



YOUR LIFE ALTERING CAREER CHOICE

Wildlife Photography course - Manus van Dyk 7 Days

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THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM NATURE ARE MANY - THE IMPORTANCE OF A BEETLE

Specialist Photography

The Photography Workshop aims to reveal more of the thought processes behind the making of good wildlife photographs and at the same time gives photographers time and opportunity to put these thoughts into action in the field under the guidance of an experienced photographer.

We start the course with a discussion on the equipment needed to become a versatile nature photographer and then we go on to discuss the various elements that combine to make up a good nature photograph.

The basic elements covered in lectures and demonstrations include:

- Equipment
- Lighting
- Backgrounds
- Depth of field
- Exposure
- Composition
- Impact
- Shape and form
- Highlights
- Story telling
- Action
- Sequences

Important to bring:

Camera Equipment

- Your camera and lenses (and any other camera accessories you may wish to use)
- Camera instruction manual
- Film for film cameras
- Flash if you have one
- Good sturdy tripod
- Beanbag
- Card reader for your digital camera

It is not necessary to have big telephoto lenses and fancy equipment. Please bring whatever equipment you own and the instructor will structure the workshop around the type of equipment you have.

About Manus van Dyk



Manus van Dyk is a leading wildlife photographer for the past 10 years, living in Nelspruit, South Africa. Over and above contributing to several Stock Image Libraries throughout the world he is one of South Africa's leading photographic instructors in wildlife photography. He also runs photographic courses in the Sabi Sands as well as in Nelspruit for all types of SLR cameras (Canon, Nikon, Pentax and Sony). Manus started his working life as a teacher and then moved to industry as a mechanical engineer. In 1997 he returned to South Africa as a full time wildlife photographer. His photographs have been published in numerous publications and advertising campaigns around the world. Manus wrote two books and online photographic courses for Canon and Nikon.

Daily Programme

A typical daily programme at the camp follows a routine of **rising early, usually before sunrise**, enjoying hot coffee and biscuits while you listen to the bush waking up and then leaving the camp for the morning drive and photography session in the wilderness. You will get back to the camp at about 11am, ready for a hearty brunch. After breakfast, Lex will present a lecture on the topic of the day. Thereafter you will be free to have an afternoon siesta; practice your newly learnt knowledge and techniques or simply relax and absorb the nature around you. At about 3pm, afternoon tea and eats are served before you head out on the afternoon drive for another photo workshop session in the wilderness. After dinner, there will be time around the camp fire for informal discussions on the day's photographic events.

Meals

- Wake-up to tea/coffee with biscuits and fresh fruit
- Enjoy a cooked breakfast, with cereals and fruit for brunch
- In the afternoon indulge with a few light snacks
- A balanced, warm plated meal finishes off the day for dinner

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Course Rates

Please contact enquiries@ecotraining.co.za for more information.

Rate includes:

- Specialist: Lex Hes
- Lectures
- Game drives
- Walks
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Tea, coffee and cordials

√ Further details on request or registration.



Course location—Karongwe Camp

Our Karongwe Camp is situated on the banks of the Karongwe River in the 9 000 hectare (22 239 acre) Karongwe Game Reserve, to the south-west of the Kruger National Park. Accommodation is in walk-in safari style tents with shared bathroom facilities. Karongwe is a good place for viewing leopard, lion and cheetah as well as elephant and white rhino.

As the camp itself is unfenced, we often have four-legged guests in the camp. Hyena make nightly patrols of the camp and are often seen by learners who choose to make one of the viewing decks their home for the duration of the course. Elephant, cheetah and lion have also made appearances on occasion.

