



# FOTOCOURSES BROCHURE 2019

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WELCOME TO OUR  
BROCHURE WHICH GIVES  
YOU IN DEPTH KNOWLEDGE  
OF ALL OUR  
PHOTOGRAPHY COURSES  
FOR 2019.

BROWSE THROUGH THE  
HEADINGS TO SEE  
INFORMATION ON PLACES  
VISITED DURING YOUR STAY  
AND THE TYPE OF  
INFORMATION COVERED  
TOGETHER WITH ARTICLES  
PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS  
ABOUT US. YOU WILL ALSO  
SEE SOME IMAGES WHICH  
WERE ALL TAKEN ON OUR  
COURSES.







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DORSET



WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING OUR DORSET COURSES SINCE 1995 AND WE HAVE AN EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE BEST PLACES TO VISIT DURING YOUR STAY. WE HAVE CHOSEN A SUPERB HOTEL WHICH OFFERS GREAT FACILITIES.

Your 3 day course includes:

- Ensuite accommodation with breakfast and 3 course evening meal at the Springfield Country Hotel near Wareham in the heart of the Isle of Purbeck.
- Extensive Course Notes on all topics including camera technique and photoshop
- Transportation during the course including pick up / drop off at the local station if required.
- Practical hands on tuition at stunning locations in the local area by a professional photographer.
- Guided tours of the best photographic spots in the area to coincide with the best times to maximise the light.
- Sunset or night time shoot depending on weather conditions.







## COURSE CONTENT

During the 3 days we will cover the following topics:

Camera settings - getting the most out of your camera and move away from auto.

Understanding depth of field and creative use of aperture.

Adjusting Shutter speed and ISO.

Creative use of focal length.

Interpreting histograms and adjusting exposure.

Composition techniques

Using Filters. Filters to buy.

Long time exposures and night time shooting.

Shooting Wildlife.

Understanding Flash.

These techniques are taught in such a way that there really is something for everybody. Groups are kept small to give you plenty of 1-2-1 tuition so they are ideal for all levels.





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# PLACES VISITED DURING YOUR STAY

Corfe Castle

Lulworth Cove,

Durdle Door.

Kimmeridge

Wareham

Old Harry Rocks

Portland Bill

Weymouth Harbour.

Plus sessions on photoshop and night time shooting.





# ITINERARY

## Day 1

Arrive 12.30 at Hotel.

Introductions

Afternoon

Corfe Castle

Camera Settings

Understanding Aperture

Coffee

Introduction to night time photography

Return Hotel

## Day 2

Morning

Portland Bill

Composition Basics

Coffee

Portland Hotel View

Creative use of Focal Length

Lunch At Weymouth

Afternoon Weymouth Harbour

Durdle Door

Return to Hotel

Evening Meal

Night time / sunset shoot.

## Day 3

Morning

Old Harry - using Filters

Coffee

Arne - Wildlife

Lunch

Afternoon

Effective Photoshop.

Course finishes at 4.00 pm

"I learnt more in 3 days than I had during 40 years. You taught me to see things differently"



# THE SPRINGFIELD COUNTRY HOTEL

The Springfield Country Hotel has combined the atmosphere of a country house with all the facilities of a modern hotel. The comfort of all 67 bedrooms are all you would expect from a country house hotel, some with balconies and views of our beautifully landscaped gardens. The Hotel is privately owned and run by the family, with a professional management team, They provide the highest standards expected by a discerning clientele.

They also boast a Leisure Club with a well equipped gym and heated indoor swimming pool. Course participants will have full use of the facilities which include indoor and outdoor pools, two saunas, beauty rooms, steam room and jacuzzi, tennis, squash, racketball, recently refitted gym, snooker tables, access to a fishing lake nearby and discounted golf at the Dorset Golf & Country Club.





The hotel has free Wi-Fi access and ample car parking.

Why not bring your partner to relax and use the hotel facilities while you enjoy your photography course. Non course participants can stay at very reasonable rates half board in a double or twin room.

All individual course participants will have their own ensuite room with no single supplement.

"Thank you for an excellent course. It was exactly what I was seeking - an opportunity to take some good photographs in lovely and dramatic settings with someone close at hand to give expert advice, criticism and guidance".



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# NEW FOREST





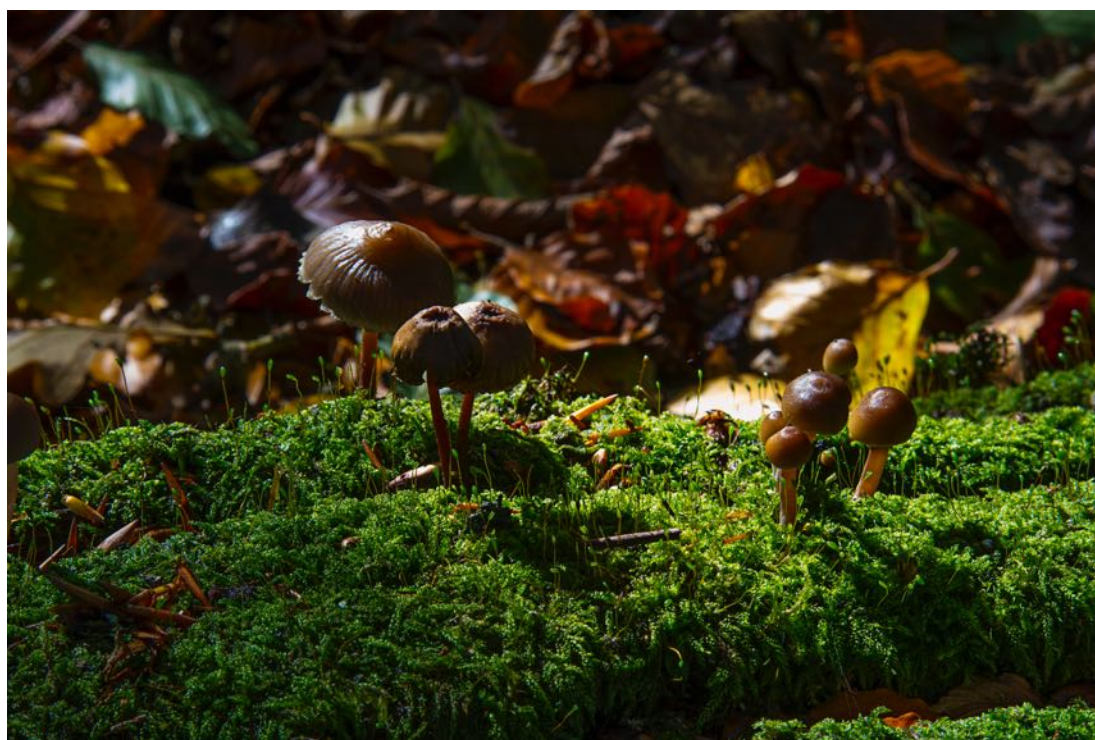
**THERE REALLY IS NO BETTER TIME TO VISIT  
THE NEW FOREST THAN THE AUTUMN.  
SPECTACULAR COLOURS AND GREAT  
CLOSE UP OPPORTUNITIES**

Your 3 day course includes:

- Ensuite accommodation with breakfast and 3 course evening meal at the Beaulieu Hotel near Lyndhurst in the heart of the New Forest.
- Extensive Course Notes on all topics including camera technique and photoshop.
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## Day 1

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Introductions

Afternoon

Denny Wood

Camera Settings

Understanding Aperture

Coffee

Rhinefield

Close ups.

Return Hotel

## Day 2

Morning

Calshot Spit

Composition Basics

Coffee

Lyndhurst

Creative use of Focal Length

Lunch At Lyndhurst

Bolderwood

Mudeford

Night time / sunset shoot.



Return to Hotel

## Day 3

Morning

Salisbury Cathedral - using Filters

Coffee

Salisbury

Lunch

Afternoon

Effective Photoshop.

Course finishes at 4.00 pm



# THE BEAULIEU HOTEL

Set in the middle of vast, open heathland is the 3 star Beaulieu Hotel. This pretty hotel, a former coaching inn, is on the outskirts of the village of Beaulieu. This is the perfect hotel to experience the quiet beauty of the New Forest. The hotel has a heated indoor swimming pool and small steam room.

The hotel has free Wi-Fi access and ample car parking.

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# JERSEY







## COURSE ITINERARY

JERSEY IN MAY - A  
STUNNING TIME TO VISIT  
THIS BEAUTIFUL ISLAND.

JOIN OUR PHOTOGRAPHIC  
TOUR TO SEE GUIDED  
LOCATIONS AROUND THE  
ISLAND.

Our 4 day course includes:

- Ensuite accommodation with breakfast at the Highlands Hotel near Corbiere lighthouse on the west of the island.
- Return Condor ferry from Poole or Weymouth. A reduction can be made if you wish to make your own travel arrangements.
- Extensive Course Notes on all topics including camera technique and photoshop.
- Transportation during the course.
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## PLACES VISITED

St Helier,

Corbiere,

Grosnez Point

Rozel Harbour

St Brelades

Portelet Bay

Archirondel

St Ouen's Bay

Greve de Lecq





# THE HOTEL

The Highlands Hotel is in one of Jersey's finest locations for breathtaking views. The famous La Corbiere lighthouse with unspoilt coves and bays is just a short walk away. The hotel is quiet, peaceful and close to miles of clean, golden, sandy beaches.

The hotel benefits from a south-facing sun terrace for al fresco dining, a bar and sun lounge with views over the bay and a heated swimming pool for a relaxing swim. This is the place to enjoy that well-deserved holiday.

The hotel has undergone a large amount of refurbishment in recent years. It is in a wonderful location for a photography tour and has spectacular views.









OUR PHOTOGRAPHY TOURS ALLOW YOU TO LEARN IN A RELAXED INFORMAL STYLE. WE CAN TAILOR THE TOUR TO YOUR REQUIREMENTS AS GROUPS ARE ALWAYS KEPT SMALL TO ALLOW LOTS OF 1-2-1 ATTENTION.

IDEAL FOR THE BEGINNER OR MORE EXPERIENCED PHOTOGRAPHER.

“Being on two courses with with Gary from Fotocourses with my older uncle we both found we learned so much so quickly. Undertaking some professional and commercial work I still found Gary's individual assistance with technique and camera invaluable. I heartily recommend his courses for anyone with an interest in taking their photography to a next or better level.” Shirley R - Somerset







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# LAKE DISTRICT





The Lake District is England's largest National Park, home to Scafell Pike its highest mountain and Wastwater - its deepest lake. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty and was a new trip for us in 2015. There will be opportunities for early morning photography, sunsets and and will take you to some spots that are well off the beaten track. You will be staying in a hotel right in the heart of the National Park and we will be exploring Keswick, Ambleside, Grasemere and Cockermouth.

## THE HOTEL

Set amidst the lake districts most dramatic fells in the picturesque langdale valley The New Dungeon Ghyll Hotel nestles beneath the langdale pikes and pavey ark. The hotel sits in 6 acres of mature gardens and pastures.

The hotel is of historical interest being built on a medieval settlement and it enjoys the most breathtaking views of langdale at every point of the compass.

The New Dungeon Ghyll hotel is a family owned and run hotel ,with a passion for friendly and quality service.











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SNOWDONIA





Snowdonia is a region in north west Wales concentrated around the mountains and glaciers of massive Snowdonia National Park. Stunning landscapes, waterfalls and coastal locations will test your photographic skills. We will include sessions on low light photography and will take you to some spots that are well off the beaten track. You will be staying in a hotel in the centre of the National Park.











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# NORTHUMBERLAND





This is a new trip for 2018. Northumberland has more castles than any other county in England. Many of these castles, including Warkworth, Dunstanburgh, Bamburgh and Lindisfarne, stand guard along our dramatic coast. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty with over 30 miles of spectacular coastline . There will be opportunities for early morning photography, sunsets and and i will take you to some spots that are well off the beaten track. You will be staying in a hotel In Alnwick which is central for exploring the region





