CLARENS

AUTUMN COLOURS WORKSHOP

8TH - 11TH APRIL 2021

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Thank you for your interest in our Clarens Autumn Colours Workshop. Below you will find a brief overview of what the workshop has to offer. If you have any questions or wish to make a booking please email us on kjphototours@gmail.com.

Magic in Autumn! There are few places in South Africa that burst into Autumn colour as beautifully as Clarens and the Eastern Free State do. Yellows, reds, golds and browns, an absolute wonderland for every landscape photographer.

Program

This four day workshop combines a series of excursions to Clarens and Golden Gate National Park, whilst based on the diverse and beautiful De Molen farm that is centrally located between these two points of interest. The farm provides opportunity for solo exploration, as well continuous assistance and advice from both professional landscape photographers, Jon Kerrin and Kyle Goetsch. Sunrise, sunsets, midday photography; this location has it all. And its prime position allows for freedom of movement for you to capture exactly what you want.
During the course of this workshop there will be talks presented by Jon & Kyle, as well as hands-on editing assistance.

Accommodation

Venues can't get more centrally located than this one!
Positioned exactly half way between Clarens and Golden Gate National Park, De Molen has it all, with its sandstone cliff faces, rolling hills, dams, rivers, waterfalls; and that's just on the farm. Venture minutes outside the farm and you reach the iconic Golden Gate valley that illuminates in beautiful golden tones at sunrise and sunset.
De Molen farm formed part of the set for the recent blockbuster hit 'Black Panther' for its stunning beauty and prized herd of Nguni cattle.
Accommodation includes a variety of options for couples or individual photographers
All meals are prepared and included. No one leaves hungry.

Experience

Photography, good food, good wine and great company at the magnificent changing of the season. This is an experience not be missed! You will need to be comfortable shooting in manual mode with your DSLR or mirrorless camera and a tripod is a must for this workshop.

Photography

This workshop has it all, from wide open vistas to wildlife, to the intricate detail in the autumn leaves and frigid icy grass.
So bring your wide angle, telephoto and macro lenses.

KYLE GOETSCH

Kyle Goetsch comes from an academic background where he studied a PhD in biochemistry and later worked at the University of Cape Town's Cardiovascular Research Unit. It was during this time that Kyle explored his passion for photography.

After several years of expanding his photography skill set, he took the plunge, following his passion into full-time landscape photography. Kyle is NiSi filters ambassador for South Africa and lives in Cape Town with his wonderful wife, Rachel.

Since then Kyle has developed a number of workshops and tours throughout Southern Africa where he shares his passion with others, teaching them the skills he has learnt from his own photographic journey.

Kyle Goetsch
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JON KERRIN

I am a landscape, nature and outdoor photographer living in Cape Town, South Africa.

Growing up I was fortunate to have family who loved exploring the great outdoors. My father would take us every holiday somewhere adventurous, whether it was camping in the African bush, or hiking in the Drakensberg mountains. And it was in these beautiful moments that I first learnt my love of nature and the outdoors.

My love and appreciation of nature has always been connected with my belief that something greater than ourselves created this earth. And so the name 'Where The Light Is' draws not only from my passion as photographer for chasing the best light, but also my constant journey and pursuit in finding truth and meaning in life.

Where The Light Is
photography by Jon Kerrin

ACCOMODATION

De Molen Farm is situated in the Rooiberge Mountains between Clarens and the Golden Gate National Park, just a few hundred metres off the tar road. The farm is nestled in 360 degree panoramic mountain views and was established in 1872 and holds a 3 star rating from the South African Tourism Grading Council.

This working farm has a homely cottage atmosphere with open fireplaces and electric blankets for chilly evenings. It is fully furnished and equipped (including linen and towels) and serviced daily, so all your focus can be on capturing the stunning surrounding landscapes.

The farm has several dams with picturesque willows and mountain backdrops, with over 7km of the Little Caledon River to explore. A herd of tame Nguni cattle also calls this farm home and are often spotted coming down the mountains in the early morning light. We have selected this farm due to its ideal location near Clarens and the Autumn season known for its stunning yellow, red and oranges colours. We will also explore the surrounding areas including Golden Gate national park.

We have booked 3 separate cottages, as well as the communal kitchen and spacious living area with views of the surrounding country side. The cottages are fully serviced and based on a first come first served basis for room allotment. For this workshop sharing of a room with another photographer of the same sex will be required (for example: two single beds in a large room). If you require your own room please make this known when booking and we try our best to accommodate everyone accordingly.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Camera Gear

Any DSLR or mirrorless camera that can shoot on manual mode. If you are uncertain please send us an email and we will advise you accordingly. A tripod is a must for these type of landscapes, especially for sunrise and sunset. For this workshop a wide variety of lenses can be used, a wide angle is preferable for shooting the stunning landscapes and colourful tree lines, but telephoto and macro lenses can also be used well in these settings. ND and graduated ND filters can be used to great effect on this workshop. These will be ideal for cloud and water motion. We will have NiSi filter kits with us to try, so let us know if you wish to try some filters during the workshop.

What to Bring

We will be staying on a working sheep farm. It can get quite cold at night and warm in the day so pack accordingly. Also pack a rain jacket just incase. Insect repellent is recommended. We will be doing a lot of walking on the farm to get to the best locations, so please bring a hat, sunglasses, good hiking or walking shoes on this trip. A headlamp is also recommended, as we will be leaving in the dark to get to locations before sunrise and returning in the dark after sunset.

If you need assistance with your editing then please bring your laptop with you.

MEALS

"FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!…." is what you will be singing during this workshop.

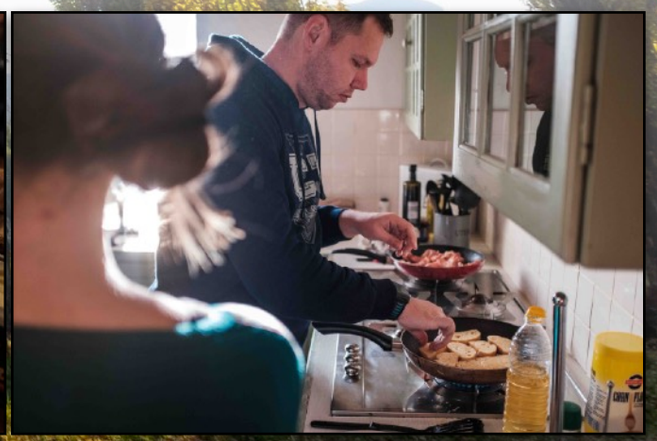
We will prepare two large meals during the day. A big brunch style breakfast will be served after the morning photography session. These brunches usually include big fry ups with eggs, bacon, sausages, mushrooms, tomatoes, breads, jams, yoghurt, fruit, french toast or pancakes. If anyone is still hungry after this big meal there is usually leftovers from the previous nights dinner, so don't worry you won't go hungry.

Dinners usually range from home-made Guinness and beef pie, or an amazing pasta bake on those cold nights, or a braai with marinated chicken, rump steak, mushroom sauce, garlic bread, mash potatoes and an amazing salad. This is just a sample of amazing meals we have prepared before. We constantly try to add new dishes to our menus and know you will enjoy the food. Oh and don't forget pudding, there is always pudding.

During the day there will be fresh fruit, snacks of various kinds and tea and coffee available. If you wish to have something alcoholic, such as some wine with your dinner, you are encouraged to bring your own alcoholic drinks with you.

We are able to cater for vegetarians if we are informed when you make your reservation. If you have any other dietary requirements please make this known to us and we will try accommodate you. If you only prefer using certain ingredients such as almond milk for your coffee we suggest bringing your own.

If you have an allergy (e.g. nut or dairy) **PLEASE LET US KNOW BEFORE** so we are aware and know how to assist you. Also if there are certain cooking requirements we need to be aware of this should be brought to our attention when booking. An example of this would be religious reasons whereby a Muslim may not have their meat cooked with non-Halaal meat.



DAILY PROGRAM

This is a basic flow of our daily activities to give you an idea of how the workshop will run.
Locations for sunrise and sunset photography sessions will be confirmed on the first day at the welcome and will be subject to the weather. We will try our best to accommodate everyones photography requests, so please let us know before hand if there is any particular type of photograph you are trying to achieve during the trip.

Day 1 (8th April):

16:00.....Arrival at De Molen Farm

17:00.....Welcome and farm exploration

19:00.....Dinner

Day 2 (9th April):

05:00.....Coffee/tea

05:30.....Sunrise photo session

09:00.....Breakfast

10:30.....Free time/Explore farm

12:30.....Light Lunch

14:00.....Presentation/Editing

17:00.....Sunset photo session

19:00.....Dinner

Day 3 (10th April):

05:00.....Coffee/tea

05:30.....Sunrise photo session

09:00.....Breakfast

10:30.....Free time/Explore farm

12:30.....Light Lunch

14:00.....Presentation/Editing

17:00.....Sunset photo session

19:00.....Dinner

Day 4 (11th April):

05:00.....Sunrise photo session

09:00.....Breakfast

10:30.....Departure

MAKE A RESERVATION

Join us on this amazing photographic adventure as we explore the Autumn colours of the Highveld. To reserve you spot is easy, please send us an email at kjphototours@gmail.com and request a booking for the Autumn Colours 2020 Workshop. We will then send you an invoice and an indemnity form for you to sign.

The Autumn Colours Workshop costs: R8900 per person

and includes your accommodation (based on first come, first served system, but we try our best to accommodate everyone), all meals during the workshop, hands-on practical photographic assistance from professional photographers, Jon Kerrin and Kyle Goetsch, as well as presentations on landscape photography and photographic editing assistance.

A 50% deposit is required to book your place. The balance is required 30 days prior to the workshop commencing.

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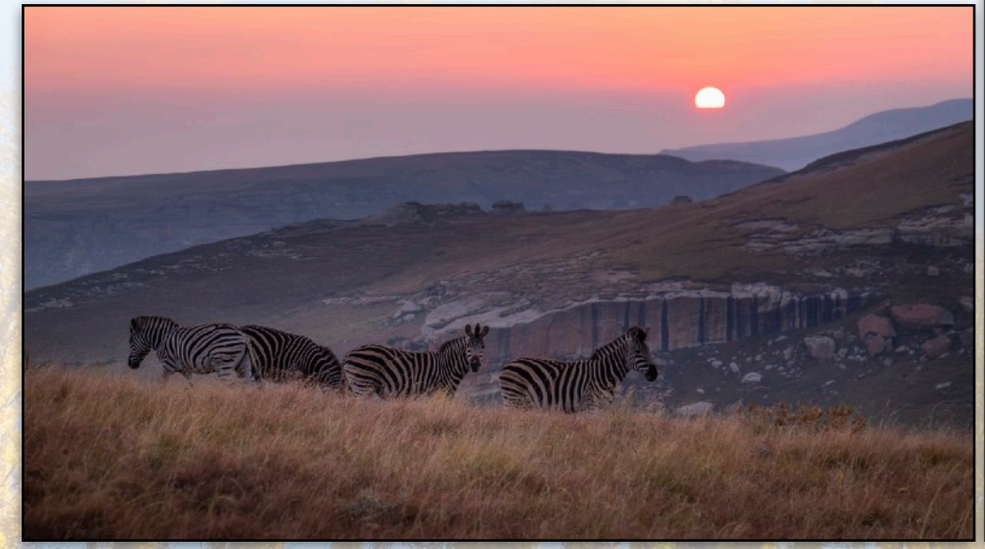

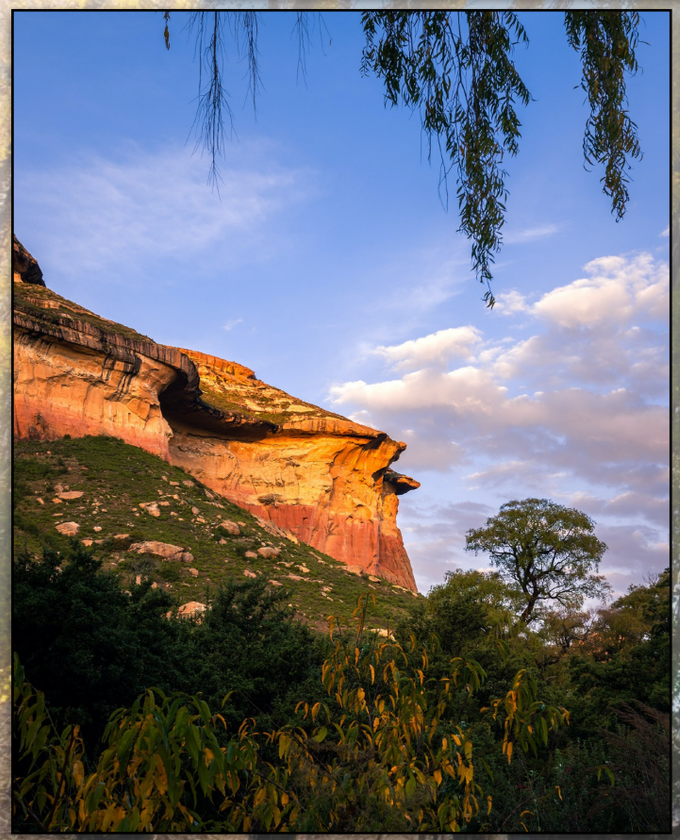

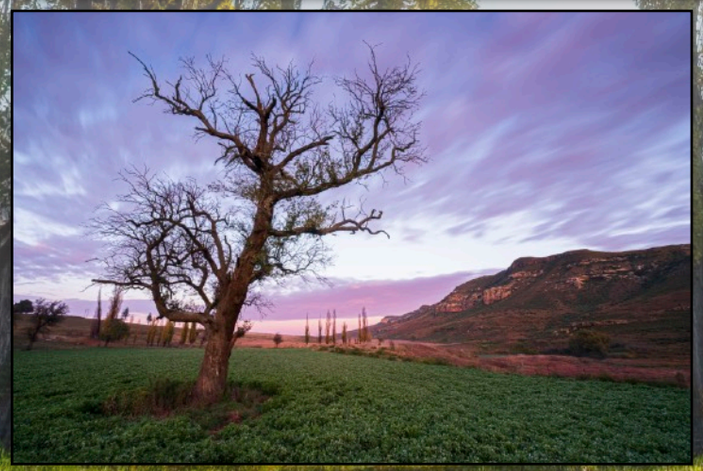

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DIRECTIONS

GPS Coordinates :

28° 31"24.07'S 28°

29"57.11'E

From Gauteng: N3 to Villiers, continue on the R26 through Frankfort, Tweeling, Reitz and Bethlehem. 5 km beyond Bethlehem (along the N5 to Harrismith) turn right onto the R712 to Clarens.

From Kwa Zulu Natal: N3 to Harrismith, Phuthaditjaba & Golden Gate. Then De Molen Farm is on the right hand side of the road.

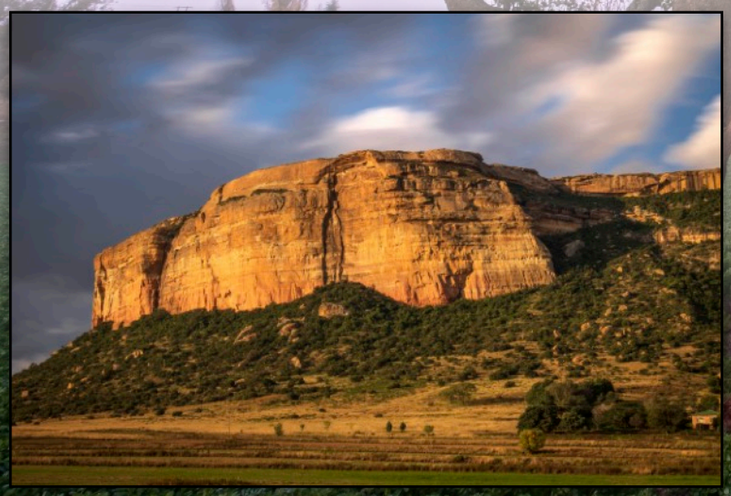
From Bloemfontein: N1 to Winburg, N5 to Bethlehem, turn right onto the R712 to Clarens. There is an attractive alternative mountain route through Ladybrand.

DISCLAIMER

Ideal weather conditions cannot be guaranteed. A date has been set within a seasonally favourable weather period with the best chance of achieving the desired imagery during the workshop, but cloudless nights and good sunrises/sunsets cannot be ensured.

Jon Kerrin and Kyle Goetsch will not be held liable for personal injury, damages or loss of property incurred for the duration of this photography workshop. Physical health is the sole responsibility of the participant.

We take safety seriously on these workshops and will always decide on safety first over capturing a photo. You are here to relax and enjoy the stunning surrounds with peace of mind and we try our best to offer that throughout the workshop.

Please feel free to ask us any questions regarding the terrain or areas we will be visiting, but the majority of the locations will require some walking (500m to 1.5km) on easy tracks or trails.

A detailed indemnity form will be sent to you once you have made a reservation for the workshop.