

South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula 2017



QCCP Antarctic Expedition 2017

Date February 9 - 24 2017

Maximum group size 16 photographers

Tour Price: From AUD \$13,900 USD\$ 9995

Expert Photography Tuition AUD\$2000.00 p/p

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.

"We share all the knowledge that we have accumulated over the years and create a creative comradeship between all the members of the group. This helps to enhance learning and make the experience really fantastic".



About the Antarctica Photography Workshop/Expedition

This wildlife, landscape and travel photography workshop to South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula 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.

- **Yes, you can bring your partner they can do their own thing while you join the photography group.**

16 days

Your adventure begins in Buenos Aires, where you'll enjoy its heavily European-influenced heritage before being whisked away on a private charter flight to explore Ushuaia prior to embarkation. At sea, photograph massive albatross and pintado petrel as they swoop and soar around the ship, guiding us toward South Georgia. Beaches teeming with king penguins and elephant seals greet us on this fabled island, where we'll pay our respects to famed explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton.

Antarctica awaits, with its geographic contradictions and overwhelming enormity. Relax on a Zodiac ride, hike glistening glaciers, share comical moments with inquisitive penguins, or witness the rugged peninsula from a sea kayak. Antarctica will surprise and delight, and never disappoint.



- ***The Photography Workshop starts on day two and goes right through the adventure.***
- ***Mike and Jackie will teach you not only how to use your camera but why and when to use it. Their goal is to help you make a Travel Book and/or an audio visual so that you can share your images to a wider audience. They believe it's important to get your images out of the computer and printed.***
- ***Maximum group size 16 students. This will make eight per zodiac with one instructor. This will ensure you have plenty of room as well as quality instruction from an expert.***
- ***The photography group will have authorization to do separate excursions from the rest of the passengers. This will allow the group to have greater access to photographic opportunities.***

Day 1 — Buenos Aires, Argentina

- You may arrive in Buenos Aires at any time during Day 1 of the itinerary. Upon your arrival in this splendid city, known for its rich architecture and European heritage, you will independently transfer to the group hotel (pre-night hotel included).

Day 2 — Ushuaia, Argentina and Embarkation

- After breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina. Upon arrival, you will have a little time to explore this quaint port town before heading to the pier.
- ***Join Mike and Jackie on a photographic exploration of Ushuaia. This will be an opportunity for you to learn more about the individual capabilities of your camera and start the visualization of your travel journey.***

Days 3 to 5 — At Sea

- The Expedition Team will keep you busy by testing your knowledge of seabirds, penguins and the history of South Georgia as they begin their educational lecture program.
- ***The Photography session will include tutorials and well as hand on practical shooting exercises designed to bring you up to speed with shooting wildlife and landscapes. We want you that to get the most from all the photographic opportunities available.***

Days 6 to 8 — South Georgia

- The first indication that you are approaching South Georgia is the sighting of birds around a group of rocky spires called Shag Rocks. Rising out of the icy ocean waters, have your binoculars and cameras ready to photograph these rocks. Shags, prions and wandering albatross often rest here.
- ***Each day the photography group we will meet in a designated area to share and review images. This will enable Mike and Jackie to keep you on track and upskilling.***

Days 9 and 10 — At Sea

- Antarctica awaits, along with its own penguin and seal species. While you're at sea, you can enjoy quiet time or take in presentations by the Expedition Team.
- ***On each landing or zodiac expedition you will have either Mike or Jackie on hand to help with your photographic techniques.***

Days 11 to 13 — Antarctic Peninsula

- The most common reaction to arriving at the White Continent is a sense of reverence and awe. The experience is hard to put into words. You will discover that Antarctica is a land of extremes: at one moment you'll be overcome with a feeling of complete silence and loneliness, the next you'll be laughing at the comical antics of a curious penguin.

Days 14 and 15 — At Sea

- After more than a dozen days of memorable wildlife encounters, your journey home begins.
- ***This will be the time for us to help you edit and select your favourite images. These files will be used in the group book as well as your personal book. We will present an audio visual to the whole ship as a way to celebrate and share your photographic achievements.***

Day 16 — Disembark in Ushuaia & Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina

- We will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning after breakfast. After disembarkation, we will taste a little of Patagonia by touring Tierra del Fuego National Park before we transfer to the airport for the return group charter flight to Buenos Aires.

Day-by-Day Expedition in Brief

- *Experience the quintessential wildlife experience of the "Galapagos of the Poles"*
- *Visit South Georgia's king penguin rookeries – the largest in the world*
- *Reflect at the resting place of the great explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton*
- *Visit abandoned whaling stations and learn stories of inhabitants who called this island home*
- *Enjoy on-board lecturers and educational presentations from polar specialists*
- *Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the tango capital of the world, and let us take care of the rest of the journey*

For full details and booking contact

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Camera Gear

- Cloth to dry down gear, lens cloth.
- Plastic zip lock bags to keep your camera and lenses in if needed.
- Camera and lenses, tripod.
- Camera battery 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.

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

More about Mike Langford and Jackie Ranken follow the link below:

3 minute movie <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpkht4uf07c>

[Link to our Canon Profiles](#)

<https://www.canon.co.nz/en/Professional-Imaging/Masters/Jackie-Ranken>

<https://www.canon.co.nz/en/Professional-Imaging/Masters/Mike-Langford>

Link to my Antarctic AV from 2015.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vicxEEXIIVg>

<http://mikelangford.co.nz/>

<http://jackieranken.co.nz/>

A photograph of a group of people in kayakers on a boat in the Antarctic, looking at large icebergs in the water under a blue sky. The text "We can't wait to create with you" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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