

Nova Scotia Photo Workshop 2022

August 21-27 2022



Peggy's Cove Lighthouse

Highlight Photo Tours

My name is René Bastien, founder of Highlight Photo Tours. The concept for Highlight Photo Tours evolved from two of my passions, photography and travel planning. The focus of the company has been to introduce photographers to the beauty of my country, Canada. Partnering with world-renowned photographers with established teaching skills, we offer inspirational travel photography experiences for beginner and advanced photographers alike.

The Nova Scotia photo trek will be the third activity planned for 2022 (more details at <https://www.highlightphototours.com/>); we decided to revisit the province following a highly successful trek in 2019. This year, we will return to the popular locations of the previous trek, while offering new photography experiences too. The planned itinerary is below; please bear in mind that it may need to be modified depending on the weather or other factors. We hope you will be able to join us.

Highlights of the Nova Scotia 2022 workshop include the Halifax Citadel, the world-famous Peggy's Cove fishing village and lighthouse, the UNESCO World Heritage Site town of Lunenburg, a few Milky Way shoots, a few cruises, and much more! Come and join us to discover Nova Scotia, a part of Canada with dramatic history, spectacular vistas and sculpted by the sea. Reed and I are looking forward to meeting you in Halifax in August 2022.

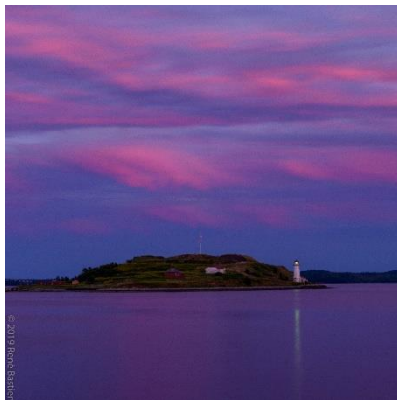
Our Mentor: Reed Hoffmann



The group will be led by renowned photography instructor Reed Hoffmann. His career has spanned more than four decades, the first two with jobs at newspapers in the Midwest, South and East. Reed began teaching in the '90s with a class on photojournalism at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Managing his paper's conversion to all-digital in 1997, he was then asked to speak at conferences around the country about that process. In 2000 Reed left his last newspaper and spent the next few years helping dozens of news and other organizations around the country convert to digital. Now based in Kansas City, he divides his time between assignments and teaching photography. His corporate clients have included USA Today, The New York Times, The Associated Press, Getty Images, NBC, Children's Mercy Hospital, EPA, Reuters, Nikon, Lexar, Lowepro, Best Buy, Blue Pixel, Eco-Challenge and Mark Burnett Productions. In 2002 he also began a sixteen-year career teaching The Nikon School of

Photography, creating and teaching the classes and managing the other instructors. Every year Reed leads many hands-on photography workshops, ranging from weekend outings in the U.S. to two-week trips abroad. These include the first workshop by Highlight Photo Tours, held in Quebec City in 2018. Reed has received several industry honors, being named a Nikon Legend Behind the Lens, a Lexar Pro Elite photographer and a Microsoft Icon of Imaging. More information can be found at <http://reedhoffmann.com/>.

Day 1, Sunday, August 21, 2022: Arrive in Halifax



Travellers are welcome to arrive at Halifax (airport code YHZ) at their leisure during the day. Reed and I will take the group out for a get-acquainted dinner, so please try and reach the hotel by 17:00. We will walk on the Halifax Harbourfront at sunset, capturing the waning evening light and photograph the Georges Island lighthouse.

Hotel

The Prince George Hotel

Georges Island Lighthouse, Halifax

Day 2, Monday, August 22: Halifax

We will spend the day discovering the history and beauty of Halifax. Halifax was named one of the Top 10 Global DESTINATIONS ON THE RISE in TripAdvisor's 2018 Travelers' Choice Awards. For a city with more pubs and clubs per capita than almost any city in Canada, it's fitting that the most famous brew master was also the mayor. Three times. Alexander Keith's original 1820 brewery continues to welcome visitors with costumed guides, stories and, of course, good ale.



The morning's destinations are all within walking distance from the hotel. The plan is to walk to the following destinations.

- Halifax Citadel.
- Halifax Public Gardens; lunch at the Conservatory

Halifax Citadel

We will leave in the early afternoon for the South Shore, with Peggy's Cove as our destination.

- Stop in Indian Harbour.
- Weather permitting, we will take a cruise around Pearl Island, to see puffins and other sea birds, as well as the island's lighthouse.
- We will return to Peggy's Cove, photograph the fishing village and the world-famous lighthouse. Weather permitting, we will stay for a night shoot of the Milky Way, with the lighthouse in the foreground. Dinner at the lighthouse restaurant, Sou'Western Gift and Restaurant.

Stay at the Prince George Hotel.

Day 3, Tuesday August 23-to Lunenburg



We will leave Halifax and make our way down the South Shore towards Lunenburg with scenic stops en route. Lunenburg is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, National Historic District, winner of the Communities in Bloom most beautiful small town in Canada, Prettiest Painted Places in Canada, Port City of the Year and Society of American Travel Writers' awards. Picturesque Lunenburg lies nestled along the scenic shores of southern Nova Scotia.

Lunenburg Harbour

- Stop at Coveside Stables, visit the stables and hopefully see a riding competition.
- Mahone Bay. Photo op of the three churches across Mahone Bay. Stop in the village, grab a bite and ice cream, walk around.
- Stop at Tipping Point Distillery, a small distillery with an amazing copper still.
- Drive to Blue Rocks, a quaint fishing village typical of the South Shore.
- Make our way to Lunenburg.
- Visit the Bluenose II, if she is in harbour. Built in 1963, Bluenose II is an exact replica of the famed schooner Bluenose, which became a national icon when she raced undefeated for the

International Fishermen's Cup. Her namesake remains a symbol of the Grand Banks fishery, shipbuilding excellence and the seafaring history of Nova Scotia.

- Dinner in Lunenburg; walk around the town.
- First photo review with Reed. Review sessions are optional. They are done on your own device. Maximum of 10 photos to be reviewed. This is one of the best ways of learning a few tips from a pro!

Stay at the Best Western Plus Bridgewater Hotel & Convention Centre.

Day 4, Wednesday August 24-to Yarmouth



Historical Acadian Village-Uncredited

- Q&A session on the bus with Reed
- Historical Acadian Village. The Acadians (French: Acadiens) are the descendants of 17th and 18th century French settlers in parts of Acadia (French: Acadie) in the northeastern region of North America, including Nova Scotia. We will learn about their history, their traditions, and their deportation. The term 'Cajun' is derived from Acadian, as many deported Acadians settled in Louisiana.
- Stop at the Argyle Township courthouse on the way, a historical site of great beauty.
- Wedgeport Tuna Wharf. The Wedgeport Tuna Tournament & Festival is an annual event that takes place near the end of August. Presently, most of the participating boats sail 12 hours from the wharf to a place called the "Hell Hole", it is located south of Brown's Bank and northeast of George's Bank.
- Architecture photo in Yarmouth's historic district. Yarmouth is located on the outermost edge of Nova Scotia's southwest shore. Yarmouth was settled in 1761 when colonists from New England first made their homes here. During its golden age of sail, Yarmouth was the most active shipping center on Earth in terms of its population. Much of the wealth from these affluent times still lives on in the incredible architecture lining the Town's streets. Due largely to the fact that Yarmouth has never suffered a major fire, Yarmouth has an amazing range of buildings reflecting the unique styles and characters of centuries past.
- Optional late afternoon/early evening photo review with Reed
- Night shoot at the Cape Forchu Lighthouse. It is a modern lighthouse, which is properly oriented to provide a strong foreground for Milky Way shoots.

Stay at the Tru by Hilton Yarmouth.

Day 5, Thursday August 25- to Digby



Balancing Rock-Uncredited

We will sleep in a bit to recover from the night shoot and make our way towards the Bay of Fundy. The Bay of Fundy is one of the 7 wonders of North America. The highest tides on earth, the rarest whales in the world, semi-precious minerals and dinosaur fossils; all this convinced an international panel of experts in 2014 to choose the Bay of Fundy as one of the natural wonders of the world. We will spend the better part of the next 2 days exploring some of the Bay's wonders.

- Sandford Draw Bridge, the world's smallest draw bridge set in a quaint fishing village.
- Stop at Balancing Rock; a pillar of 20 tonnes of volcanic rock balanced precariously on a ledge above the waves of St. Mary's Bay.
- Brier Island lighthouse
- Brier Island – Mariners Cruise whale watching cruise. The waters off Brier Island and the Bay of Fundy are the summer feeding ground, nursery and play area for dozens of marine species. Strong tidal currents bring nutrients close to the surface, increasing the productivity of plankton. The plankton attracts large schools of herring and mackerel, which in turn provide food for whales, dolphins, seabirds and a colony of seals.
- Optional photo review with Reed after dinner

Stay in Digby at the Admiral Digby Inn & Cottages.

Day 6, Friday August 26-back to Halifax

We will make our way back to Halifax, stopping on the way to experience the Bay of Fundy's tides firsthand.



Halls Harbour Low Tide-uncredited

- Q&A session on the bus with Reed
- Stop at Halls Harbour. See the tide move in or out (at least 30 feet high).
- Weather permitting; Halls Harbour cave and waterfall (low tide only, walk)
- Lunch at the famous Halls Harbour Lobster Pound.



Dartmouth Mural

- Stop by Bad Chad's garage; maybe we can see him at work! Bad Chad is the star of Bad Chad's Customs on the Discovery Channel.
- Stop by a guitar shop to shoot an artisan building or repairing an instrument.
- Stop at the Dartmouth Cove Murals.
- Farewell dinner in Halifax.

Hotel

The Prince George Hotel

Day 7, Saturday August 27-End of Workshop



Fisherman's Wharf

- Sunrise shoot at Fisherman's Wharf, a typical fishing village located in the city of Halifax. It will be at your discretion and is included.
- Return to the hotel. Breakfast.

You can leave at your convenience. We will schedule rides to the airport in groups depending on the flight times.

Charter Bus

Provided by Coach Atlantic. 24 passenger bus with AC.

Things to Know

For the most part, this trip will involve light intensity exertion; we will be navigating relatively flat terrain and the walks are short. The rocky shore at Peggy's Cove and the shoreline may be slippery, especially if it is wet. Not an issue as long as you remain prudent!

We recommend that you bring a flashlight for the night shoots.

Typical weather in Nova Scotia in August is sunny, with a moderate chance of precipitation. The average high is 22C (72F), and the average low is 14C (47F). It will likely be breezy as well. I recommend bringing additional layers for those times when it might get chilly. You will also need rain gear, such as a poncho or a water-resistant rain jacket. Quick-dry trekking shoes or boots might also come in handy. A hat and sunscreen would complement your attire.

Tap water is fine to drink, as in most of North America. Wall power outlets are the same in Canada as in the USA. Cell coverage is good, but it tends to drop outside of main roads. Our hotels have free wifi.

Nova Scotia is in the Atlantic time zone (ADT), so UTC -3.

You can pay with Visa and MasterCard at most stores and restaurants; however, make sure you have some Canadian currency with you, as some of the shops outside of the major centers may only accept cash. You can exchange funds at the airport, or in Halifax at any bank.

Note that all participants must be fully vaccinated (2 vaccines, J&J vaccine 1 shot) against COVID-19. We will strictly adhere to current health recommendations during the workshop.

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Pricing

- All prices are in US\$. Please inquire if you would like to pay using a different currency.
- Price is US\$3,975, taxes included. Single occupancy: add US\$600.
- Payment through PayPal.
- Deposit of US\$1,000 required to reserve your seat.
- The deposit is fully refundable until 90 days before the start of the workshop.
- Full payment is required 90 days before departure; payment is non-refundable.
- Minimum of 4 attendees required for the trek to be confirmed.
- Maximum 10 attendees.

Reservations

To reserve seats, please send an email at highlightphototours@gmail.com. You will be invoiced through PayPal.

Included

- Accommodations as listed above, double occupancy.
- All guide and photo instructor services
- Photo reviews and critiques from your mentor
- All in-country transportation with the group, from Day 2
- Park or other entrance fees
- Water and in-field snacks while in the vehicle
- Note that Reed and I will buy carbon offsets for our flights and for the bus. We strongly encourage you to do the same.

Excluded

- Flights to/from Halifax (YHZ), Canada.
- Transit to the hotel from the airport.
- Visas if required.
- All meals and beverages, including alcoholic beverages.
- Participants are expected to purchase travel insurance that will cover their costs if it becomes necessary to cancel after final payment, or to be repatriated for medical or other reasons.
- Additional/optional excursions not listed in the itinerary.
- Gratuities