebook with a link to the image. We never post your images on face book just an announcement and link to your image.



*Perpetual Suspension - Las Vegas*

*Image by Brenda Fee-Perkins / Death Valley Tour 2010*



We have created a Facebook page and daily post links to Pic of the Day, blog announcements, and from time to time photo tips. Please visit our Facebook page and click "Like Us"

[Click on logo Like us on Facebook](#)



*Diving Blue Footed Boobie*

*Image by Paul Garner / Galapagos Islands Tour 2011*

**Images you would like to share ...** Attention all Impression Newsletter readers.

We would love to share some of your favourite photographs, landscapes, urban images, people shots just to name a few. We are going to set aside one month for your Pic's of the Day. Submit soon please limit to 4 images.

Submit your favourite images today by visiting the Photo Tour Website at [www.PhotoTourTrekkers.com](http://www.PhotoTourTrekkers.com) click on the News button on the top of the web page and at the bottom of the list select submit image.

This will take you to the submission page, enter your name, email address and if you have a title for the image. Then use the select buttons below to select and submit your images. Don't worry about the file size as it will set automatically when we create the Pic of the Day.

We look forward to seeing your images and you will be notified by email when your image is posted that month.

# Remembrance Day Nov 11th

Follow our India Photo Tour Blog Beginning Nov 18th

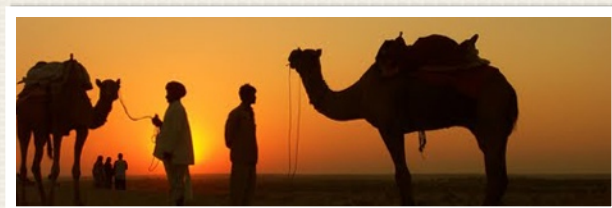


Why the poppy became the symbol of remembrance ... Flanders is the name of the whole western part of Belgium. It saw some of the most concentrated and bloodiest fighting of WWI. This area was left muddy barren ... nothing survived. Poppies only survive in rooted up soil and with the warm weather of spring, the poppy flowered each year, brought life, hope, colour and reassurance to those still fighting.

John McCrae, a doctor serving with the Canadian Armed Forces, was deeply moved by what he saw, and in 1915 in his pocket book scribbled down the poem "In Flanders Fields". His poem eventually was published and the poppy became a popular symbol for all soldiers who died in battle. We must remember now and always.



**India Photo Tour - Nov 18th to Dec 1st, 2012**  
**Your Invitation to Follow our Blog**



As per Photo Tour Trekkers tradition we will be posting a daily blog during our Photo Tour to India this month. Check back each day as we post images and updates of the locations we will be visiting during our trek.

While on tour we will be visiting the markets of Delhi, taking a train to Ajmer to attend the Pushkar Camel Festival, then on to Jaipur. While in Jaipur we will travel to the top of the Amber fort by elephant. The next leg of our journey will take us to Rathambore National Park for three Safaris into the jungle. The beautiful tiger is just one of the cats we will have opportunity to photograph and experience. Then after two days at the game reserve, we will travel to Bharatpur to photograph the many species of birds in the Keoladeo National Park. One of the great experiences here is you travel via rickshaw through the 26 km park. Our final destination will be Agra where we will not only have opportunity to visit the Taj Mahal, but also to photograph it under a full moon.

The great thing is you can follow along from home via our Trekkers Blog on the website. Check back daily and don't forget we love to read your comments, so don't be shy.



**INDIA PHOTO TOUR - FEB 3RD TO 17TH, 2013** - We are pleased to announce our second tour to India in February of 2013. One of the highlights on this tour ... we will be attending the Maha Kumbh Mela festival near Varanasi; this festival is held every 12 years. Tour details, registration is available by visiting [www.PhotoTourTrekkers.com](http://www.PhotoTourTrekkers.com).



India February 3rd to 17th, 2013



Tiger Ranthambore National Park



Taj Mahal at sunset



Rickshaw Old Delhi

**India February 2013** - We are pleased to announce our second tour to India February 3rd to the 17th, 2013. This tour has limited space, we can take 15 photographers, we currently have 4 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](http://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 Ranthambore National Park.



Ranthambore National Park is one of the biggest and most renowned national park in Northern India. The park is located in the Sawai Madhopur district of southeastern Rajasthan, which is about 130 km from Jaipur. Being considered as one of the famous and former hunting grounds of the Maharajas of Jaipur, today the Ranthambore National Park terrain is major wildlife sanctuary that has pulled the attention of many wildlife photographers and lovers of nature and preservation this destination.

The National park is spread over an area of 1,334 square kilometers. The park is majorly famous for its tigers and is one of the best locations in India to see the majestic predators in its natural habitat. The tigers can be easily spotted even during the day time busy at their ordinary quest hunting and taking proper care of their young ones.

The Ranthambore fort is believed to have been built in 944 A.D. by a Chauhan ruler. It is strategically located on the border of Rajasthan and erstwhile Malwa The Undulating topography of the surrounding forests was used as an outer defense to the advantage of the fort. It was one of the strongest forts of Northern India and surrounded by the Ranthambore National Park.

The fort had many buildings inside of which only a few have survived the ravages of wars and time. Among the remaining ruins, the two pavilions, Badal Mahal and Hammirs court and parts of the royal palace give an idea of the old grandeur. For water supply there are two rain fed reservoirs in the fort. The fort also has an old temple devoted to lord Ganesh which attracts many pilgrims and visitors every day.

Today the fort is overrun by vegetation the scattered remains of the chattris, summer palaces, and crumbling the guard posts can still be seen – reminders of a historic past set within a Wild present.

The entrance today, protects a treasure of greater value, one of the finest habitats in the world for the **TIGER**.



## 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.*

Tours available for booking ...

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

Holiday Photo Tour - Sunday December 9th, 2012 - 8 spaces available

India Photo Tour - Feb 3rd to 17th, 2013 - 4 spaces available

\*\* We are currently working on Joshua Tree National Park and Mojave Desert April 2013, Washington DC four day tour in May of 2013, Queen Charlotte Islands and Prince Rupert for June of 2013 and Iceland for June of 2013. We will also be releasing details on Ireland in August of 2013 and Namibia in late October of 2013 shortly.

All our tours can be booked online by visiting [www.PhotoTourTrekking.com](http://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 for updates.



### **Portrait Photography is about getting to know your subject ...**

When taking portraits you want your image to portray your subjects personality and character. One of the best ways to capture such an image is to get to know your subject prior to taking their image. Listen to what they do, their interests, likes and dislikes then start to formulate your plan. Taking time for a few minutes of conversation will relax both you and your subject and you will be amazed at your results. Try to choose a background or surrounding that tells some of the story too.

# 2012 / 2013 Photo Tours



## Holiday Tour - Sun Dec 9th, 2012

A fun day of Holiday Cheer and Photography in Frankenmuth, Mi. This Bavarian community offers up many photo opportunities and is something a little different for our day trips. There is still a few spaces available, the cost of the tour is \$89.99 plus tax.

## 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.

## Joshua Tree National Park and Mojave Desert April 2013

America's southwest experience continues with this trek.

## Washington DC May 2013

We are currently working on a four day photo tour to Washington DC. The capital offers many photo opportunities and will make for a great weekend photo get away.

## 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.

## Iceland June 2013

We will be returning to the land of fire and Ice in June of this year. Departures from Ottawa will be available for this tour and my Ottawa co-host will be photographer Vanessa Dewson.

## 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:**

China April 2014

Outer Hebrides Scotland June 2014

Churchill Whales Tour July 2014

Tuscany Photo Tour August 2014

Machu Picchu October 2014

If you are interested in one of our future tours please send us advance notice to reserve space to [jcowie@carlsonwagonlit.com](mailto:jcowie@carlsonwagonlit.com) or fill out an advanced notice request on the Future Tours page by visiting Photo Tour Trekkers website.



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### **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](http://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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