

# IMPRESSIONS

*"Take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprints"*



**PHOTO  
TOUR TREKKERS**

**Carlson  
Wagonlit  
Travel**  
*in conjunction  
with*



**Vietnam & Cambodia Photo Tour -  
Feb 20 to Mar 6th, 2014 & April 3rd to 17th, 2014**



Impressions Newsletter ...

**Vietnam & Cambodia Photo Tours**

We are offering two photo tours in 2014 to experience the culture and landscape of Vietnam & Cambodia.

Join us as we photograph the busy streets of Hanoi, the endless miles of rice patties, and an overnight cruise to photograph the thousands of mysterious limestone islands or karst on Halong Bay.

We begin our tour in Hanoi, a city steeped with history and colour. We will spend time photographing in the markets and the city by night. While in Hanoi we will also attend a water puppet show accompanied by traditional music and story telling. As I wrote in the opening we will then take an overnight cruise on Halong Bay with opportunity to visit a floating village, explore on of the islands and

even a walk through the famous surprise cave located in a cove deep inside the bay.

On this trek, we will have several internal flights during our tour to allow us to visit some of the remote regions that would take days by road to cover. We will visit Hoi and the beautiful region of Ho An where we have teamed up with a local photographer to experience some of



**NAMIBIA PHOTO TOUR  
OCTOBER 23RD TO NOV 7TH, 2013**



**VIETNAM & CAMBODIA  
FEB 20TH TO MAR 6TH, 2014  
APRIL 3RD TO 17TH, 2014**



**FESTIVAL OF NORTHERN LIGHTS  
CHRISTMAS TOUR - OWEN SOUND  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH, 2013**





## Angkor Wat Temple - Cambodia



Vietnam & Cambodia Tour Continued ...

small villages, rice paddies and visit with the locals. Then we will fly to Ho Chi Minh City formally known as Saigon. One of my favourite locations to photograph in the city is the Chinese Market. The busy market with goods stacked to the rafters is an experience you won't soon forget. While in this region we will also be cruising the Mekong Delta, photographing the floating markets and little villages along the river. We will then round off our photo experience of this part of Asia by flying into Cambodia to visit Siem Reap and the beautiful temples of Angkor Wat and the surrounding National Park.

Siem Reap village reminds me of a mini New Orleans with it's

busy streets, markets and endless eating establishments.


We have a few spaces left on the February Tour and eight spaces left on the April tour. If you are interested in joining us on this photo tour please visit the website for details, to download a tour brochure and registration.

Below is the link to information on Photo Tour Trekkers Website.

February Tour Link:  
<http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/vietnam-and-cambodia-feb-2014/>

April Tour Link:  
<http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/vietnam-and-cambodia-april-2014/>



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Halong Bay overnight cruise



Floating Fishing Village Halong Bay



Mekong Delta via a Sampan

### Quick Facts about Vietnam:

- Vietnam is the largest exporter of cashews in the world.
- Second largest exporter of rice in the world.
- Instead of a school bells, traditional gongs are used.
- For a developing country, it has a literacy rate of 94%.
- Vietnam has one of the lowest unemployment rates.
- Estimated 10 million motor bikes travel the roads each day.
- Ruou ran (snake wine) a specialty of rice wine cures all.
- The most common surname is Nguyen.
- Vietnamese keep potbelly pigs as pets.
- Vietnamese language has six different tones. A change in tone changes the meaning. A very difficult language to learn.



Siem Reap - Angkor Wat National Park



# Festival of Northern Lights Christmas Tour

## Sunday December 8th, 2013

*The beauty of the Christmas Season will be soon be here and you are invited to join us as we experience the "Festival of Northern Lights" in Owen Sound, Ontario, Sunday December 8th, 2014.*



Festival of Northern Lights

Surrounded by 70,000 sparkling lights that illuminate the night skies, with a length of 25 km, from the harbour to Harrison Park ... you have reached the beautiful city on Georgian Bay and the home to the Festival of Northern Lights, Owen Sound. Complete with Horse and Carriage Rides sets the backdrop for great photography and a festive evening.

We will depart London mid afternoon allowing us to arrive in Owen Sound with enough time to photograph a beautiful waterfalls called Inglis Falls. This is located on the out skirts of the city.

Continuing into the city for dinner at the Harrison Park Inn, were we have organized a dinner for the group set inside the beautiful forest of Harrison Park.

After dinner Harrison Park will be our starting point for our Festival of Northern Lights photography. We will be providing instruction for night photography including a hand out on time exposure and night photography for you to keep as a handy reference.

We will then depart for the harbour and downtown Owen Sound continuing our photography tour and experience of the lights. While at the harbour we will have opportunity to photograph the MS Chi-Cheemaun surrounded by lights of the season. The harbour region offers some beautiful reflection opportunities. The trail of holiday lights follows the Sydenham River with walkways that take you through to the city centre. We will make also make a few lights highlight stops, for those who don't wish to do the walk. We will finish our evening with a stop to warm up and have a hot chocolate and coffee prior to our drive back to London.



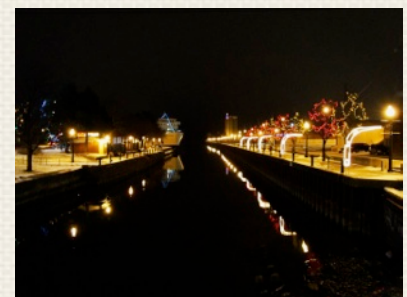
Harrison Park



Owen Sound



Park over looking the Sydenham River



Harbour Reflections

The cost of the tour is \$89.90 plus HST which includes motor coach to Owen Sound, Dinner at the Harrison Park Inn, Workshops and Hand outs. We look forward to sharing the festive lights with you in December. This tour is available for booking and there are 18 seats remaining. Pick up points are Woodstock and London, and other points en route available upon request. Link to registration: <http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/festival-of-northern-lights-photo-tour-december-8th-2013/>



TICO Registration # 50017274



# ***NAMIBIA TOUR FOLLOW OUR PHOTO BLOG:***

***NAMIBIA PHOTO TOUR  
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 7TH, 2013***



## **Namibia Photo Trekkers depart Wednesday October 23rd, 2013:**

As per Photo Tour Trekkers tradition we blog each of our adventures and this time you are invited to follow along as we take the road less traveled for 15 days of photography in Namibia, Africa.

Each day as we visit and photograph the different regions of Namibia we will be posting images and stories of our activities and experiences. You are invited follow along and participate as we love to read your comments and messages to the group as we travel. Space is available below each days post.

To follow our blog click and bookmark the link below:

<http://phototourtrekkers.com/blog/namibia-photo-tour-blog/>



What a journey .... when the group departs for Namibia, Africa on Wednesday October 23rd, we will be celebrating 60 tour experiences.

I would like to thank all the photographers and guests that have joined myself and my co-hosts on our Photo Treks all over the world. It has been great to share, photograph and most importantly, experience the unique locations we visit. From Canada's North photographing Polar Bears, to the South Pacific capturing the life of the Galapagos Islands, to the beauty of the American Southwest it has been an amazing journey. I know for myself, and many of our guests, new and life long friendships have grown from our travel experiences ... and long may that continue.

A big thank you to the team at Carlson Wagonlit Travel, not only have you helped me make each travel experience perfect for our guests you have accepted the Photo Tour Trekkers concept as part of the Carlson family.

Join us by following our tour blog, which has been a tradition from our very first tour as we journey to Namibia, Africa. It's going to be another experience of a lifetime as we take the road less traveled and explore the beauty and culture of this African country.

I hear this from many of our guests and it's an important thing to always remember, take advantage of the opportunity to travel and experience the things our world has to offer, you will never regret it!

*James*



THE WINDSOR ORCHID SOCIETY

La Société des Orchidophiles de Windsor

*October 26th and 27th, 2013*

### **Orchid Show and Photo Opportunities**

Here's another great photo opportunity and a chance to work with some beautiful flowers. Our friends at the Windsor Orchid Society have asked me to pass on an invite and information about a photo workshop and discount coupon for their upcoming event.

The event is Saturday October 26th and Sunday October 27th, 2013 at the Teutonia Club, 55 Edinborough Street, Windsor, Ontario. Entrance fee is \$6.00 and with the coupon on the bottom of this page you receive an additional \$1.00 discount off admission fee.

#### **For the Photographers:**

The Windsor Orchid Society wishes to extend a special invitation to photographers on Sunday, October 27th, between 9 – 11 am, tripods welcome. During this session time there will also be a free photographers workshop on photographing Orchids. Photographers and artists also have the opportunity to entry orchid related artwork. There are several classifications for entries explained and outlined on the website. Artwork will be judged and ribbons and awards will be given for the winning entries.

We hope that you will decide to participate in the Show and support the Windsor Orchid Society. For more information, visit our website at:  
[www.windsororchidsociety.ca](http://www.windsororchidsociety.ca)



**\$6 Admission**

**October 26th &  
27th**

**\$1 off with this  
coupon**

Teutonia Club, Windsor, Ont  
Saturday & Sunday  
11am - 5pm

For more information go to [www.windsororchidsociety.ca](http://www.windsororchidsociety.ca)





Presents ...

## ***Chris Harris Workshop,***

Saturday, November 9th, 2013

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Photo Tour Trekkers has always been a great supporter of the workshops sponsored by the Sarnia Photographic Club ... and here's another great opportunity with the Chris Harris Workshop on Saturday November 9th at the Sarnia Public Library. If you have never visited before this is a great facility for workshops and presentations.

Chris Harris will be presenting an illustrated seminar titled "Light and Form in the Quest for Visual Expression" By means of illustrated seminar, slide shows to music, and discussions about publishing, Chris will share how he effectively communicates his personal message, through the alchemy of light and form. The seminar will emphasize passion, purpose, composition and publishing. This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to learn in person from one of Canada's leading photographers. Chris lives deep in the interior of British Columbia, this is a workshop not to be missed.

Saturday morning Chris will talk about motivation and imagination, passion and purpose. These forces have taken him from a 9 to 5 bank clerk, to pioneering this country's wilderness tourism guiding industry, to becoming one of the country's most respected professional freelance photo-journalists, and independent publishers. The talk will be illustrated with imagery and slide shows to music based on his two career-changing books: *The Bowron Lakes: British Columbia's Wilderness Canoe Circuit* and *Spirit in the Grass: The Cariboo Chilcotin's Forgotten Landscape*.

In the afternoon, Chris will discuss the tools and techniques he uses to create the imagery that communicates this passion and purpose. We will look at how he recognizes the elements of composition with photographic eyes, and visualizes the final image with his self-developed 'composition presets'. This talk will also be illustrated with imagery and slide shows to music based on his two most recent books; *Motherstone: British Columbia's Volcanic Plateau* and *Flyover British Columbia's Cariboo Chilcotin Coast*.

### **Tickets**

\$50, but only \$40 for SWOPA camera club members (provided you buy them from your club or at the door). Chris's books *The Bowron Lakes*, *Motherstone* and his newest *Flyover* will be for sale at the workshop.

For additional information or to purchase advance tickets you may contact the Sarnia Photographic Club directly at [sarnia.photographic.club@gmail.com](mailto:sarnia.photographic.club@gmail.com)





# Bayfield FALL FOTOFEST

October 5th & 6th, 2013



## Workshop weekend wrap-up ...



### Fall Foto Fest 2013: What a great weekend ...

We would like to thank all the folks that attended the first annual Foto Fest in beautiful Bayfield. It was a great weekend filled with fun, photo walks and workshops. It was great to see photographers from so many regions across southwestern ontario attend. During the two day event keynote presentations, workshops and photo walks along the trails, harbour and in the village of Bayfield. Both evenings we wrapped up the event with a wine and cheese reception at the old town hall. (Please see the following newsletter page for Fall Foto Fest - photo contest entry information.)

A special thanks to Dave Chidley, Vanessa Dewson, and Deb and Bill Hall for your great workshops and presentations to the photographers who. Your help and photo advice was greatly appreciated by all the attendees.

Trekkers would also like to extend a congratulations to the Photography Club of Bayfield and the members of the Fall Foto Fest planning committee you folk did an amazing job. Also to the community and businesses of Bayfield who came forward to help in ways of volunteering and financial support. It was a pleasure to work with you and Photo Tour Trekkers look forward to working with you all on the second annual event in October of 2014. We all hope to see you therd. Please check out the great wrap up article in this issue of the online Bayfield Breeze newspaper.

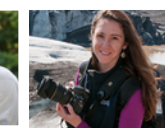
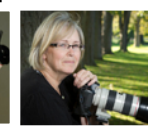
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A few Images from the weekend ...



Fall Foto Fest weekend presenters ....



Images Conrad Kuiper

Dave Chidley

James Cowie

Deb Hall

Bill Hall

Vanessa Dewson



## Photo Contest



If you attended our first annual Bayfield Fall Foto Fest then you are invited to submit images to the Group Flickr Account and even win prizes. **Submission deadline is October 31st and judging will take place November 7th, 2013.**

### Group Description

This group is for participants in the 2013 Bayfield Fall Foto Fest only.

You are invited to submit as many of your favourite FFF photos as you like for others to enjoy.

We have also created a photo competition with prizes:

- *First Prize: A weekend Fiat rental from Fiat of London*
- *Second Prize: A two-day registration to next year's FFF - October 4 and 5, 2014*
- *Third Prize: A one-day registration to next year's FFF - October 4 or 5, 2014*

If you would like to participate in this competition please tag ONE photo ONLY from the workshops/photowalks in which you participated with the tag FFF (i.e. if you participated on both days you may tag one photo from each day).

The photos will be judged by members of the Photography Club of Bayfield.at the November Club meeting..

### Group Rules

By posting your photograph(s) to this group, the Photographer grants the Photography Club of Bayfield (PCoB) permission to review and judge the appropriately tagged photograph(s) to determine the three prize winners.

All submitted photograph(s) may also be used in future FFF promotional material and, in addition, the First Prize winning photograph may be used by Fiat of London in related media articles. In all cases full credit will be given to the Photographer.

All posted (tagged and untagged) photographs and rights therein, including copyright, remain the sole and exclusive property of the Photographer. Any additional proposed use by the PCoB or by Fiat of London requires the prior written agreement of the Photographer.

#### A. If you do not have a flickr account yet:

- 1) Go to [flickr.com](http://flickr.com)
- 2) Click on sign up
- 3) If you already have a Yahoo account, enter your ID and password and hit enter or
- 4) You can create a new yahoo account
- 5) Once you have a Yahoo account simply sign in or
- 6) You can log in with with your facebook or Google(gmail) account by **clicking there**
- 7) Go to C

#### B. If you do have a flickr account:

- 8) Login with your flickr, facebook, gmail or yahoo i.d. and password
- 9) Go to C

#### C. Once in flickr:

- 10) Click on the "upload" tab and you can simply add your photos directly from your folders to your photostream
- 11) If you have your photos in Lightroom, simply drag and drop photos into a folder you create in the Flickr publishing service (left panel, bottom of Library module) and you can publish directly from Lightroom to your photostream
- 12) Go to <http://www.flickr.com/groups/bayfieldfff>
- 13) Click "add photos" You will likely be told that only members can add photos and ask if you wish to be a member
- 14) Click yes...we will get a request and accept you as member and you will get a notification
- 15) After receiving member confirmation click "add photos" and a new page opens up showing your photostream in thumbnails
- 16) Click on any photos you wish to add and they automatically appear in the "your selections" window then click"add to group"
- 17) If you wish to have a photo (one only per workshop) considered for the competition, click on that photo and it opens on a new page (Black background)
- 18) Scroll down till you see white background
- 19) In the right hand column click on "add a tag"
- 20) Type in the tag FFFcomp (no spaces no punctuation)
- 21) Press "enter" to enter the tag ... **YOU ARE DONE!!!!!!**



# Vietnam & Cambodia Photo Tours

February 20th to March 6th & April 3rd to 17th, 2014



“A voyage of Culture and Discovery”



Temple Lady - Ho Chi Minh City

You are invited to join me on a photography tour of culture and discovery as we travel to Vietnam and Cambodia for two tours. Our first tour departing in February of 2014 and the second in April of 2014. Both adventures are designed to accommodate 15 guests.

Vietnam the beautiful wonder of Asia ... Busy street markets of Hanoi, miles of rice patties, the mystical landscapes of Ha Long Bay await the creative photographer. This is going to be an exciting voyage of Culture and Discovery. As you travel to the different districts of this country you will experience a diverse culture of people who are friendly and anxious to show you the hidden beauty of their land.

We will begin our tour in Hanoi, a city steeped with history and colour, where we will be entertained by a water puppet show set to live music. You will experience the mysteries of Ha Long Bay, which translates to Descending Dragon Bay. A UNESCO world heritage site set on 600 square miles of water and over 3,000 limestone karsts and isles which make up an unbelievable landscape.

Rounding out our tour we will visit many other historical and landmark regions of the country, including Hoi, Ho An where we will spend time with a local photographer and visit some of the rural villages and rice paddies, then on to Ho Chi Minh City, (formerly known as Saigon) and the famous Chinese Market, one of my favourite locations. We will top off our experience with a short flight to Siem Reap in Cambodia and the magnificent Angkor Wat Temple and National Park. The market square in Siem Reap is a hive of activity and will be just one of the many destinations we visit.



Hoi An Market

If you are interested in booking one of our two photo tours the cost of the tour is \$6499.00 plus air taxes of \$390.00 based on double occupancy. Single supplement is available for \$1,350.00 CAD. Price includes return airfare flying direct via Cathay Pacific Toronto to Hong Kong, then connecting to Hanoi Vietnam, all internal flights, all land transportation and admissions, an overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay and a cruise on the Mekong Delta, a Dinner Cruise in Ho Chi Minh City, and breakfast, lunch and dinner each day. If you are interested in booking the tour, reading our complete day by day itinerary, to download the travel brochure, or to reserve space please visit Trekkers website at <http://phototourtrekkers.com/> then select February or April Vietnam Tour. You may also contact Shari Parker or myself at Carlson Wagonlit Travel 519-679-8520 or toll free 866-614-7717 Shari extension 2231 James extension 2223.



Ha Long Bay - Floating Fishing Village



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# Photography Trivia

by James Cowie



## *Ok time for something a little different ... a little photography Trivia*

In all our workshops and as we travel one thing we talk about is the importance of getting it right in the camera and keeping it simple.

We have compiled 10 basic photo questions and if you would like to test your skill level please follow the link at the bottom of this page to Photo Tour Trekkers Website and our Photography Trivia web page. This page allows you to select and submit your answers electronically.

If you would like to keep a record of what you answered enter your email in the bottom of the webpage before you click submit and a copy of the Trivia page will arrive in your email box. Then in November's Impressions Newsletter we will publish the correct answers.

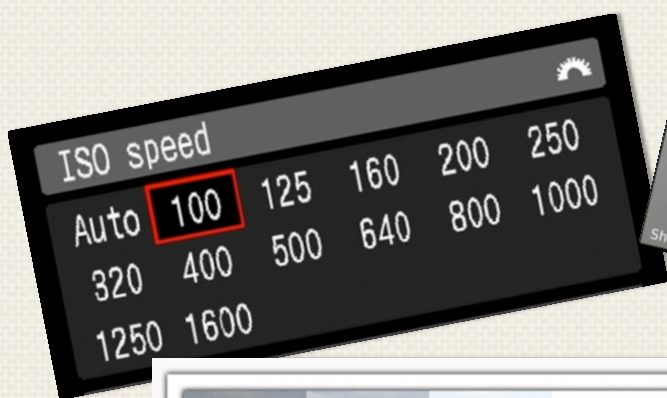
Don't be shy it will only take a few minutes and what a fun way to review the basics that we all take for granted.

Please note we don't publish, share or view any of the Trivia forms that are filled out. This is meant to be fun and a great way to check your knowledge of the basics of photography. Have Fun.

**To take the our Photo Trivia Quiz please click or cut a paste the link below:**

<http://phototourtrenkkers.com/news/photo-trivia-challenge/>

Watch our November Newsletter for our upcoming Winter Workshop Schedule.



Note: if you are still having trouble connecting to the Trekkers Website Trivia Quiz please visit [www.PhotoTourTrenkkers.com](http://www.PhotoTourTrenkkers.com) select News pulldown menu then select Trivia Challenge.



## Future Tours / Current Tour 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 space available for booking ...**

Vietnam & Cambodia Photo Tour - Feb 20th to Mar 6th, 2014 - Available for booking

Vietnam & Cambodia - Photo Tour - April 3rd to 17th, 2014 - Available for booking

Festival of Northern Lights - Sunday Dec 8th, 2013 - Available for booking

#### **Upcoming Tours ...**

Yosemite and San Francisco - April 24th to May 3rd, 2014 - Booking will open in November

Chicago Weekend Photo Tour - May 9th to 11th, 2014 - Booking will open November 12th, 2013

The Outer Hebrides Scotland - May 26th to June 7th, 2014 - Booking will shortly

Sable Island - May 2014 - (limited to group of 8) - Completing travel arrangements

Queen Charlotte Islands - July 2014 - Booking will open in November

Tuscany Photo Tour - Sept 25th to Oct 11th, 2014 - Completing travel arrangements

Machu Picchu - October 31st to November 14th, 2014 - Completing travel arrangements

### **Outer Hebrides Scotland : May 25th to June 8th, 2014**

“Near the sea, we forget to count the days” The Outer Hebrides is one of the most amazing locations to photograph and visit. A variety of rolling landscapes and some of the most amazing views, there are few comparable places to captivate the senses and the imagination. The unique culture, hospitality and absolute freedom, Scotland does it right.

On this tour you will have opportunity to explore, experience and photograph Glasgow, the Isle of Skye, Stornaway, Benbecula, Barra, Oban, Tobermory on the Isle of Mull. Visit beautiful Edinburgh, travel the whiskey trail, fishing villages, distilleries, and the experience of traditional Scotland. We will working with MacPherson Motor Coach, their knowledge of Scotland and hospitality is the best.

**Please** note if you are interested in receiving advance notice or having space held on one of our future photo tours, please visit the future tours page on the Trekkers Website and leave us your contact information.

<http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/future-tours/>

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



Summary Page of Current and Future Photo Tours:

## **Festival of Northern Lights Tour Sunday December 8th, 2013**

Start the Christmas Season with an evening of Christmas Light photography in Owen Sound. The cost of this tour is \$89.90 plus HST and will be available for booking commencing Sept. 24th, 2013.

## **Vietnam and Cambodia two tours February 20th to March 6th, 2014 April 3rd to 17th, 2014**

Experience the landscape and culture of Asia on our photo tour to Vietnam and Cambodia. Highlights will be an overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay, the beautiful markets of Hoi An, and working with a local photographer to capture the essence of this beautiful country. The cost of our tour to Vietnam & Cambodia is \$6499.00 plus \$390.00 air tax based on double occupancy. Single supplement also available. This tour is now available for booking.

## **Outer Hebrides Scotland May 25th to June 8th, 2014**

The highlands of Scotland offer up some of the most beautiful photo opportunities when visiting the British Isles. The full details and cost of the tour will be released Sept. 27, 2014.

## **April 2014 Yosemite / San Francisco**

## **May 2014 Chicago Weekend Tour**

## **May 2014 Sable Island Photo Tour**

## **July 2014 Queen Charlotte Islands**

## **September 2014 Tuscany Photo Tour**

## **October 2014 Machu Picchu**

## **Future Projects 2015 and beyond:**

Guatemala February 2015

Israel April 2015

Galapagos Islands & Quito June 2015

Kenya & Tanzania Sep-Oct 2015



Watch our November Newsletter for our upcoming Winter Workshop Schedule.

## **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](http://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:**

1-866-614-7717

1-519-679-8520

James Cowie ext. 2223

Shari Parker ext. 2231

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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Tour Details, Dates, Brochures and On-line booking available at [www.PhotoTourTrekks.com](http://www.PhotoTourTrekks.com)