



Ultimate DESERT & CANYONS USA

PHOTO TOUR December 7-18, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- * Join creative legend Julieanne Kost in the field.
- * Plus the WPA team.
- * Stunning landscape and creative shoots in Utah & Arizona.

INCLUSIONS

- * All accommodation.
- * All land transport as per itinerary.
- * Local guide.
- * Park fees as per itinerary.
- * Professional WPA Photo guides your images come first!







Joining World Photo Adventures for their 7th tour in the deserts of the USA, offers several compelling reasons. You will target the most incredible landscapes, nature and creative shoots. Plus we are joined by creative master Julieanne Kost.

WHAT TO EXPECT TO SEE AND EXPERIENCE

- * Workshops with Julieanne Kost of Adobe.
- * Exclusive small group adventures.
- * Stunning landscapes.
- * Slot canyons.
- * Arches and Monument Valley.
- * Great nature.



- 1. Expert Guides: The photo adventure is led by veteran professional photo guide Darran Leal, with special guest tutor Julieanne Kost from Adobe. Both are renowned creative experts in photography. The team is further expanded by young professional photo guides Pearce, and Frazer Leal. Their knowledge and experience will enhance your journey, providing valuable insights and guidance to help you capture stunning images.
- 2. Unique Itinerary: The itinerary for this adventure is carefully crafted to offer more than just the standard tourist locations. The WPA team has curated a route that takes you to the best spots at the right timing, optimizing your photo opportunities. You'll have the chance to explore lesser-known gems and experience the true beauty of the USA's Wild West.
- 3. Spectacular Landscapes: Utah and Arizona are renowned for stunning landscapes, including mesas, buttes, slot canyons and some of the most incredible landscapes. The creative possibilities are endless, with opportunities to capture unique images showcasing lines, form, and texture. If you have a passion for landscape and creative photography, this adventure will be a dream come true.
- 4. Workshops and Learning Opportunities: The WPA team understands that photography is not just about capturing images but also about the creative process and post-processing. They offer a combination of indoor and field workshops that will expand your vision, help you discover new perspectives, and improve your shooting techniques. Additionally, processing workshops will enhance your creative journey and take your images to new levels.
- 5. Quality Time at Each Location: Unlike rushed tours, this photo adventure allows for quality time at each key region. You'll have ample opportunity to immerse yourself in the surroundings, explore the landscapes, and truly appreciate the natural beauty. This balance between photography and experience ensures that you can fully enjoy and make the most of each location.
- 6. Convenience and Support: The adventure starts and finish in Las Vegas, the itinerary is designed for convenience and accessibility. The WPA team will provide logistical support throughout the adventure, taking care of the details so that you can focus on your photography and enjoy the journey.
- 7. Registered and Insured Tour Operator: WPA is a registered tour operator with the Queensland government and is covered by Tour Operator Insurance. This accreditation ensures that the business adheres to strict standards and procedures, providing you with peace of mind and professionalism. For more details, go to: https://www.qtic.com.au/industry-development/accreditation/qtf/



By joining WPA, you'll have the opportunity to explore and photograph some of the world's most stunning locations while being guided by experienced professionals who are passionate about creating memorable journeys.



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About Julieanne Kost - BIOGRAPHY

Named one of Fast Company's "100 Most Creative People in Business," Julieanne Kost is a Principal Evangelist at Adobe Systems, responsible for fostering relationships with customers through meaningful and inspirational Photoshop and Lightroom instruction. As a highly sought-after speaker for the industry-standard Digital Imaging franchise, she devises and presents motivating and educational training sessions, sharing original techniques and tutorials worldwide – via live events, Adobe.com, her own website (jkost.



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com) and blog. She is also the author of "Window Seat: The Art of Digital Photography and Creative Thinking," and "Passenger Seat: Creating a Photographic Project from Conception through Execution in Adobe Photoshop Lightroom", an accomplished photographer and fine artist, and creator and host of the popular Photoshop CC Essential Training and the Art of Photoshop Compositing for Lynda.com.

Julieanne is well-known for her unique approach to instruction, infusing practical tips and tricks with an equal amount of humor and creativity that keeps audiences entertained and engaged. She often serves as a guest lecturer at distinguished photography workshops, industry events, and leading educational institutions around the world. She's a contributing columnist and author for a variety of print and online publications and has created over 500 instructional videos as the host of Adobe's "The Complete Picture" featuring Lightroom and Photoshop, serves as producer and instructor of the "Lightroom Getting Started" and "What's New in Lightroom," training courses, as well as the "Revitalize your Workflow with Lightroom" seminar on CreativeLive.

Julianne holds an AA in Fine Art Photography and a BS in Psychology.

Julieanne's blog is - Blogs.adobe.com/jkost

SCENIC FLIGHTS

Note that we will ask group members about interest to undertake optional activities like scenic flights about 4-5 months before the tour departure.



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DAY 1 - LAS VEGAS

December 7

We include accommodation tonight in Las Vegas. We meet at 4pm at reception for a briefing and our first workshop. Darran and Julieanne answer questions and fill you in on information to help you maximise your adventures to come. Option to join your tutor team for dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel

DAY 2 - LAS VEGAS TO KENAB

December 8

We depart early from Las Vegas in our exclusive mini bus and drive into the USA's amazing desert. The Wild West quickly inspires your appetite for great shooting opportunities. We arrive to Kenab, a small town with a big history. We depart in the afternoon to explore our first slot canyon - Peek-A-Boo. Limited access allows you to shoot unique images and learn on the spot how to take the best images by your professional photo guides. Julieanne will also give some insight into visualising simple but great concepts.

Accommodation: Hotel

DAY 3 - KENAB TO BRYCE CANYON December 9

We again head out in special 4WD's this morning, this time to target Heart Veins Canyon. The water sculptured rock features are a fantastic challenge. We then drive a short distance to Bryce Canyon and after booking into our accommodation, head out into this 'weird landscape'. Bryce Canyon is famous for it's Hoodoo's and landscapes like no other place on earth. Keep an eye out for quick nature captures as well. We are at 10,000 feet, (around 3,000m) so temperatures are cold, especially at night. We might even experience snow.

Accommodation: Hotel

DAY 4 - BRYCE CANYON TO MOAB

December 10

Morning shoot of the Bryce Canyon landscapes will offer new results worthy of a place on your walls at home. We then drive to Moab. We arrive in Moab, book into our accommodation and head to Arches NP for an afternoon shoot. This is one of the world's great landscapes and a challenge for your creative interests. Every day will offer in the field workshops, plus your professional guides are ready to help you, at times, offering one on one assistance. Accommodation: Hotel



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DAY's 5 & 6 - MOAB - ARCHES & CANYONLANDS December 11&12

Two full days will optimise our interests in one of Julieanne's and Darran's personal favourite locations on earth! Early rises will allow us to get the best first light in Arches National Park and the Windows area. Double O, North and South Window, and Turret Arch await your artistic interpretation with the La Sal mountains to the South. The following days will offer stunning new subjects plus we will revisit others. Enhanced in the golden light of sunset it's the "Sleeping Rainbow" of Ute legend. Sunrise at Mesa Arch where the red glow reflects off the underside is another highlight. The backlit scene towards Washerwoman Arch is a sculpture garden of sensual colours and shapes. Dead Horse Point and Grand View are two nearby scenic drives, where the Colorado and Green Rivers meet and combine, they sculpt the layers of multi-coloured sandstone banded like a rainbow. Be ready to shoot lots of great images! We also add a dedicated workshop by Julieanne to help your creative skills.

Accommodation: Hotel

DAY 7 - MOAB TO MONUMENT VALLEY December 13

We shoot once more at Arches NP, in great early light. We then return to our accommodation, grab our bags and head to Monument Valley. We drive through the Wild West to one of the best known landscape formations for anyone in the world. Here you will feel like you are a part of the old western movies and even some of the more recent movies like "Wind Talkers". We will shoot the evening light on the Mittens and other very recognisable and stunning land forms.

Accommodation: Hotel

DAY 8 - MONUMENT VALLEY December 14

Full day of photo adventures in 'the real' Wild West. We explore the valley with early light and late light our key targets. We have also allowed specific time for one "other tour". Darran will coordinate to the best opportunities of the group. It includes sand dunes with towering rock needles and an Indian experience. These have been highlights with our past expeditions, offering stunning shoots and experiences.

Accommodation: Hotel

NOTE: Darran will offer more information the day before as weather, seasonal and tribal considerations are involved.



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DAY 9 - MONUMENT VALLEY TO PAGE (LAKE POWELL)

December 15

We drive to Page. A great drive through the Wild West, stopping for opportunistic subjects from ancient rock carvings, to landscapes. On arrival in Page, we book into our accommodation and head out to famous Horse Shoe Bend. A magic location for shooting! Time allowing, we may also have a quick look at Lake Powell and it's many colours and shapes.

Accommodation: Hotel

DAY 10 - PAGE - SLOT CANYONS - LAKE POWELL

December 16

Full day exploring the incredible landscapes of this region. Plus optional time for flights or rafting. Be prepared for some of your most creative landscapes ever! We will shoot Lower Antelope Slot Canyon - a stunning experience! (Note that new rules do not allow tripod use in this canyon. Your photo guides will help with modern techniques to maximise the experience.)

SCENIC FLIGHTS & RAFTING

Note that we will ask group members about interest to undertake optional activities like scenic flights (Grand Canyon) and rafting, before tour departure. (These are not included, please google from Page.)

Accommodation: Hotel

DAY 11 - PAGE TO LAS VEGAS

December 17

Morning adventure as time allows. We arrive in Vegas, late afternoon. Option to join your guides for dinner and the chance to swap tall stories of your Wild West WPA adventures.

Accommodation: Hotel

DAY 12 - LAS VEGAS

December 18

The tour ends. Depart as required for your flights.

Why not join our linked tour in the USA!

No meals are included for this tour. This will offer you flexibility of choice and best timing for shoots.

The WPA tour leader will help optimise meals for the group.

Itinerary and price is subject to change.



PHOTO TOUR PRICE

TOUR PRICE - US\$9,995.00 Twin Share per person

Includes, as per itinerary - accommodation, meals, Julieanne Kost workshops, access to unique photo opportunities, small group size - local driver/guide, and professional photographer/guide.

EVENT DEPOSIT REQUIRED - US\$3,000.00 pp.

Please read our terms & Conditions and fill in our booking form. At this time, you should organise travel insurance, including deposit protection insurance. Note that your deposit is refundable up to one year before departure, except for a US\$500 cancellation fee. After this time, deposits are non refundable. NB: Some events have special terms and conditions.

ACCOMMODATION

If requested, we will try our best to find someone to share with you. On most occasions this is possible. However, part of the booking conditions is that a single supplement is applicable if no one is available to share.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT - US\$1,950.00 pp.

This offers you private accommodation throughout the tour. Julia will confirm this with you.

TO BOOK & FOR OUR TERM & CONDITIONS: Please use our on line booking form:

https://worldphotoadventures.com.au/booking-form/

Or ask Julia for our booking form with T&C's.

Our Foreign currency account details are. (Note for Australians, it is easy to pay in US\$. Please go into your bank and the teller will make the transaction for you.)

Beneficiary:

World Photo Adventures Pty.Ltd.

BSB - (only if required by your bank): 082-039

FOREIGN CURRENCY ACCOUNT NUMBER: WPAPLUSD01 SWIFT CODE - For International deposits: NATAAU3303M

Beneficiary Bank: NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK 1806-1814 David Low Way COOLUM BEACH. QUEENSLAND. 4573.

NB: Please enter your name in the advice area, when making the payment, so it can be easily identified. Beneficiary/ Office address:

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Trinity Park, Qld. 4879.

Beneficiary Phone Contact: + 61 427205331

NEED MORE HELP?

For booking contact Julia: julia@worldadventures.com.au or call - 0427205331

For equipment or tour information, contact Darran: darran@worldadventures.com.au or call - 0416205330

SICKNESS WHILE TRAVELLING

Viruses, bacteria and other health risks have always been possible when travelling. We select accommodation and operators to limit risk to your health. Before departure, we suggest that you consider limiting your exposure to large groups and other high risk location/situations at least 7 days before departure. Please bring face masks, and hand sanitizer. Should you feel unwell during the event, please let your tour leader know ASAP. Some form of isolation maybe required, or professional medical help maybe sort. Your tour leader is happy to help at all times. Please look at the following site for more helpful details. You can also register at this site for updates. https://www.smartraveller.gov.au

OTHER DETAILS

THE COST INCLUDES

- All land tour costs as per itinerary.
- Accommodation lodge/hotel.
- Entrance fees to parks as per itinerary.
- Professional photo guide.
- Local expert driver/guide.

NOT INCLUDED

- International Air tickets & flights.
- Personal expenses.
- Items not included in the itinerary.
- Meals, Tips and Drinks.
- Travel Insurance.
- Visa check Visalink www.visalink.com.au (If not a US citizen.)

PRE TOUR

Accommodation, and services start for this tour - DAY 1. All services before this are not included. We suggest that you arrive at the start point at least 48 hours before this tour begins. This timing will give you a chance to relax and acclimatise to the new time zone. We generally commence booking pre/post tour accommodation/flights about 8/9 months before departure. We will confirm this with you as your guides need to book before you book.

NOTE: This itinerary is flexible to allow your guides to maximise your photo and travel interests to weather and unique opportunities. Specific targeted subjects will be offered the night before departure each day. This will offer you 'the best of the region'. Meals not included in the itinerary, are organised to 'fit in' with the days shoots.

FINAL ITINERARY

Note that a final itinerary will be sent to you about one month before departure.

IMPORTANT

To make sure you book the correct dates and times, we would request the following:

- 1. Don't purchase any air tickets, until our guides flights have been booked, which we will do approximately 8 9 months prior to the tour departure. We will advise you when the guides flights are booked and you can then use this itinerary, to help you use points or similar. This will also coincide with confirming the tour departure, making sure we have met minimum passenger numbers for the tour and the logistics of the tour have not changed.
- 2. We suggest you arrive a minimum of 24 hours prior to the tour departure even 48 hours to help with jet lag and in case of airline delays.



OUR GOALS

There are many reasons our tours are so successful. Here are just a few ...

WHO BOOKS OUR PHOTO HOLIDAYS?

From animated 'point and shoot' amateur photographers to seasoned photographic veterans, we get a broad cross-section of photo enthusiasts on every tour. Not super keen on snapping? No problem. You are still guaranteed a great time. Whether your finger never leaves or hits a camera during a tour, you will have an unforgettable experience. Our unique locations, top guides and small travel groups ensure it. While our clients vary in age and experience, all attend with the same goal – to have a fantastic holiday. We ensure every client gets exactly that.

UNTAMED QUALITY AND EXPERIENCE

With over 100 years of combined experience in tailoring premium travel quests, our family team ensures you never settle for less than the best. We predominately offer lovely 4 star accommodation for your comfort and enjoyment.

EXCEPTIONAL END-TO-END EXPERIENCE

We work towards delivering the time of your life. Our office gem Julia helps you with all your pre-and post-tour needs. Once you are 'out in the field,' our professional local drivers and guides are right by your side. Your photo guides are the best in the world! World Photo Adventures and its expert team know this beautiful land better than anyone.

GREAT TOURS COME IN SMALL GROUPS

Small group travel gives you flexibility and the ability to follow your interests. That's why we keep tour group sizes small so you can savour your travel experience.

FIRST TIME ON TOUR WITH US?

We'll happily answer your questions, offer advice or connect you with the experiences that will satisfy your wanderlust. Contact Julia at: julia@worldadventures.com.au

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Your safety and security are essential to us. Apart from the experience of your WPA guides, our local operators are outstanding and very experienced in local cultures and customs. Our itineraries, accommodation and tour information all add up to helping you enjoy a great adventure.

Julia is happy to help with any further questions - julia@worldadventures.com.au















