

# Newsletter Number 18 – September 2015

## Welcome to the Photoventures newsletter outlining our tours for 2016

Photoventures has been a specialist photographic tour operator for twenty years. It has a vast experience of countless locations throughout the globe offering you exciting photography in many exceptional places. For 2016 we have planned some very exciting tours, giving you the opportunity to enjoy unique photographic experiences. Whatever type of photography you enjoy Photoventures has a tour to tempt you as we enjoy a 20th century icon with a journey down Route 66, take in the fantastic colours of New England and Nova Scotia, visit the Oregon Coast and take in the winter highlights in New Mexico with a visit to Bosque del Apache and White Sands. Naturally, Winter Yellowstone, a tour we have operated continually since 1999, is also on offer with the opportunity to photograph in this amazing destination.

#### **Route 66 2016**

For almost 2,500 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles Route 66 crosses some of the most interesting parts of America and is filled with great photography. Today the Interstate bypasses this one time lifeline of the United States and what is left is the spirit of the 'old road' and the many remnants of a once great era. The trip will follow

as closely as possible along the 'old road', of which more than 75% still exists. Along the way we will see many wonderful sites such as the Mustang Corral, The Blue Whale, Cadillac Ranch and Wigwam Motel.

Our tour in 2016 will travel the length of



Route 66 and will be our sixth along the complete length of "The Mother Road". We will begin in Chicago and our journey will end at Santa Monica, California. Our journey crosses eight states and we travel 2,448 miles along one of the most important roads ever built. From the 1920's to the 1960's Route 66 shaped the United States as people travelled west in search of their dreams or to escape the dust bowls of the mid west. The route is steeped with nostalgic Americana, driven by the importance of the automobile. Now the Interstate allows the traffic to speed past, but as we follow the 'old route' we can relive that dream and record the relics of a bygone era. We will be able to meet the many characters who keep alive "the dream" and make this a trip with a difference. We have driven the "Mother Road" on five previous occasions so we know it well. As we closely follow what remains of the "Mother Road" our tour will offer you both great photography and a chance to experience an insight into a different aspects of the United States. There is so much to see and photograph on this trip, even with our extended tour, you will be left wanting more because Route 66 somehow seems to capture the imagination of all who make the amazing journey. So come and join us on one of the most



nostalgic and famous journeys in the United States. You can then relive and photograph this important part of American history as you journey from east to west, from lush meadows to open plains, through arid desert to the Pacific

Ocean and experience one of the greatest road journeys to be found anywhere. A trip along the 'Mother Road' is one not to be missed and never to be forgotten.

## **Nova Scotia and New England 2016**

In September we will fly to Boston to begin our exploration of the wild coastlines of Maine and Nova Scotia. Heading north we will take a slow drive along the Maine coast to ensure we enjoy its fabulous coastline to the full. We will visit such areas such as Boothby Harbour, Pemaquid Point, Stonington, Prospect Harbour and Acadia National Park. We will then follow the northern Maine coast as we pass into Canada crossing through New Brunswick before entering the Province of Nova Scotia. During our seven days in Nova Scotia we will explore as much of the peninsular as we can. Our first stop will be in the east as we explore around Sydney. This will afford us the opportunity to explore the Cape Breton Highlands National



Park and the wild eastern coastline of this island part of the Province. We then head to Halifax to explore the central region during the day but ensuring we take every opportunity to capture the sunrise and sunsets at the famous

Peggy's Cove Lighthouse. This is the iconic location in Nova Scotia and its wild and remote location makes it one of the most recognised lighthouses on the eastern Seaboard of the American Continent. From here we will continue our exploration of the Province as we head south west to explore the coast around Weymouth and Yarmouth. This will give us the opportunity to visit the rugged coastline as well as the interior. With so much wild coast line to photograph those who join us on this tour are sure to be in for a feast of photography.

It is hoped that we can collaborate with a local photographer in Halifax, Nova Scotia who will help us find the very best loca-

tions to take photograph, as well as a few hidden gems.

Having completed our journey through Nova Scotia will return to the USA through the central part of New Brunswick crossing the border in Northern Maine. We will then



cross into New Hampshire and the White Mountains enjoying the Fall scenery and quaint villages before turning south back to the Maine coast Our journey ends as we follow the coast back to Boston where we join our flight to the United Kingdom.

## **Exploring Oregon 2016**

The Pacific State of Oregon is often overlooked for the better known and apparently more glamorous locations when people consider a visit to the USA. Yet Oregon offers some of the finest photography to be found in North America and numbers amongst its attractions some exciting photographic locations. Our tour in 2016



will centre on the State of Oregon with a brief visit into the redwoods of Northern California. Our tour is planned to coincide with the end of the Fall when the Pacific Ocean and the rugged coastline will offer up some potentially exciting and wild conditions.

Our tour begins and ends in Portland and we spend a day exploring along the Columbia visiting the waterfalls such as the exciting Multnomah Falls as well as the snow capped peak of Mount Hood. From here we cross into central Oregon to visit the amazing John Day National Monument before journeying south through central Oregon to the Redwoods National Park. After exploring the Redwoods we begin our exploration of the wild and rugged Oregon Coast, in our view one of the finest to be found anywhere.

The power of the Pacific coupled with the violent 'Pacific Rim of Fire' has sculpted this coast line offering a mix of wild rocky shorelines as well as extended areas of beaches and dunes. With such



locations as Pistol River State Park, Bandon Beach and Ecola State Park to name just a few you will be in for a wonderful opportunity to capture the coast in all of its moods. In addition such phenomena as Thor's Well and the Devils Churn will offer you dramatic photography. All in all a wonderful tour not to be missed.

#### Winter Highlights New Mexico 2016

New Mexico is a state that has many great photographic locations and our tour will offer a selection of the highlights to be found there. We have decided to visit in early winter to coincide with one of the great natural spectacles that the state enjoys during the cold months of the year. Situated alongside the Rio

Grande River, Bosque del Apache has been preserved as one of the main wintering sites for tens of thousands of birds that migrate south from the severe winter weather in their summer lands situated in the northern tundra. Bosque is significant because of the



many thousands of geese and sandhill cranes that winter here. To witness the dawn lift of thousands of the geese is an experience never forgotten.

In addition to this we will visit the amazing city of Albuquerque, exploring part of Route 66 into Arizona taking in the amazing Wigwam Motel. This section of Route 66 offers a nostalgic look at a bygone era. Our tour will also include a visit to the VLA telescopes near Socorro as well as the amazing White Sands National Monument near Alamagordo with its stunning dunes.



This tour is packed with a wide variety of great photography from Americana to natural and man-made landscapes. The highlight being one of the greatest natural wildlife spectacles to be found anywhere in the United States.

#### Winter in Yellowstone 2017

We begin 2017 with our regular tours to Yellowstone in the winter. As all of the spaces on the 2016 tours are already booked we are announcing our 2017 tour early. If you are interested in this special tour then you are strongly advised to book early to reserve your place on this tour as places are limited and fill quickly. If demand is high we may operate two tours. There can be no doubt that a photographic visit to Yellowstone in the winter must be high on the list of the most exciting locations in the world. Its thousands of thermal features and abundant wildlife added to the extreme temperatures makes this a very unique location. Our tour begins in the Grand Teton National Park and Jackson Hole area before making our way north to West Yellowstone. Here we join our own snow coach and spend five full days ex-



ploring many aspects of the park. We will use our years of experience to give everyone the opportunity to see Yellowstone at its finest. We will visit locations made famous by Photoventures such as Tangled Creek and Hayden Valley as well as many other well known areas. We will also visit Mammoth and the Northern section of the Park along the Lamar Valley, where we may see bull elk, bison, red fox and with luck spot grey wolves. We will also include a special visit to a local wildlife photographer with a unique opportunity to photograph a range of wildlife at his winter feeders. We complete our tour with a visit to the ghost town of Nevada City.

We have operated this tour continually since 1999 and this will be our 23rd tour of Yellowstone in winter. No two years or even consecutive tours are ever the same as the climatic condition and unpredictable wildlife always offer unique and exciting opportunities for photography.



Route 66 18th Apr - 7th May 2016 **New England & Nova Scotia** 24th Sept - 11th Oct 2016 **Exploring Oregon** 1st - 16th November 2016 Winter Highlights New Mexico 28th Nov - 11th Dec 2016 Winter in Yellowstone 27th Jan - 12th Feb 2016

## **ESTIMATED TOUR COST**

**£2,395** (Plus flight)

£2,250 (Plus flight)

**£2,100** (Plus flight)

£1,975 (Plus flight)

£2,850 (Plus flight)

Prices subject to change