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### Sierra Nevada East Side Photo Safari

Bodie, the best-preserved ghost town in the Old West, lies east of Yosemite, as do the strange wonders of Mono Lake. Enjoy the colorful autumn landscape that turns groves of aspens into flaming torches of yellow and gold. Travel into the eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains, including Lundy Canyon with its aspens and beaver dams, and make at least one stop at the famous Mobile gas station in Lee Vining for dinner.

#### About your leader:

**Dave Wyman** has conducted photography workshops and family camping trips since 1983. He founded the travel photography program and directed the wilderness outings program at the University of Southern California for 14 years. Wyman is the author and photographer of the guidebook, *Backroads of Northern California*.

**Dates:** Thursday, October 22; 8 AM to Sunday, October 25; 6 PM

**Cost:** \$400 per person; Single suppl. \$230; Optional transportation \$200

#### Itinerary:

##### DAY 1

Depart anytime for the eastern Sierra and our motel. Arrive by 3 p.m. and we'll walk out from the motel for a late light photography session over the town of Bridgeport. We'll have a slide show in the evening after our group dinner.

##### DAY 2

Meet the dawn at Mono Lake, photograph sunrise over the Sierra, and explore groves of aspen along the famed June Lake Loop and in Lee Vining Canyon.

##### DAY 3

Photograph dawn at the ghost town of Bodie, and drive into the mountains in the afternoon to photograph the high country and look for more fall color at Lundy Lake. We'll return to Bodie for late light.

##### DAY 4

Depart Bridgeport for a final sunrise session at Twin Lakes. The workshop will officially end after breakfast.

#### Cost includes:

Accommodations, van transportation, a picnic lunch, a group dinner, photography instruction, walking tours and an amazing array of field locations.

#### Cost does not include:

Meals and snacks, except for a picnic lunch and group dinner.

## **Suggested Equipment List:**

- Clothing for warm and cool conditions
- Mittens, ski or knit cap for cool mornings
- Rain gear (a coat, umbrella, and/or a poncho)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Money for meals not provided
- Camera gear

**Photographic Equipment:** A basic digital or 35mm camera point-and-shoot camera will work well for most of the locations on this outing. But if you have more equipment, this is the trip to bring it along—wide-angle lenses, telephotos, tripods, and filters. Digital cameras (including digicams and DSLRs) and film cameras, including medium-format roll-film cameras, are all welcome.

If you bring along a tripod you will be able to make blur-free images during our early morning and late afternoon field sessions. If you want to rent, borrow or purchase a tripod, and have questions about what to look for, contact the instructor, Dave Wyman (323.377.7565). Shutter releases—cable, electronic or infrared—combined with a tripod will also help make the sharpest photographs possible.

**Digital Memory/Batteries:** Make sure to have enough storage on CF or SD cards, and enough battery power to last through a day.

**Film Considerations:** Bring any sort of film. If you use print film, film speeds from ISO 200 to 400 will allow you to more easily hold your camera, without incurring blur from camera shake.

Both Fuji and Kodak have excellent print films. Fuji has its premium Reala as well as its basic Fujicolor, and Kodak has its Kodacolor films. Slide films: Currently, Fujichrome films offer the best color saturation combined with very fine grain. Fuji's Sensia II is a good film, as are the professional Fuji films, Provia and Velvia.

**Weather:** Expect cool morning and evening temperatures, and mild to warm days. Rain and even snow are possible, but not likely.

**Note:** If you'd like to share some of your own images with the group, on any subject, bring up to a dozen slides, or digital images (on a CD or your laptop), and/or as many prints as you wish.

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