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LIGHT PAINTING PHOTOGRAPHY IN JOSHUA TREE

FIELD WORKSHOP / FALL 2023

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

We will meet at the Park Visitors Center and then go into the park. We will set up cameras on a tripod and then learn Light-Painting Techniques. Every image is unique, and everyone will have a chance to be creative! Students provide their own camera equipment. A DSLR or mirrorless camera, and sturdy tripod are required. Cell phone cameras are not sufficient for this workshop.

All proceeds from this workshop go directly to Joshua Tree National Park!

MEETING LOCATION

[Joshua Tree Visitor Center](#) parking lot, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

DATE and TIME

Saturday, September 23rd, 7p to 10pm

Please arrive on time; we start classes promptly, and in the case of hikes or other classes on the go, we cannot wait for students who arrive late.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

Requires walking a short distance from the road to set up your camera on level ground. Please contact us if you have questions about accommodations or your ability to participate.

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Basic understanding of your DSLR or mirrorless camera

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Admission to Joshua Tree National Park (please download or print your park pass ahead of time, or you will have to pay fees at the gate!)
- First aid and emergency supplies for the group
- Lights used to create images

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Meals
- Lodging
- Transportation
- Camera and photography equipment

GET TO KNOW YOUR INSTRUCTOR: Casey Kiernan

Casey teaches Landscape and Nighttime photography in Joshua Tree, Death Valley and Iceland through his company *Joshua Tree Workshops*. Casey has been a professional photographer for over two decades. He previously managed a studio in Arizona which focused on automotive/motorcycle photography for print and advertising. Casey has won numerous awards, including 2nd place in the annual Joshua Tree National Park Arts Exposition - 2022 / Photography group. Casey also manages the "Joshua Tree Visitors Guide" an on-line resource for all things Joshua Tree! His forthcoming documentary, "I Thought They Were Protected," follows the highly-contested movement to protect Joshua Trees under the State Endangered Species Act.

PROGRAM AGENDA

We will meet at the Park Visitors Center and then caravan by car to Cap Rock. We will set up cameras on a tripod and then learn light-painting techniques. All edits are performed in-camera, so students will see immediate results! Students can expect to complete the workshop by 10pm.

SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

There is no cell service in the park! Print or download your park pass ahead of time, and please allow ample travel time to arrive at the meeting location (see FAQ notes about late arrivals.) Please make sure you check the weather ahead of time and dress accordingly. **All participants must complete the [health questionnaire and liability waiver](#) at least one day ahead of the program start date.**

WHAT TO BRING

The essentials for all field courses

- Water, between 3 and 4 liters per person for a full day outing
- Food and snacks, easily packed and eaten in the field, for the duration of your course
- Close-toed athletic shoes or hiking boots; no sandals, not even hiking sandals!
- Sun protection: hat, sunglasses, sunscreen; light-colored long-sleeved shirts are recommended and very effective on hot days
- Warm layers for cooler mornings/evenings (it can be surprisingly cold!)
- Backpack to carry food, water, and any personal items you need for the day
- Notebook and pencil are always good to have

Required photography equipment

- DSLR or Mirrorless Camera
- Sturdy Tripod
- Headlamp or flashlight for safety

Recommended

- Remote shutter - wired or wireless
- Red light on headlamp

FAQ

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I AM RUNNING LATE?

Please call our main line: 760-819-4714 and if no one answers, please call the Desert Institute coordinator, Benny Lopez: 949-241-9693.

For classes meeting in the park, please take into consideration the time it will take to go through the entrance gate—on weekends after 9am, you may wait up to 45 minutes! (15-20 minutes is typical.) For afternoon activities, you will also want to allot time to park, as parking lots tend to be congested between 10am and 4p in the busy season. **There is no cell service in the park**, so please plan accordingly!

WHAT IF I NEED TO CANCEL?

Desert Institute will provide a full refund if we are notified 14 days in advance. If we are notified less than 14 days in advance, we are unable to process refunds for any reason. (But we would like you to notify us if you are unable to attend.)

DOES DESERT INSTITUTE CANCEL ACTIVITIES FOR WEATHER OR LOW ENROLLMENT?

Desert Institute runs classes rain or shine, with the exception of astrophotography classes, which require mostly clear skies in order to be successful. If we do not meet our minimum of 4 registered participants for any given activity, we will cancel the activity with 48+ hours notice. We recommend that you purchase travel insurance, as we are unable to reimburse for expenses you incur due to a canceled class, such as airfare and hotel.

ARE THERE ANY THINGS I NEED TO DO TO PREPARE?

All participants must return the completed [health questionnaire and signed waiver](#) before the day of their activity. **Failure to do so will cancel your registration.** If your course enters Joshua Tree National Park, you must **download or print your park pass** ahead of the class, or you will pay the entrance fee at the gate, which is currently \$35 per vehicle.

CAN I BRING MY KIDS? MY SPOUSE? PETS?

Only registered participants may attend Desert Institute activities unless noted in the activity description. If this is a kid-friendly activity, please make sure your child(ren) meets the age requirements. As much as we love our pets, we don't allow them in the field with any of our activities.