



EXPEDITION / WORKSHOP: Yosemite & Sequoia National Parks

TIME/DATE: November 16th - 23rd, 2019, Saturday to Saturday, 7 nights. Expedition begins and ends in Fresno, CA. Meet and briefing 6pm Saturday November 16th 2019 at Best Western Fresno Airport Hotel. Return to airport by mid/late morning (or time to suit the group) of Saturday November 23rd.

REGISTRATION: By email with Julian Charles info@juliancharles.org 5 places available only. This photography expedition/workshop is in partnership with the Foothills Arts Council, Elkin, NC.

PRICE: \$2500

PRICE INCLUDES: Lodging, transport during the expedition, park fees, photography instruction & location guiding. Participants responsible for flights & meals. Breakfast included on Sunday 11/17.

TRAVEL: Nearest airport, Fresno Yosemite International. Travel during expedition by premium large SUV.

DESCRIPTION: Exploring the Yosemite Valley and Sequoia National Parks 'in the footsteps of Ansel Adams'. Possible trip to Kings Canyon if time / weather conditions / road conditions allow.

PHOTOGRAPHY SUBJECTS: Capturing the grandeur of the majestic scenery within the national parks. Mountains, waterfalls, vistas, wildlife, sunrise & sunsets, night sky (weather dependent).

GROUP HIKING: This expedition involves spending time as a group - a team spirit is required! Unless otherwise stated, photographic expeditions involve light hiking of up to a mile or two, on gradual ascents & descents, on formed trails, with occasional forays off-trail.

SCHEDULE: Photography schedule is optimized to offer students prime locations in the best light. Optional workshops usually begin at an early hours in time to catch the sunrise (weather dependent), followed by a break for breakfast. We spend most of our day outdoors and may not return to our lodging base until end of day. Where possible, we build in some 'down time', usually in the afternoon, before being on location for sunset. Night sky photography may be available if conditions allow. Schedule may change without prior notice.

BRIEFINGS: Initial briefing during September 2019 to suit group members. Then orientation meeting on location in Fresno, CA, 6pm 11/16.

SUNRISE / SUNSET TIMES: 6:40 am / 4:45 pm

AVERAGE HIGH / LOW TEMPS: 57 / 32 degrees Fahrenheit

LODGING: Shared rooms with 2 beds as follows:

11/16 - [Best Western Plus Fresno Airport Hotel](#). 1551 N Peach Ave, Fresno, CA 93727. Free shuttle from airport.

11/17, 18, 19 - [Yosemite Valley Lodge](#). Situated within the National Park and within view of Yosemite Falls.

11/20, 21, 22 - 4 bedroom, riverside, private house, situated a short distance from the gateway to Sequoia National Park in Three Rivers, CA.



CELLPHONE RECEPTION / WiFi: Cellphone dependent on location, wi-fi & landlines at each base.

LINENS: Provided

MEALS: Participants responsible for all meals, snacks & refreshments. Breakfast included on Sunday 11/17. Plenty of options available nearby. We'll pick up a few supplies on our way to the private house 11/20.

SKILL LEVEL: Open to all levels. Most of our photographers are highly experienced and consider our expeditions / workshops a 'master class'. However, it's our experience that as the beginner can learn from an advanced photographer, so can the advanced photographer learn equally from the beginner. The world of photography is split into 'two minds'. The first mind is the essential skills of using a camera - the science of light and how to best capture it. The second is the artists eye - awareness, observation and creativity.

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST: Red = mandatory

Outdoor Gear	Camera Gear	Extras
rain/windproof jacket and pants	DSLR camera + lens	bug-spray
fleece jacket	batteries, memory cards, charger	suncream
wicking base layers (no cotton)	tripod	toiletries
sturdy hiking boots & good socks	selection of lenses	change of clothing
warm hat & gloves	filters: circular polariser, ND filters	notebook & pen
sunhat / warm hat	shutter release cable	
water bottle	flash, remote triggers	
headlamp with red light	small reflector	
personal medications	lens cleaning kit	
small backpack		



SEASONAL NOTES:

This expedition is intentionally placed in the quiet off- season, to avoid the crowds and higher pricing associated with busy tourist season. Some locations and access to them may be closed. The weather in the mountains is always unpredictable - please bring suitable clothing for both warm sunny days and cooler inclement days. Snow is possible, especially at higher elevations.

OUR AGREEMENT:

We practice a 'leave no trace' attitude on all expeditions. When in the outdoors we agree to quiet time from cellphones and other mobile communication technology. We also agree not to share exact wilderness locations on social media. Sharing exact locations generally leads to increased human traffic in fragile environments. Partners, friends and family of photographers are welcome to register for this expedition - however please be aware that this expedition is designed by a photographer, for photographers. Our schedule is exclusively geared in favor of photographic location and opportunity. Non-photographers are welcome to join any or all of the photography workshops and locations, or take care of their own activities.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:

In the event of cancellation by Julian Charles Photography, students will still receive a full refund. However, we cannot apply credits or refunds in other cases. Students are advised to have travel insurance that covers them for cancellation and reimbursement. Many of our students have an annual policy. Travel insurance should also cover search and rescue while hiking in wilderness areas.

AGREEMENT & WAIVER:

Please print and sign the below waiver and bring with you to our first briefing.



AGREEMENT & WAIVER

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- Julian Charles will take every care to ensure the safety of students on expedition. However, by going into backcountry, students accept to take all necessary care and responsibility for their actions, and understand that outdoor adventure will always offer an inherent degree of personal risk.
- I, the undersigned, agree to adopt a 'leave no trace' attitude while on this expedition.
- I, the undersigned, agree to silence my cellphone and other audible electronic devices during photography sessions during the expedition.
- I, the undersigned agree not to divulge exact wilderness locations on social media while on expedition.
- I, the undersigned, waive and release myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, and assume the risk of physical or mental injury, or death by participating in the above program, and waive all rights and claims for damages, demands and any other actions whatsoever, which I may have against Julian Charles Photography & Expeditions, all participating sponsors and supporters of those entities, successors, representatives, and assigns, arising out of my participation in this program.
- I, the undersigned, certify that I am in proper physical & mental condition to participate in this expedition.

PRINTED NAME:

DATE:

SIGNATURE: