



Date October 28 – November 11 2016

Group size 10 Photographers

Tour Price: NZD \$10,255.00

Instructors: Mike Langford and Jackie Ranken are Canon Master Photographers and Grand Master Photographers of the NZIPP and AIPP.

They have over thirty years of photographic experience behind them and have been running photography workshops in New Zealand for over ten years. They have travelled to China multiple times.

"We share all the knowledge that we have accumulated over the years with the group and encourage you to do the same. This sharing helps to elevate the learning experience into something really fantastic".

Tour Cost includes:

This price is based on a maximum of ten people.

It is our desire to keep the tour group as small as possible so you can have the maximum support. We will try our best to find someone to share with you if you are a single & don't wish to pay the single supplement price. However, part of the booking conditions is that a single supplement is applicable if no one is available to share

Includes all flights from Beijing back to Hong Kong.

- All transfers to and from airports.
- Fully guided tour (including guide and driver)
Complimentary bottled water in all of our vehicles.
Modern vehicles fitted with air-conditioning and seatbelts.
- 15 nights accommodation in four star hotels
- 15 breakfasts.
- Tibetan alien visa, to be issued while you are in Beijing
- Driver and Tibetan Guide



About our China-Tibet Photography Workshop/Tour

Mike and Jackie are a husband and wife team who love sharing their passion for photography and travel to small groups of enthusiasts. "We call this a Masterclass and expect that you consider yourself more a photographer than a tourist".

This workshop is designed to make you think about the photographs you make and why. How will they be used, how will you share them once you get home, what do you want to say?

At the critique sessions we spend time discussing what makes a strong image and why. This knowledge is then taken to the next photography session.

Itinerary 11 days

START **Friday 28 October** [Beijing](#)

Huan ying! Welcome to China and the start of your adventure. Upon arrival you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel for check in. The remainder of the day is free for you to settle in and get to know the tour group.

Stay at the Rainbow Hotel

DAY 2 **Saturday 29 October** [Beijing](#)

Today we explore the heart of Beijing - Tiananmen Square where Chairman Mao's tomb and various monuments to the people are located. Dominating the city's heart is the Forbidden City, a centre of power for five centuries and seat of the emperors.

Entering through the Gate of Heavenly Peace (replete with Chairman Mao's portrait) we enjoy a tour of the old city within the imperial city. At the end of the day download and review your images before dinner.

Stay at the Rainbow Hotel

DAY 3 **Sunday 30 October** [Beijing](#)

Don some comfortable shoes. Today we drive a section of the Great Wall. The Wall is impressive to say the least. Following the ridge of barren hills through northern China it stretches as far as the eye can see. Later visit the Ming Tombs. At the end of the day download and review your images before going out for dinner.

Stay at the Rainbow Hotel

DAY 4 **Monday 31 October** [Beijing](#)

Visit Silk Alley markets and the Summer Palace with its UNESCO-listed imperial gardens located on Kunming Lake. At the end of the day download and review your images before moving on to Tibet tomorrow!

Stay at the Rainbow Hotel

DAY 5 **Tuesday 01 November** [Beijing – Lhasa](#)

Take to the skies today with a flight to Lhasa. Upon arrival in Tibet you will be met and transferred to your hotel, with the rest of the day acclimatising yourself to being at 12000 feet. It's best to try and take it easy when you first arrive.

Stay at the Lhasa Thangka Hotel

DAY 6 **Wednesday 02 November** [Lhasa](#)

Begin our exploration of this mystical city early this morning by heading to Lhasa's most enduring image, the Potala Palace, for a sunrise shoot. The winter home of the Dalai Lamas and a masterpiece in design, 13 stories high, containing thousands of rooms, this is the heart of Tibet. Continue on to the Jokhang Temple which will be the most enlightening stop of the day. The holiest shrine in Tibet, it houses a solid gold shrine of the enlightened Buddha. The exterior of the temple isn't exceptional but the electric atmosphere and buzz of activity inside is truly captivating. Crowds of Tibetan pilgrims travel around each of the chapels, praying and prostrating themselves with varying degrees of exertion and frequency along the way. Spend the evening photographing the pilgrims circumnavigating the Jokhang Temple.

Stay at the Lhasa Thangka Hotel



DAY 7 Thursday 03 November Lhasa

Early morning photography around the Barkhor which is almost right outside the hotel.

Our exploration of Lhasa continues today as we take the short journey to the 15th century Drepung Monastery. Formerly one of the central monasteries of Tibet it was torn asunder during the Cultural Revolution and continues to rebuild its walls and status today. Just north of Lhasa is the Sera Monastery, still a working retreat 600 years after its foundation as a main teaching monastery and one of the three great Gelukpa 'Universities' once housing more than 5500 monks.

Stay at the Lhasa Thangka Hotel

DAY 8 Friday 04 November Lhasa

This morning take a visit to the Ganden Sumtseling Lamasery, a Tibetan Buddhist monastery built in 1679, the largest Tibetan Buddhist monastery in Yunnan, and referred to as the Little Potala Palace. Spend the early evening re-photographing the Barkhor and the hundreds of pilgrims gathered there.

Stay at the Lhasa Tangka Hotel

DAY 9 Saturday 05 November Lhasa – Gyantse

Departing Lhasa, we head off along the Friendship Highway to the attractive city of Gyantse. The journey is incredibly scenic, crossing two mountain passes, the Kambala pass (4794m) and Karola pass (5010m) via the beautiful lake Yamdrok Tso.

Stay at the Gyantse Hotel

DAY 10 Sunday 06 November Gyantse

Gyantse is the third largest town in Tibet and the most traditional looking. Spend time this morning exploring the old town of Gyantse. Gyantse is historically a large and prominent town in Tibet located in the fertile plain of the Nyang River Valley.

We explore the four-tier Gyantse Kumbum, the largest chorten in Tibet. Inside are numerous chapels decorated with exquisite murals and statues and the views from the upper levels are incredible.

The main attraction in Gyantse is the Pelkor Chode Monastery. Continue sightseeing today by visiting this beautiful site.

Founded in 1418, the monastery was originally a compound containing 15 monasteries from three of Tibet's four main Buddhist sects.

Stay at the Gyantse Hotel

DAY 11 Monday 07 November Gyantse – Tsedang

We retrace our footsteps back over the mountain passes and out to the east of Tibet to Tsedang.

Stay at Yarlung River Hotel.

DAY 12 Tuesday 08 November Tsedang

Today enjoy a fantastic photo opportunity at the Samye Monastery, founded in the 8th century during the reign of King Trisong Detsen with the help of the Indian Buddhist masters Padmasambhava and Shantarakshita, whom the king had invited to Tibet to help spread Buddhism. The first Tibetan monks were ordained here after examination, and are referred to as the Seven Examined Men. Over the centuries Samye has been associated with various schools of Tibetan Buddhism and today Tibetans of all traditions come to worship here. Spend the remains of the day at leisure.

Stay at Yarlung River Hotel

DAY 13 Wednesday 9 November Tsedang

Spend time today exploring Yumbulakhang the oldest palace in Tibet. Yumbulakhang is constructed at the perfect crest of the hill divided into three different components; the tower, the chapel and monks quarters. After, we explore Trandruk monastery, which is one of the earliest Buddhist monasteries in Tibet which attracts many pilgrims and visitors.

Stay at Yarlung River Hotel

DAY 14 Thursday 10 November Tsedang - Hong Kong

Transfer to Lhasa Airport in time for your onward flight to Hong Kong. Transfer to the Skycity Marriott Hong Kong Airport hotel.

DAY 15 Friday 11 November Hong Kong

Your tour with us comes to an end today, transfer to the airport in time for your onward flight. We truly hope you have had a great time, collecting many wonderful memories and photographs of these beautiful countries.

The Photographers Ephemeris for Lhasa, Tibet

It is Autumn and the temperature during the day can vary widely - 5 to a 10 degree C.

Sunrise at 6.11 am Golden hour at 6.44 am
Sunset at 5.06 pm Golden hour 4.34 pm
Moonrise 8.57 am (Crescent moon 8th Nov)
Moonset 7.50 pm

BOOK WITH HOUSE OF TRAVEL

Danielle Moroney
daniellem@hot.co.nz
+64 3 409 0130
Queenstown
New Zealand

What You Need To Bring

- Please pack a medium size bag.
- Clothing for cold, possibly wet weather.
- Hat, waterproof walking boots.
- Small cloth to dry down gear, lens cloth.
- Camera gear, tripod.
- Camera charger, spare memory cards.
- Portable hard drive to backup your files.
- USB Flash drive to transfer files to our computer.
- Laptop for the editing and backing up your images.

The Critiquing Process

All students will need to edit their images from each photographic session down to around 12 files.

These edited images will be downloaded onto our computer and will be displayed for the group to discuss.

The final edited images will become part of a book Jackie will make of the workshop.

Copyright of the images remains with the photographers at all times.



We can't wait to
create with you!