

Chase the Light Photography Adventures 2012

Fall Splendor • Zion National Park



October 28—Nov 2, 2012

About Fall Splendor in Zion National Park

Itinerary

The workshop departs from and returns to Durango, Colorado. Departure is at 8:00 a.m. If you are from out of town we recommend you book lodging for the night before the workshop begins to ensure you are on time for departure and also the night the workshop ends as you will probably return in early evening and we would not want you to miss your flight home if you are delayed for any reason.

Please be aware that shooting locations may change as we “Chase the Light”. Our plan is to give you the best opportunities to capture the best time of day at a variety of locations.

Day 1 - Sunday, October 28

- Depart from Durango from the Smiley Parking Lot at 7:00 am.
- We will stop for lunch at the Dam overlook in Page, Arizona, photographing the big views of Lake Powell. Lunch provided.
- Mid-afternoon photography at the Toadstools and Chocolate drops
- Drive to Kanab.
- After check-in in Kanab, we will have a lecture and presentation and a discussion of the days ahead. Handouts and lessons will cover HDR, canyon lighting challenges, graduated neutral density filtering, ISO adjustments for wind and water, and much more. Bring a sketchbook or notepad.

Day 2 - Monday, October 29

- Those traveling in from Las Vegas (3 hrs by car) should plan to meet the group in Zion.
- We'll start our day early at 7:00 and head out from Kanab to Zion National Park
- We will have lunch on the road.
- Mid-afternoon and evening introduction to Zion, we catch the shuttle from the Lodge and photograph along the virgin river canyon and scout the autumn colors
- Dinner at the Lodge



Day 3 - Tuesday, October 30

- Sunrise photography at the Towers of the Virgins, followed by breakfast at the lodge.
- After breakfast, we take the shuttle to a series of stops: The Colors of Zion, Court of the Patriarchs, Virgin River views, Emerald pools, sunset at the Watchman, picnic lunch provided.
- Dinner at the Lodge.



Day 4 - Wednesday, October 31

- Early light photography along the Pa'hrus trail and Emerald Pools. Easy walks, awesome reflections, sweet morning light
- Mid-morning photographing at the Narrows of the Virgin River
- Lunch break, mid day photo review
- Afternoon light at the Big Bend of the River, Canyon walls and fall colors, sunset, the Watchman view.
- Dinner in Springdale or at the Lodge

Day 5 - Thursday, November 1st

We take some time this morning, for breakfast at the Lodge, and a review of the week's work.

Challenges and successes are explored before heading out for a day of capturing the best of Zion. Combining all the lessons and information about light, wind, subject matter and composition as we create our itinerary for the day. At this point we will repeat some of our locations, explore new ones and make the best images we can.

Day 6 - Friday, November 2nd

Check-out of hotel and depart for home.

* For those staying over at Zion Lodge, suggested trips include the hike up the Virgin River canyon, an exploration of the Kolob Terrace section of Zion National Park, hiking to the "big views" in the Park: Angels Landing, West Fork trail, etc. Dry suits suggested and can be rented in Springdale.

* On the return trip to Durango, suggested stops include the slots of Wire Pass trail in the Grand Staircase National Monument and sunset at Lake Powell or a sunset drive through Monument Valley.

Suggested Gear and Equipment

- DSLR, all your lenses
- Your best tripod(s)
- Suggested: a point and shoot for "sketching".
- Good camera bag or backpack for transporting your camera gear to the locations.
- Graduated neutral density filters, Tiffen 0.6 and 0.9 CF or SD cards, bring lots of them. I filled 60GB on my last trip to Zion.
- Batteries (at least one spare for each camera) and your chargers
- Your laptop or ipad (and your chargers) and card readers
- Raingear and lots of layers, daily temps range from 30+- at sunrise to 60+- daytime.
- Hats and gloves.
- Umbrella

Cost: \$2350. Deposit \$1000. Maximum participants 8. Includes Tuition, Accommodations, Park entry fees.

Travel to Zion from Durango in your own vehicle or shared rides. Travelers coming to Zion from Las Vegas will meet the group at Zion Lodge. (A photographers list will be shared with all workshop participants so you can arrange carpool.)

Breakfast and Dinner are the responsibility of the participants.

Chase the Light will supply snacks, beverages and brown-bag lunches.

Accommodations (double occupancy at Zion Lodge) Once your deposit is received we will send you a packet which includes information about your accommodations. At that time if you request a single occupancy or have any special needs we will correct your tuition accordingly.

Non-registered family members are welcome but may not attend any of the lectures, field trips or critiques.

Zion shuttles are handicapped accessible, the shuttle system will end on October 31. Private vehicle use in the Zion Canyon on October 31.

Cancellation policy will be sent to participants upon registration, along with a waiver of liability, gear list, suggestions for digital gear.

Please register at kitfrost.photoshelter.com or email kit@kitfrost.com

We expect this workshop to fill fast.