

# IMBER COURT PHOTO TRAINING

## PHOTOGRAPHY HOLIDAY

### NORTHUMBERLAND



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<b>DATES</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	<b>STARTS/ FINISHES</b>	London Heathrow
<b>DURATION</b>	5 days/4 nights	<b>GRADING</b>	Easy
<b>LOCATION</b>	Bamburgh Northumberland	<b>PRICE</b>	£1195.00

- Spend five days in the company of Imber Court Photo Training developing and improving your photographic skills.
- Single occupancy en-suite accommodation with breakfast included at The Victoria Hotel Bamburgh.
- Spend the days exploring the landscapes and seascapes of Northumberland. It is probably one of the most beautiful and dramatic in the UK. You will also visit The Farne Islands home of the Puffin and spend time on Lindisfarne capturing images at this magical location. Optional early morning starts to capture sunrise at Bamburgh Castle.
- Tutorials and individual tuition will be available throughout the week when required with time spent reviewing and critiquing images each day.
- Maximum of seven clients plus Ashley.

## HOLIDAY DETAILS

Bamburgh is a beautiful village overlooked by the stunning Bamburgh Castle, (image above) and famous for being the home of Grace Darling, a lighthouse keepers' daughter who assisted in the rescue of passengers from a wrecked ship on The Farne Islands in 1838. There are many views of the castle within easy walking distance of our hotel and you will have many opportunities to photograph it during your week at different times of day and in various lighting conditions. The hotel has a great restaurant and bar although there are several pubs and a lovely seafood restaurant in the village. Transport in an air conditioned 9 seater will be provided throughout the week from and returning to Edinburgh Airport.

A day photographing the Puffins, seals and other wildlife on The Farne Islands has been arranged with a visit by boat spending 2 hours on one of the islands in the morning and transferring to another island for a further two hours photography in the afternoon. May/June is the height of the nesting season for Puffins so there will be no reason that you will not be able to capture these pretty birds in their natural surroundings. The Farne Islands are a short boat ride from Seahouses, a small town down the road from Bamburgh.

A day will also be spent on the mythical Holy Island (Lindisfarne) famous for its access road that floods at high tide and its beautiful harbour and castle. You will be on the Island as the road floods and leave later in the day as the tide reduces. There are some excellent locations to photograph whilst exploring this historic place.

The remainder of the week will be spent exploring the many beautiful seascapes, castles, stone circles, tiny harbours and the possibility of visiting a livestock market in the National Park.

Regular stops for a tea, coffee and lunch have been arranged for all the days apart from our trip to The Farne Islands where you will be required to purchase drinks and a packed lunch in the town before boarding the boat.

Flying from Heathrow to Edinburgh with British Airways on Monday 14th June and returning to Heathrow on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 we will stay in Bamburgh at The Victoria Hotel in single occupancy rooms on a bed and breakfast basis for four nights.

There are no long journeys in vehicles as everything is within easy reach of our hotel. Bamburgh is about a 1 and a half hour journey from Edinburgh Airport.

## **WHATS INCLUDED**

### **IN THIS PHOTOGRAPHY HOLIDAY?**

Four nights' accommodation at The Victoria Hotel Bamburgh

Each client will have a private room with ensuite facilities

Breakfast is included

Personal tuition and tutorials

All transport including return flights from London Heathrow to Edinburgh along with an air conditioned 9 seater minibus from and to Edinburgh Airport and throughout the week.

## **PHYSICAL DIFFICULTY - EASY**

The days are leisurely with no major ascents or descents. Any walking will be over solid ground although footpaths may be muddy so the appropriate footwear will be required. Most locations are easily accessible from our own transport.



## **HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Below is a typical itinerary, this may inevitably change due to weather conditions so we will ensure that each location is visited at the most suitable time and in the most optimum conditions. The boats to The Farne Islands will not operate on rough seas.

### **DAY 1 – PICK UP, EDINBURGH AIRPORT AND BAMBURGH CASTLE**

Ashley will meet you as you leave the arrivals hall at Edinburgh Airport, he will be standing directly outside Costa Coffee. We will travel by minibus to Bamburgh and check into The Victoria Hotel. During the afternoon we will visit Bamburgh Beach and photograph Bamburgh Castle from a selection of viewpoints.

### **DAY – 2 FARNE ISLANDS**

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### **DAY – 3 THE HOLY ISLAND OF LINDISFARNE**

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### **DAY – 4 THE NORTHUMBERLAND COAST TO LONGHOUGHTON AND DUDDO STONE CIRCLE**

A day exploring the Northumberland coast south of Bamburgh with stops at Beadnell and its pretty beach and tiny harbour, Dunstanburgh Castle from the north and south and the rocky coast near Longhoughton.

### **DAY – 5 BEADNELL BAY, BERWICK UPON TWEED EDINBURGH AIRPORT**

After checking out of our hotel we will travel north to Beadnell Bay where an abundance of seabirds can be seen and photographed. Then onto Berwick upon Tweed to photograph the lighthouse and rocky bay followed by a trip to Edinburgh airport for your flight back to Heathrow.

## MORE INFORMATION

### FLIGHTS

British Airways flights from London Heathrow Terminal 5. Your exact flight times will be confirmed on booking. Everyone will travel on the same flights although if you would rather travel by car and meet us at The Victoria Hotel, flight costs will be deducted from the cost of the holiday. Flights usually arrive at lunchtime in Edinburgh and depart mid-afternoon.

### MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

When arriving at Edinburgh Airport do not leave the airport building. Ashley will be waiting for you outside of Costa Coffee which is directly opposite the exit from the departure lounge into the main airport building. For those travelling by car or other means Ashley will meet you at The Victoria Hotel in Bamburgh.

### ACCOMODATION AND FOOD

Situated in the village of Bamburgh The Victoria Hotel offers excellent hospitality all rooms are ensuite and everything is to an excellent standard. Breakfast and some evening meals will be taken at the hotel while there are two other excellent restaurants close by where we can eat, one of which is a superb fish restaurant.

During days out we have sort out locations for lunch and tea and coffee stops though you will require a packed lunch for the Farne Islands.

### HOLIDAY PRICING

The cost of the holiday is £1195.00 per person. Group size is a maximum of seven which ensures that Ashley can give you his full attention throughout the trip.

### THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Transport to and from Heathrow Airport  
Travel Insurance and personal equipment  
Meals apart from breakfast  
Alcohol and soft drinks  
Laundry and Gratuities  
Any other items not mentioned as included

### PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

The ability to respond to the ever changing Northumberland weather conditions will enhance your enjoyment of the trip. A waterproof jacket and fleece along with comfortable walking shoes are a must. A warm hat and gloves may come in useful. Casual clothing for the evenings at the hotel and other restaurants is fine



## PHOTOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT

Cameras – Camera equipment is very much a personal choice and is dependent on individual preference, budget, and experience. Whether you shoot with a full frame DSLR, consumer DSLR or a mirrorless system is unimportant. What is important is that you are familiar with your camera's settings and layout and can find the relevant settings in your menu. You will also need to understand how the various shooting modes effect our images. If you are in any doubt speak to us and I will send you some information to study.

**The information below is just a guide to help you get the most from your trip.**

### Camera Bag

Bring a camera bag that allows you to comfortably carry all your equipment. Backpacks distribute the weight between your shoulders and hips and make walking much easier than a bag with a single shoulder strap and are normally protected from the rain and light bangs!

### Tripod

The ideal tripod needs to be light enough to carry comfortably but to be sufficiently strong to withstand strong winds. When using a tripod photographers seem to spend more time on composition and allows the use of slow shutter speeds. There are a wide range of tripods available aluminium and the more expensive carbon fibre type which are lighter, but both do the same job. If unsure most Manfrotto models will do the job.

### Lenses

We are always asked, What lens should I bring? Our answer is all of them! We guarantee that the one you leave at home will be the one that you wish you had bought along! Obviously, you need to be able to carry them but a standard 18 -55 or 24 – 70 along with a telephoto zoom up to around 300 will be perfect.

### Filters

Not essential but please be careful as many cheap versions of filters can degrade your images. The most used filters are graduated neutral density filters used to reduce exposure in the sky during landscape photography. A polarising filter along with a neutral density filter may also be useful. If in doubt, contact us.

### Backup and Storage

Ensure that you have enough memory cards and a means of backing up your images either on a laptop or tablet.

A laptop will be extremely useful for viewing and editing images and letting the rest of the group see your wonderful works of art!

### Remote Release

Perfect for avoiding camera shake when the camera is mounted on a tripod. There are various types available both remote and cable. We find the cable version to be more reliable.

### Spare Batteries

Bring additional batteries just in case!



## **HOW TO BOOK**

We accept bookings online, by phone and post. Please read our Terms and Conditions and complete our booking form which will be sent to you. For telephone bookings we accept debit and credit cards with no surcharge. All transactions are via Worldpay and are totally secure. A 25% deposit is payable to secure your place with the remainder of your balance due 60 days prior to departure. If you prefer to pay by cheque or bank transfer, please let us know and an invoice will be emailed to you at the time of booking.

## **INSURANCE**

It is one of our booking conditions that you are insured against medical and personal accident risks. This must include cover for the activities to be undertaken during your holiday.

We strongly recommend that you are covered for cancellation, curtailment, and lost baggage.