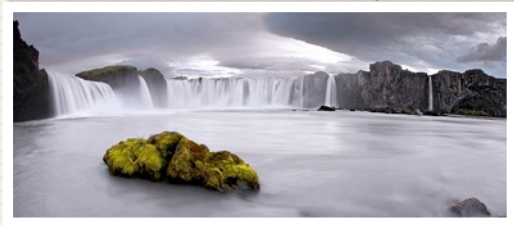


IMPRESSIONS

“Take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprints”



Sultan Sea - Mojave Desert Tour April 2013



Godafoss Iceland Tour Jul 2013

Impressions Newsletter ... Photo Tours for 2013



I'm pleased to present our first quarter newsletter of 2013.

This year is going to be another great year as we offer up new photo adventures. We are out to the gate early this year, just completing our second photo tour to India. There will be more about the two treks to

Incredible India later on in the publication.

First of all I would like to take a few minutes and feature the treks we will be offering this year. April 17th to the 27th we will be traveling to Joshua Tree National Park and the Mojave Desert. As always the different regions of America's southwest offers

up many different photo opportunities. On this photo tour we will be visiting the different regions of Joshua Tree National Park, spending our first four nights in this region, then moving on to spend our next four nights photographing the Mojave Desert including a visit to the Sultan Sea. The salt content is 15% (pg. 2)



JOSHUA TREE PHOTO TOUR
APRIL 17TH TO 26TH, 2013



ICELAND PHOTO TOUR
JULY 5TH TO 13TH 2013



IRELAND PHOTO TOUR
AUG 17TH TO SEP 1ST, 2013



2013 Tours ... April Joshua Tree Photo Tour

New Tours for 2013 Continued

greater than the ocean. Many of the regions around the lake offer up crystalized remains of days gone by.

This tour is limited to a small group 15 in total and there are still a few spaces available if you are interested in joining us. The link below will take you to the information on our website.

<http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/joshua-tour/>

Our next trek for 2013 is to the land of fire and ice...**Iceland**. The tour departs July 5th and returns July 13th. On this trek you will have opportunity to photograph the many waterfalls, geyser and geothermal regions. The glaciers and Lake Jorkelson, where we will take a boat out into the lake for closer photographs of the icebergs.

I'm pleased to have Ottawa photographer Vanessa Dewson as my co-host on this tour. Vanessa will be working with Trekkers in the Ottawa region and I look forward to many photographic adventures with her. Our guests will find her creative ideas, unique methods of

capturing the image and her knowledge and great personality a great addition to our trek. We are pleased to be offering departures from both Toronto and Ottawa. Space is still available, for additional information please click on the link below.

<http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/iceland-tour/>

In August we will be visiting the emerald Isle ... **Ireland**, August 17th to September 1st. We will be offering up a unique mix of urban and landscape photography on this tour, while visiting both the Dublin region and traveling to the North of Ireland to experience the coastal regions, including Giants Causeway, and Belfast. While in Belfast we will be holding a photo shoot at the new Titanic exhibit, including a dinner and time to explore after the exhibit has been closed to the public.

Of course what trek to Ireland would not be complete without a visit to St. Patricks Cathedral and the Guinness Brewery.

Co-hosting this tour is



July Iceland Photo Tour

my good friend and long time photo tour guest host Dave Chidley. If you have never traveled with Dave before you are in for a treat, he is never afraid to share his ideas, and photographic skills with our photographers. He will offer up interesting challenges as we experience and photograph beautiful Ireland. At the time of sending out this newsletter there are still 5 spaces available for this tour. If you would like additional information or to register please click on the link below.

<http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/ireland-photo-tour/>

October will see us returning to Africa ... October 23rd to November 7th we will be visiting and photographing the country of endless horizons ... **Namibia**.

On this photo trek experience
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Namibia



New Tours for 2013 Continued

the beauty of the Skeleton Coast, Safaris beyond words and the unique opportunity to visit the abandon mining village of Kolmanskop. The village from the late 1930's is now being reclaimed by the ever shifting sands of the Namibian desert. We will have opportunity to experience the village during sunrise, sunset and mid day.

If you are interested in joining us on our African adventure, we have 7 spots left for this trek. For additional information, brochures, and registration please click on the link below.

<http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/namibia-13-tour/>

We have two more shorter treks to talk about this year ...

**Washington D.C. Photo Tour
May 16th to 20th, 2013** .. join us for a long weekend in the US capital as we explore and photograph the many iconic

Namibia Photo Tour - October 23rd to November 7th, 2013

locations the city has to offer. We will be releasing tour information and registration late in the week of March 18th.

If you thought New York City was a great experience last year, with the help of my co-host Dave Chidley ... Washington will reward you with interesting photographs and a fun time with fellow photographers.

And last but not least, I'm always looking for interesting places to visit for our spring and fall day trips. This year

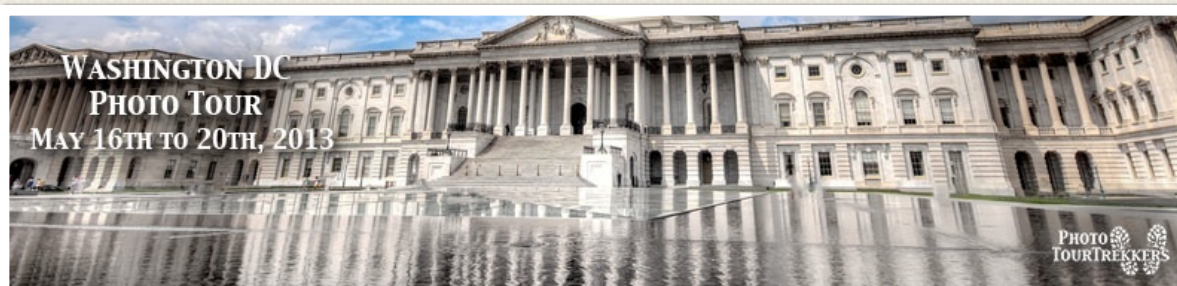
or our **Spring Tour on Sunday June 2nd we will be visiting Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum** located just on the outskirts of Detroit, Michigan. We will be offering departures from Woodstock, London and Sarnia for this trek. If you are interested we will start booking very soon. You can also do a pre sign up for this trek or Washington, by visiting the Future Tour page on the Trekkers website, leave your name and email address and we will give you advance notice when the tour is ready to be booked. <http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/future-tours/>



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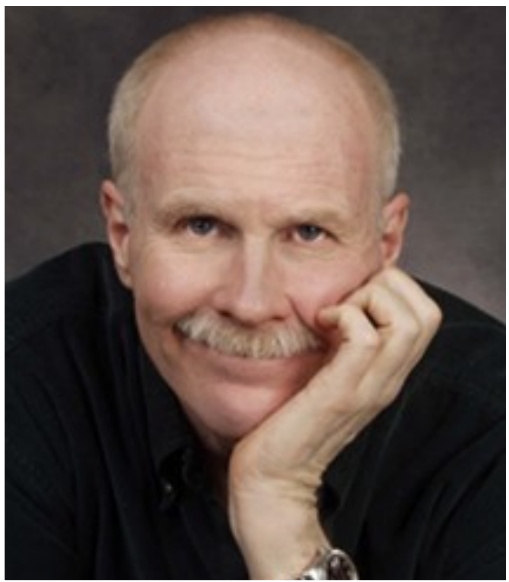


Kolmanskop Namibia



Remembering a great photographer

James (Jim) Hockings passed away February 26, 2013



It is with great sadness that I share with you the passing of one of London's great photographers, Jim Hockings.

I have known Jim for over 20 years and have had the pleasure of many hours of conversation. Jim would always share his ideas and philosophies on the world of photography and how it has evolved over the years.

Jim's photography business of 35 years in London was called Off Broadway Photography and specialized in weddings, portraits and family imaging. He was an expert in the darkroom. During the years of film, Jim did his own colour and black & white printing. Truly a master of his craft.

As we moved into the digital world he rapidly adapted his business and photo techniques to create beautiful images with this emerging media. Again because of his love for printing he created interesting techniques for digital printing

using custom inks to make beautiful images that will be shared for many generations. Through his photo career Jim always took the time to get to know his clients and what they wanted from his photography. I can still see Jim, together with his long time business partner Judy Cairns, dressed in their tuxedos off to photograph a wedding. Always a class act, presentation was everything.

Later in life Jim returned to writing. His first major novel, *The Redemption of Danny Harper* is a story of coming of age in the 60's. It is a fictional biography of a boy in chaos in the time of chaos. He then went on to write *Max and Molly*, which are quirky detective novels. He also wrote several books on photographic instruction.

Jim held a BA from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and a Ontario College Graduate from the writing program at Humber College in Toronto.

It was always a pleasure to be in Jim's company, he had many interesting stories or experience to share. As a friend and an extraordinary photographer you will be truly missed. Jim was in his 66th year and was husband to Karen Pinney Hockings. A memorial service was held to celebrate Jim's life at the Aolian Hall in London on Saturday March 9th, 2013.

As I mentioned above ... Jim enjoyed writing, below is an excerpt from his blog about photography:

The beginning photographer is always disappointed that the camera does not "see" what he "sees". The reason for this is that by contrast, the lens of the camera is connected to a piece of film or now, a sensor, and the lens of the human eye is connected to a brain, which has the capacity to add and subtract things to the picture without even the brain owner's noticing. Our brains are hardwired to ignore, change and sort the mass of data our senses are dumping in at an enormous rate every second.

The trick to becoming a photographer is to make the camera somehow see what the brain sees, while still being cognizant that what is actually there in front of the lens cannot be changed.



Bayfield
FALL FOTOFEST



October 5th and 6th, 2013

Photo Tour Trekkers is pleased to be partnering with the Photography Club of Bayfield for their first annual Bayfield Foto Fest, Saturday October 5th and Sunday October 6th, 2013. Bayfield is a beautiful river and lake front community on Lake Huron, located approximately one hour and fifteen minutes north-west of London. About one hour or so north of Sarnia, about one hour and thirty minutes west from Kitchener and about three hours west of Toronto.

Participants will have the opportunity to partake in photo presentations and workshops in the morning followed, in the afternoon, by a linked Photowalk accompanied by our guest photographers. We will be providing a choice of workshop topics that complement each of the photowalks.

On the "Nature Walk" we will be working with Wide-angle and Macro photography, on the "Water Walk" we will be working with reflections and light, on "Village Life" you will learn how to tell a story with your photography, and "Capturing the Image: Beyond the Auto Setting" is a photo walk for the budding photographer that wishes to expand their horizons. Each of the photo walks will be held on local routes and trails that correspond with the workshop subject.

The cost of the event will be \$50.00 for one day or \$80.00 for two days. If you belong to a camera or photographic club the fee will be \$40.00 for one day or \$65.00 for two days. Registration and additional information introducing our guest photographers and schedules will be available over the next few weeks. We look forward to you joining us for a weekend of learning and discovery.

Links:

Fall Foto Fest on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bayfield-Fall-Foto-Festival>

Photography Club of Bayfield on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Photo.Club.Bayfield>

Photography Club of Bayfield Email: bayfieldpc@gmail.com

More about Bayfield: <http://my-bayfield.com/#/weekend/>

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Pic of the Day

We love to share your images if you have been on a tour with us and want to share some of your images please visit the Trekkers website and submit your images via the submissions page. Please make sure to give us your name, tour and location of the image you are submitting. [Click here to submit an image.](#)



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"
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We are now sharing Photo Tour Trekkers on Twitter. If you use Twitter and would like to follow along click below to follow us.
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Photo Tour Trekkers featured in the Spring Issue of the Beat Magazine



Thank you Beat Magazine for featuring Photo Tour Trekkers in your Spring Magazine. Rebecca St. Pierre profiles Photo Tour Trekkers and our Adventures.

The Beat Magazine is a free publication that can be picked up at many locations throughout London and region.

Freshen up your image .. Change your point of view

by James Cowie



We all have different techniques when taking photographs. If you stop to study your techniques you will find you usually capture your images the same way each time you are out shooting. Not that tried and true is not good, but sometimes it's good to shake up your routine.

It is quite easy to freshen up your image and it can be done by changing your point of view. So instead of purchasing a new lens, you might just need to purchase kneepads or look for ways to achieve more height before capturing your image.

You can quickly improve on the same old, same old, or add a creative edge, just by changing your view point. This can be achieved very easily by changing your camera angle to create an intriguing viewpoint.

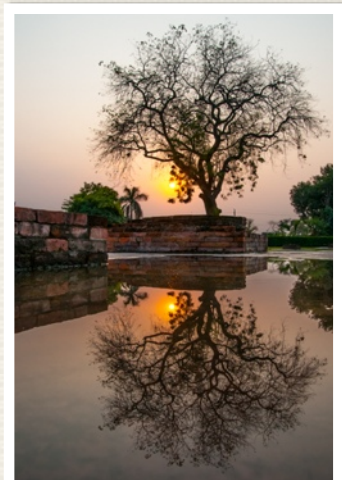
It is easy to do, but seldom done. Just like when you first started taking photos, you will find you shot more horizontal than vertical images. This was either pointed out to you by another photographer or you discovered a vertical shot worked for a particular situation and then you started to think both ways when you brought the camera to your eye.

Compare the two images on the right, instead of capturing multiple statues, shoot from a lower angle, but still include the monument in the background. Now the statue becomes more interesting and the monument in the background balances out the shot. Easy to do, but as mentioned before we are very quick to shoot from eye level.

So as you can see, changing up the angle can make a big difference to your shot. Here are a few other things to consider when thinking of ways to freshen up your image.

Look around for a higher perspective. Use a chair, find a balcony, tree or veranda. If you see a puddle of water, shoot with a wide angle a 1/2 inch above the water, it's a whole new world. The tree with the reflection become an interesting sunset capture by a low angle shot in a very tiny puddle. Carry a small table top tripod, you can shoot close to the ground or use a notch in a tree or wall. And when all else fails, try raising the camera above your head. You might have to take a few shots and adjust the horizon in post processing, but it will be different.

Keep an open mind and be on the constant look out for new ideas, it's digital it does not cost any extra to take a few more shots. And as always have fun!



Introducing Photo Tour Trekkers newest co-host, photographer Vanessa Dewson



It is with great pleasure to introduce you to our new team member, Photo Tour Trekker co-host, photographer Vanessa Dewson. Vanessa is a professional photographer based out of Ottawa, Ontario and will be hosting and representing Photo Tour Trekkers in the Ottawa - Gatineau region.

Vanessa owns her own photography business in Ottawa and has always been an avid traveller, looking for interesting places to explore, photograph and experience.

Vanessa has spent a considerable amount of time traveling, and has lived in South Africa. In November of 2012 she hosted a photo tour to India and is bilingual. She is well versed in Adobe Photoshop and conducts workshops, one on one mentoring sessions, and is an excellent presenter. Vanessa studied Image Arts and Film at Ryerson University in Toronto.

I'm very excited to be co-hosting with Vanessa on our photo tour to Iceland this July. I know all the photographers on this tour and future treks will enjoy Vanessa's style of photography and her interesting approach to adventure travel.

Vanessa in her words ... I've always had a great curiosity for the world around me. I love science, nature, history and art. I love meeting new people and learning about different cultures. Travel has long been my favourite way to learn and feel connected to our planet. I've been lucky to have had many opportunities to travel since I was a teenager, and I don't plan on slowing down! A close second, is learning through pictures and documentaries. I used to sit and sift through my parents' collection of National Geographic magazines for hours! Photography was a natural next step in quenching my thirst for knowledge by observing and framing what I saw to try and find my own vision and tell a story. The art and science of photography is also fascinating to me and I don't think I will ever stop learning how to improve my craft.

I'm an accredited member of the Professional Photographers of Canada and feel incredibly grateful to be able to work as a professional photographer and help families and couples remember special times in their lives. No other medium is quite so powerful at keeping memories alive.

Now, I get to add 'Tour Host' to my resume and I couldn't be more excited about sharing my knowledge with fellow enthusiasts - no matter the skill level - on the amazing tours offered by Photo Tour Trekkers. Combining photography and travel is, for me, a dream come true. I hope you can join me on my next adventure!



Image by Vanessa Dewson



India Tours Wrap up



India Tours November 2012 and February 2013

We are just back from two great Photo Tours to Incredible India. We were able to experience tradition, culture, urban landscape and wildlife during our trek.

On our first adventure we visited the Pushkar Camel festival near Ajmer and on our second we experienced the Mela Kumba Festival in Allahabad near the ancient city of Varanasi.

I would like to thank all the photographers that joined me on our two adventures, it was great to travel and photograph with you. I have seen some of the images from both trips and there are some amazing captures, and we had some great fun and on each tour .

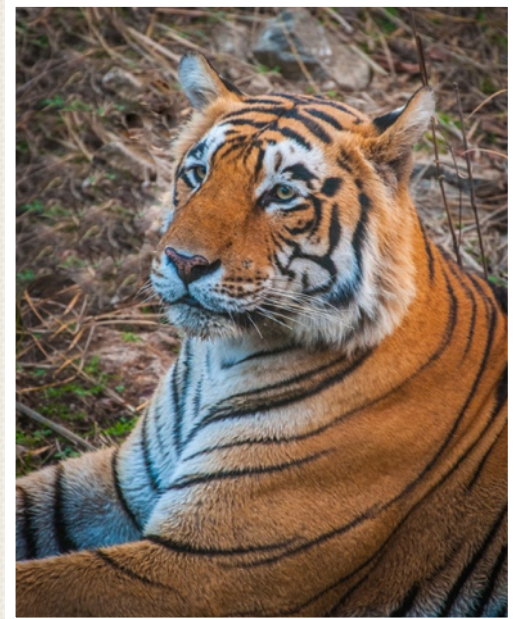
Below are a few images from the trek, and the link to our tour blog with many images and interesting stories.

November 2012 Blog Link

<http://phototourtrekkers.com/blog/india-tour-2012/>

February 2013 Blog Link

<http://phototourtrekkers.com/blog/india-tour-feb-2013/>



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Future Tours / Current Tour Updates



Vietnam & Cambodia - I've just returned from a pre tour visit to yet another amazing part of Asia. The colours of Hanoi, Ha Long Bay and the Mekong Delta kept me busy capturing so many beautiful images.

The dates have been set Feb 20th to Mar 6th, 2014 and Apr 3rd to 17th, 2014. Both tours will be limited to 15 photographers. During our photo trek we will spend two nights on our own private boat on Ha Long Bay and two nights on the Mekong Delta.

Other highlights of our trek will be visits to Hanoi, Hoi An, Denang, and Ho Chi Minh City then on to Siem Reap and the ancient ruins of Angkor Wat in Cambodia.

If you are interested in experiencing Vietnam and Cambodia we will be releasing full tour details and registration in approximately two weeks. You can also visit our future tours page and by providing your name, the tour dates and email. We will notify you when the tour becomes available for booking.



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 space available for booking ...

Joshua Tree Photo Tour - April 17th to 26th, 2013 - 4 space available

Iceland Photo Tour - July 5th to 13th, 2013 - 14 spaces available

Ireland Photo Tour - August 17th to Sept 1st, 2013 - 5 spaces available

Namibia Photo Tour - October 23rd to Nov 7th, 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.

2013 / 2014 Photo Tours



Joshua Tree Tour - Apr 17-26, 2013

Experience the vast changes offered to photographers as we tour Joshua Tree National Park and the Mojave Desert. This tour is available for booking. The cost is \$2875 CAD per person based on double occupancy including return air fare.

Washington DC Photo Tour May 16th to 20th, 2013

Join us for a photography weekend in the US Capital. Tour pricing, registration and additional information will be released the week of Mar 18th.

Greenfield Village Photo Tour Sunday June 2nd, 2013

Day tours are a great way to experience and photograph locations close to our home base. This years spring trek will be to Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit, Michigan. We will be releasing price and details week ending March 22nd.

Iceland Photo Tour July 5th to 13th, 2013

The land of fire and Ice. Get ready to overload your senses with some amazing photography as we tour the beautiful country of Iceland. The cost of the tour is \$4150 CAD from Toronto and \$4400 from Ottawa. Price includes taxes and airfare.

Ireland Photo Tour August 17th to Sept 1st, 2013

2013 is the gathering on the emerald isle of Ireland and we will be there to photograph and experience one of the most beautiful places on earth. The cost of the tour is \$3749 plus \$464.15 tax CAD based on double occupancy. This tour is now available for booking.

Namibia Photo Tour October 23rd to Nov 7th, 2013

Africa at it's best this trek will reward photographers with beauty beyond belief. The Namibia desert is to be experienced besides photographed and the safaris will never be forgotten. This tour is now available for booking, the cost is \$8080 CAD plus tax of \$739 based on double occupancy.

Additional Tour Dates:

Vietnam and Cambodia two tours

February 20th to March 6th, 2014

April 3rd to 17th, 2014

Outer Hebrides Scotland June 2014

Churchill Whales Tour July 2014

Tuscany Photo Tour September 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.

Contact Information:

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If you are interested in one of our future tours please send us advance notice to reserve space to 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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