

HDRI Day - Isle of Wight Photo Workshop

We will start the day studying how to capture a good RAW image set using your own photo equipment in some island churches. After lunch we will head back to a meeting room to process and work on the images you have just captured. There we will walk through how to process images both in a realistic, natural way as well as for effect with an HDR 'grunge' look.

On this workshop you will capture HDR images on your digital camera. You will learn my technique to process these images in Photoshop CC/CS and Photomatix Pro. I can also demonstrate your choice of NIK HDR Efex Pro, Unified Color 32 Float or Oloneo HDRengine to create the HDR image. Many examples will be shown, and appropriate subjects for HDRI techniques will be discussed.

During the day I am happy to address any photography subject or image processing questions you may have. This is a fun learning day and I am totally committed to helping you get the most out of it.

You may optionally choose to split your day and arrive about midday, enjoy the shooting part of the workshop and then stay overnight. In the morning we will continue with the processing part of the workshop before dropping you back at the ferry terminal. This option gives you plenty of time to travel to and from the island and it also makes a nice break.

A group of four can be accommodated, however there will be a little less space as 3 people will have to sit in the rear car seat (all seats have seat belts). The price for 4 is then £75 each. For larger groups a people carrier or minibus is available; please enquire about special rates for clubs and groups.

The workshop fee is due at the time of booking and holding your workshop date. Please see 'Workshop Terms and Conditions' found here: <http://www.elmstudio.com/docs/tandc.pdf> for more information.

Meals are your choice. Many local options are available--pubs, cafés, restaurants, fish & chip shops, take-away places, supermarkets – or even BYO.

Food and drink are the responsibility of each individual and are not included in the workshop cost.

Recommendations:

It would be best if you could bring a digital camera that allows manual settings and shooting images in RAW. Also, please bring the user manual for your camera if you have it to hand. A wide angle lens will help you get the best out of the day. A tripod, remote release and a spirit level will be needed for capturing images, and a kneeling pad or something similar may also be helpful.

I am happy to loan you a tripod, but please reserve that in advance. I have a selection of Canon lenses (including TS-E's), polarisers, neutral density filters and 'big stoppers' for you to try.

Please note any equipment you bring is totally at your own risk as it is not insured by me. Leaving items of value in parked cars is not usually advisable in some locations.

You may bring drinks and/or a flask of coffee/ tea, whatever you require. If you would like your own packed lunch or snacks, please feel free to bring them too.

Getting to the island:

There are excellent transport links from train stations at Southampton and Portsmouth Harbour to Isle of Wight ferries, providing regular service and excellent connections from London and from many southern town and cities.

The Wightlink FastCat ferry leaves directly from Portsmouth Harbour station.

There is a free bus from Southampton Central station to the Red Jet ferry terminal. If you are arriving by plane at Southampton Airport, there is a convenient rail link from Southampton Airport Parkway station to Southampton Central station.

If you would like the excitement of travelling by via hovercraft, a Hoverbus from Portsmouth and Southsea Station and Portsmouth Harbour Station takes passengers directly to the Hovertravel terminal at Southsea.

If you are driving to Portsmouth, the Portsmouth Park and Ride near the M27/M275 interchange provides good connections to the city centre (for the Hoverbus) or to The Hard Interchange (for the Wightlink FastCat) and is an affordable option.

You may extend your trip via overnight stay at a hotel or B&B on the Isle of Wight. We can assist you with recommendations and booking; please enquire.

Lymington is a beautiful Georgian market town situated at the southern edge of the New Forest. It would make a great base for a weekend break with a direct Wightlink ferry connection to Yarmouth.

Some useful links for further information:

Wightlink FastCat Catamaran: <http://www.wightlink.co.uk/>

Hovertravel – passenger Hovercraft: <http://www.hovertravel.co.uk/>

Hover Bus: <http://www.hovertravel.co.uk/pageshoverbus/>

Red Jet Catamaran: <http://www.redfunnel.co.uk/ferry-travel/red-jet-service/>

Southampton CityLink free bus: <http://www.redfunnel.co.uk/travel-connections/bus/>

Portsmouth Park and Ride: <http://parkandride.portsmouth.gov.uk/>

Visit Isle of Wight: <http://www.visitisleofwight.co.uk/>

Island accommodation: <http://www.visitisleofwight.co.uk/accommodation>

Towns to visit on the Isle of Wight: <http://www.visitisleofwight.co.uk/explore/towns>

Tourist Guide: <https://isleofwight.com/>