



TREKKERS NEWS

Impressions - Photo Tour Trekkers Newsletter

Upcoming Events:  **Bayfield Fall Foto Fest**
October 5th & 6th, 2019
Register Today

Photo Tip:

Create a sense of depth:

When shooting landscapes, it helps to create a sense of depth, in other words, make the viewer feel like they are there.

Use a wide-angle lens for a panoramic view and a small aperture of f/16 or smaller to keep the foreground and background sharp. Placing an object or person in the foreground helps give a sense of scale and emphasizes the distance of your landscape.

Use a tripod if possible, as a small aperture usually requires a slower shutter speed.

Travel Tip:

Know your Hotel Address:

Am I the only one who can't remember my hotel number? Especially if you are staying in multiple hotels during your trip.

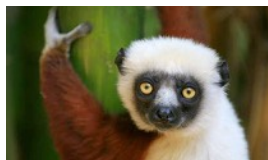
Take two minutes when you first arrive and enter your room number, hotel name, and address into your cell phone.

If you don't use a cell phone when traveling take a business card from the front desk.



Galapagos Islands

The Galápagos Islands is a volcanic archipelago distributed on either side of the equator in the Pacific Ocean. It's considered one of the world's foremost destinations for wildlife viewings and one of Trekkers signature photography tours. Our latest tour returned from the Galápagos at the end of June, it was another amazing journey. Thank you to Trekkers host Alayne Brisson for joining me on this tour. Our next tour departs November 28th, 2020 and is now open for reservations. Please visit our website for additional information <http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/galapagos-december-2020-tour/>.



**MADAGASCAR
PHOTO TOUR**
SEP 5 - 20, 2019



**ROCKIES & BEYOND
PHOTO TOUR**
SEP 12 - 18, 2019



**ISRAEL
PHOTO TOUR**
OCT 23 - 31, 2019



Enriching Lives Update:

Helping in developing nations by providing food, educational materials, clothing and other basic supplies to persons and communities in need; this may also include nature/wildlife conservations efforts within a community.

In late August we will be traveling to Kenya and Tanzania with a group. We will be visiting Children's Garden Centre School in Kenya. During our visit to the school our group will be serving lunch to the students. Tourcan Vacations & Photo Tour Trekkers through Enriching Lives contribute to their lunch program. Our guests have been asked if they feel so inclined to bring a few school supplies.



A special thank you to **Margit and Robert Lanoue** for their generation donation of toys for the children at Mother D Academy in India.

Calgary Branch Update

It has been a busy year for Dave Chidley who heads up Photo Tour Trekkers Western Division based in Calgary, Alberta. Our launch of Trekkers West was in October of 2018. Since then Dave as traveled to camera clubs and various points out west, including Vancouver sharing our concept travel and photography tours.

During the month of July the CAPA (Canadian Association for Photographic Art) annual convention was held in Calgary. Dave spent time hosting a Trekkers booth at the welcome event and at the camera trade show held at the Camera Store in Calgary.

If you have ever thought of visiting Canada's west, why not join Dave on our Rookies and Beyond Photo Tour September 12th to the 18th, 2019. There are still a few spaces available.



Trekkers West Launch Event October 2018



**ROCKIES & BEYOND PHOTO TOUR
SEPTEMBER 12TH TO 18TH, 2019**

<http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/rookies-beyond-tour-september-2019/>

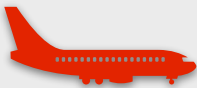
Upcoming Tours:

Madagascar:

September 05 - 20, 2019

Madagascar the Wild Side ... 5% of all known animal and plant species can be found here, and here alone. The island's signature animal is the lemur of course, but there are many more weird and wonderful creatures: the eerie-looking fossa (a cat-like predator), colourful and camouflaged chameleons, oddly shaped insects, vivid frogs, graceful rays and turtles, several species of sharks, and humpback whales during the winter months.

We have one space still available for this tour.



Israel:

October 23 - 31, 2019

Israel ... the breathtaking beauty of its hills and valleys, the stillness of the Dead Sea, the many colours the canyon of Makhtesh Ramon, and the ancient walls and pathways of Nazareth and Jerusalem. And photo experience of history and culture awaits.

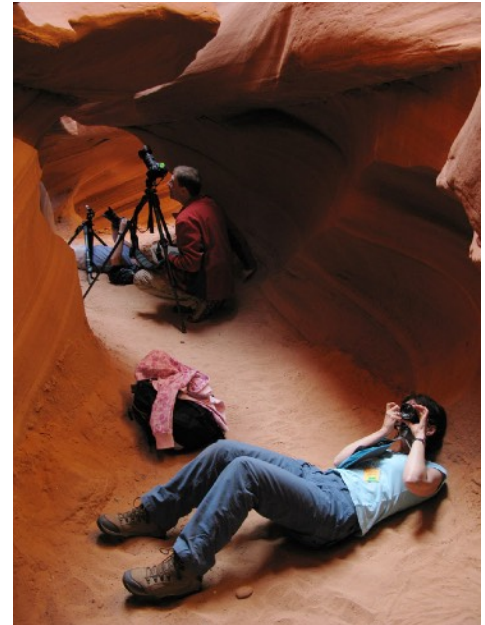
We have four spaces available for this tour.



Photography: a Solitary or Group experience?

by Dave Chidley

I recently read a Social Media post that read: "Solitude and photography Often go hand in hand. I've been pondering the statement and find it a bit perplexing. Yes, of course we are the lone masters of the viewfinder, we singlehandedly (usually) decide what to include and what to leave out. So very often, the photographic image is created and then quickly shared. Be it on the back of the camera, tethered to a monitor, published, posted to social media or a website, our images are viewed at daunting levels of frequency and speed. Very little happens in a vacuum these days! We create alone and then share with the world.



Antelope Canyon Trekkers Sedona Tour.

With my photojournalism background I've often been in situations where there are hoards of photographers. Hundreds of shooters cover major events and often we are standing shoulder to shoulder. Everyone will have a slightly different take on the subject. We have lens and exposure differences, compositional creativity and unique decisive moments. A split second can change the scene and the images entirely. Everyone creates his or her own image and then we can't wait to compare, compete and reflect on each photographer's take of an experience.

What starts as a solitary experience changes as we crave views, likes, pats on the back, thumbs up and ego building comments from the group around us.

Photographers have egos, no doubt about it. So praise in whatever form from the photography community helps foster confidence, more sharing and commenting on the work of others.

There are huge benefits to the group dynamic, be it on line or in person. The concept of Creative Critique is an art unto itself.

Learning from others as they share their expertise and opinions in a positive manner is one of the most effective ways to progress skills, knowledge and vision.

I've shot for weeks on my own in foreign environments, and on the flip side have for 15 years traveled with groups of like-minded

photo enthusiasts that scrum together and feed off each other's ideas and creativity. I've taught in Colleges for over a decade and witnessed classrooms of photographers learn so much faster when they work in groups.

The group dynamic doesn't create copycat shooting, it encourages individuals to go beyond their comfort zones and express more creativity as those around them do the same. New ideas, confidence, problem solving, fostering of self

expression all come with the group dynamic. It never happens that a group of photographers all take the "same" photo, we are all just so different in our artistic approaches.

Don't hesitate to share, learn, and experience photography with a group of like-minded individuals, the benefits are huge. So meet-up; take a class; do a walk-about; join a camera club; submit work for critique; take a workshop; participate in an event; attend a gallery opening; listen to a speaker; experience a seminar; post your work; share; praise, and yes by all means travel on a photo adventure with a group!

But just don't do it alone, it's not nearly as much fun.



Creating images Grand Canyon, Shoshone Point Photo Tour Trekkers Sedona Tour.



Featuring 1812 Royal Scots Re-enactors

Workshops, Master Classes and 1812 Actors plus Bonus Saturday Night Workshop at the 1812 Royal Scots Camp. Attend on either or both days and enjoy your choice from 8 workshops.

Step back in time to the year 1812, as British troops attempt to expel American invaders. Hear the crack of the musket and the roar of the cannon. Come and experience life in the early 19th century. See the colourful clothing, smell the food prepared over open fires, and experience the foot soldiers' camp. That's right, the troops will be setting up camp and spending the weekend with us at Fall Foto Fest.

FALL FOTO FEST CONTINUED:

This will be a great photo addition to our weekend event. We will host morning workshops using the re-enactors as our backdrop and then, mid morning you'll have the opportunity to photograph the action during their mock battle.



In addition to our feature photo event The Royal Scots 1812 Re-enactors Fall Foto Fest will be offering 5 two hour workshops and 2 three our master class workshops. You can choose from the following list of workshops; Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom, Studio Photography, Video Creations with Brad Turner, Water Garden Photography, Photo Compositions 2.0, Macro and Cell Phone Photography.

Saturday evening we will be hosting a dinner of event registrants. The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 including tip and HST. Our dinner includes: BBQ roasted chicken, roasted pork loin, vegetarian lasagna, rice, thyme & garlic roasted potatoes, peas and carrots. Assorted salads, dinner rolls and butter. Assorted desserts, tea, coffee, soda fountain drinks. You can book the dinner when registering for Fall Foto Fest.

Don't forget our Photo Contest - Show us your photography talents by entering the 2019 Fall Foto Fest Photography contest. This year we are offering two contest categories, Wildlife ... show us your best wildlife Photography our second category is Landscapes ... show us your best landscape images. Have fun everyone. You may enter both categories with a maximum of 3 entries per person, a combination of 3 images in the categories of your choice. Image size minimum of 8 x 10 up to a maximum of 14 inches in length. Mounted on Black Matt Board with a maximum of 1 inch border. Sample size 11" x 14" with mount 12" x 15".

Grand Prize:

*Tour package for one photographer on Photo Tour Trekkers
2020 Scotland Photo Tour
(Air and hotel included)*

Wildlife:

*1st Prize \$150.00 Cash
2 Honourable Mentions: Bayfield Gift Packs*

Landscapes:

*1st Prize \$150.00 Cash
2 Honourable Mentions: Bayfield Gift Packs*

People's Choice Award

*1 - \$100.00 Cash
1 - Bayfield Gift Pack*

Winners will be announced during Foto Fest on Sunday October 6th, 2019 at our wrap up Wine & Cheese reception, Bayfield Town Hall. Please note you don't have to attend Fall Foto Fest to enter contest.

Registration and additional information for Fall Foto Fest:

<http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/bayfield-fall-foto-fest-2019/>

Fall Foto Fest Photography Contest:

<http://phototourtrekkers.com/tours/fall-foto-fest-photography-contest/>



Travel Tip:

Always Buy Travel Insurance:

A medical emergency can wipe out your savings or even worse. Make sure you purchase travel insurance prior to your departure. Check with your credit card company as depending on your card you might have partial or entire coverage.

All travel is an investment, you may also want to consider cancelation insurance. Again before purchasing you may have partial coverage with your credit card. You can also purchase an all inclusive medical and cancelation policy.

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Looking ahead to 2020

Here is what we are working on for next year:

- **Weekend with the Wolves:** January 24 to 26, 2020
- **Vietnam & Cambodia:** February 1 to 15, 2020
- **Costa Rica:** February 6 to February 13, 2020
- **Cuba:** February 17 to February 24, 2020
- **Antartica:** February 20 to March 5, 2020
- **Yosemite & San Francisco:** March 12 to 17, 2020
- **Morocco:** May 1 to 11, 2020
- **Norway:** June 15 to 28, 2020
- **Scotland Photo Tour:** Aug 11 to 25, 2020
- **Chernobyl including Paris Urbex:** September 3 to 20, 2020
- **Kenya & Tanzania:** October 8 to 21, 2020
- **Namibia:** October 21 to 31, 2020
- **Polar Bears Churchill:** November 2 to 6, 2020
- **Egypt and Jordan:** November 11 to 27, 2020
- **Galapagos Islands:** November 28 to December 8, 2020

Listed above are some of the future photo tours we are currently working on. If you are interested in any of our future excursions that have not yet been posted, please leave your name, email address and the tour you are interested in. We will notify you as more details and registration become available.

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



I'm pleased to welcome Ofelia Cruz, the newest member to Trekkers team. Ofelia will be assisting with inside sales and development of our new tours.

