

LEICA AKADEMIE

New Zealand - Queenstown. April 2017





INTRODUCTION

New Zealand in the Autumn

New Zealand in the autumn is an amazing place, and Queenstown must head the list of must-see places on South Island. Surrounded by jagged mountains, Queenstown is a wonderful base from which to explore the surrounding countryside with excellent restaurants and top class hotels.

This workshop is hosted by photographers Nick Rains and Stu Robertson who will be with you for a full four days of shooting activities during which time you will be taken to some carefully selected spots which lend themselves to getting great images.

It's not all photography either - Stu and Nick will also take you to some of Queenstown's famous restaurants where you can enjoy local wines and excellent food.

HIGHLIGHTS

Fall colours, Deer Park Heights, Skippers Canyon, Nevis Valley, photowalks around Queenstown, Stu Robertson's Peace in 10000 Hands Project.

WHAT TO BRING

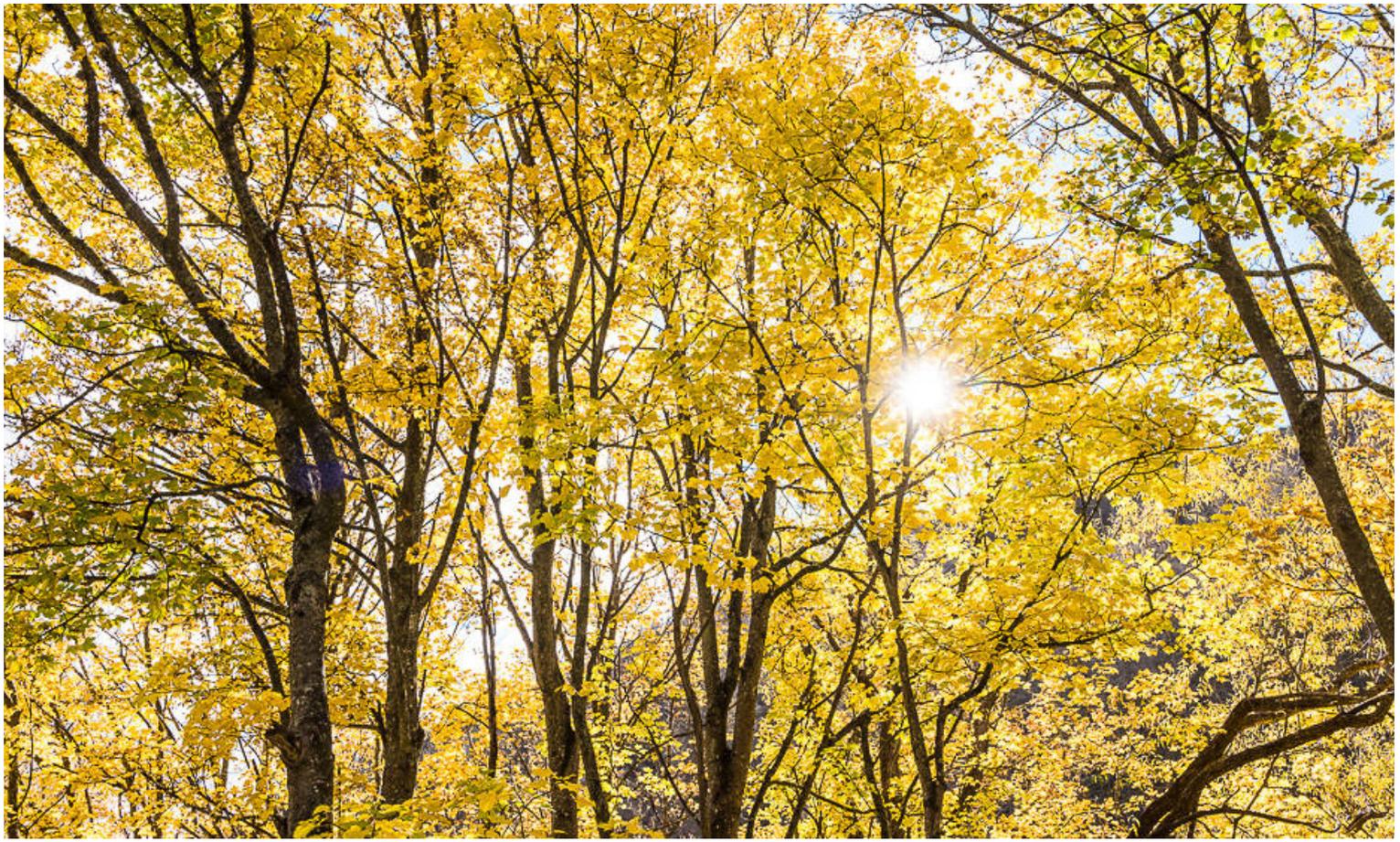
Any camera will do, but ideally a dSLR or mirrorless outfit with a couple of zooms including a wideangle of some sort. The Leica SL is ideal, but all brands are welcome.

DATE April 16-21 2017

INSTRUCTORS Nick Rains and Stu Robertson

PRICE AUD4495 Single Room

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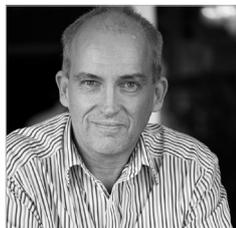


MEET THE INSTRUCTORS

NICK RAINS

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PRINCIPAL INSTRUCTOR

Nick Rains has been a professional photographer for the past 33 years during which time he has worked for well known publications such as Australian Geographic, Outback, GEO, Sports Illustrated, TIME, BBC and many others.



He has worked in all genres of the industry covering sports, news, celebrities, travel and commercial but now concentrates on documentary photography both in Australia and overseas.

In 2002 Nick was named as Australian Geographic Photographer

of the year and in 2014 earned the title of AIPP Travel Photographer of the year. He is a Master of Photographer (AIPP M.Photos) and a National Judge.

Nick is also the author of 14 photograph[hy books - his most recent title, *Capturing the World - The Art and Practice of Travel Photography* is currently on sale in most decent bookshops.

More recently Nick has become involved in training other keen photographers, sharing his wealth of experience and knowledge and, in addition to shooting images and writing travel and photography articles, he is a Leica Ambassador and Principal Instructor for Leica Akademie Australia.



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STUART ROBERTSON

LEICA AMBASSADOR

Stu Robertson's artistic practice has developed and been refined over 30 years, and in the past four years his photographic work has gained huge momentum internationally.



Committed to a purist approach, Robertson trusts in elemental light and composition to draw his visual narratives. His obsessive compulsion is restrained by the frame of dimensions in time and physical space.

Based in Queenstown he has featured as lead story in '60 Minutes' is a TEDx speaker and has photographed the Dalai Lama, Demi Moore, Danny Devito, Ricky Gervais,



PEACE
IN 10,000
HANDS

Emily Blunt and more.

He has travelled to 50 countries on all seven continents including Antarctica, the Syrian Boarder, Iraq and Russia.

Robertson's current project, Peace in 10,000 Hands draws inspiration from his compulsive photographic eye, and his desire to both make the world a better place and to create history through art.

The project 'Peace in 10,000 Hands' will see him continue to travel to every country on the planet until he has collected the 10,000 portraits and stories of people holding the same symbol of peace.

Robertson is a Leica Ambassador, Ilford Master and has well over half a million followers online.

He will share all his secrets on photography, light, portraiture, street photography, building your online following and more.



DAY 1

Queenstown

Group arrival day,

You will be met for a personal pick-up at Queenstown International Airport according to your flight arrival time.

Transfer to hotel in comfortable private vehicle. This takes about 15 minutes.

7.00pm 'Meet and greet' dinner in the evening at our Hotel.



DAY 2

Autumn Colours

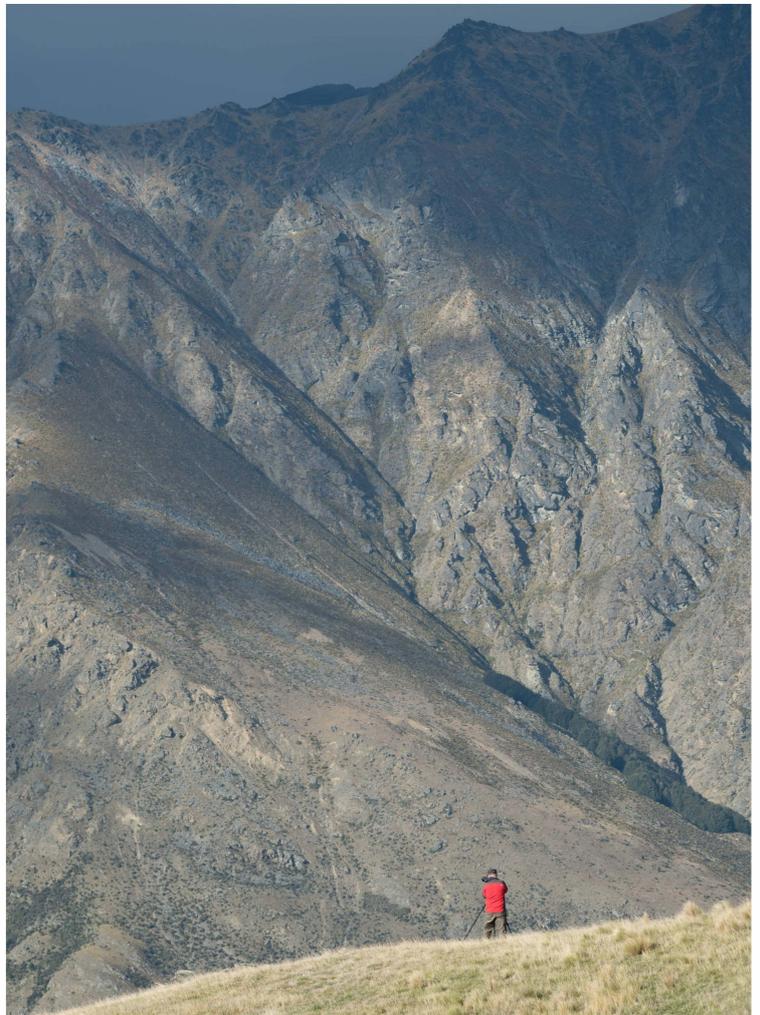
0700 Morning shoot in Arrowtown for the fall colours.

Back to Stu's gallery for introductions and a seminar by Stu about his Peace in 10000 Hands project.

1230 Lunch

Afternoon seminar on landscape photography followed by an local excursion up to the peak of Deer Park Heights for the late afternoon light over Lake Wakatipu.

1930 Dinner





DAY 3

Skippers Canyon

Today will be a big day out.

After breakfast we will head off to Skippers Canyon via a series of spectacular winding gravel roads up to the narrow entrance to the canyon.

There is lots to see along the way so we will take a packed lunch to eat at our end point looking over the Shotover River.

Return to the hotel in the late afternoon to download images.

1930 Dinner



DAY 4

Queenstown

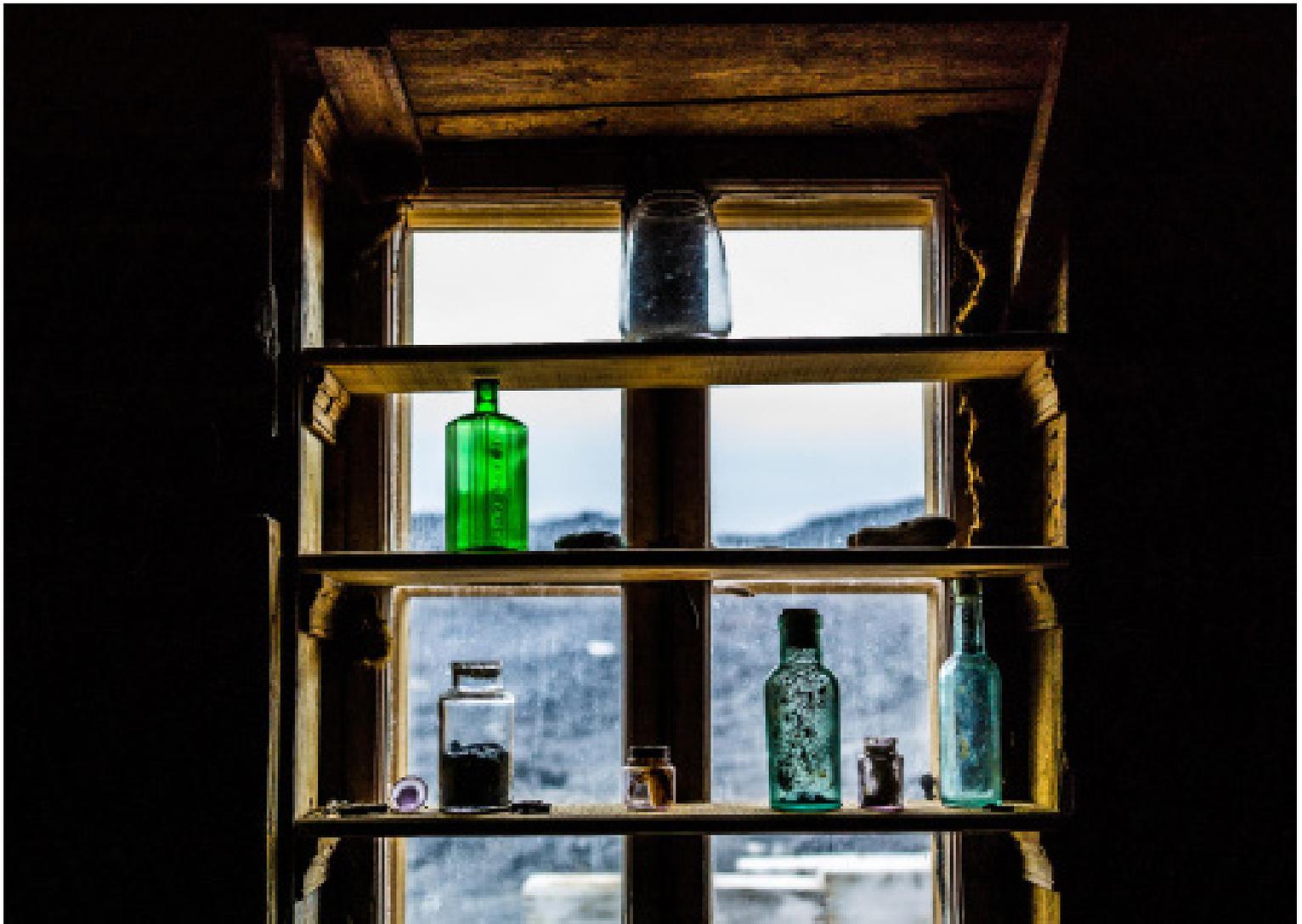
0900 Stu will lead a photowalk around interesting parts of Queenstown.

1230 Lunch

Afternoon Helicopter Flights over Lake Wakatipu - by groups

1530 Visit private land along the Kawerau River until dusk.

1930 Dinner



DAY 5

Nevis Valley

0800 Leave for an excursion to the Nevis Valley where we will be hunting for the classic abandoned hut images for which this area is famous.

Packed Lunch

Return from the Nevis in the mid afternoon to finish our trip at Stu's Man Cave to review the images we have taken over the past few days and wind down with an evening BBQ with a big spit roast and some locally sourced beers and wines.



DAY 6

Transfers

0730 Breakfast

During the morning we will arrange appropriate transfers from the hotel to the airport. If you are staying on in NZ check out is 1000.

Further Information.

Rooming basis: The price displayed is for a **single room**. Shared rooms are available upon request and a share discount of \$500pp will apply.

Includes:

- very comfortable rooms in Queenstown
- private airconditioned vehicles for excursions
- full board (we eat very well too!) including standard alcoholic drinks with meals. Meals will sometimes be at the hotel but where appropriate we will eat out in local restaurants.
- tips, fees, gratuities, permits etc.

One philosophy of an Akademie trip is that we take care of everything and you should have nothing to pay for, from when you arrive at the airport to when you are dropped back there 5 days later.

Excludes

- international airfares
- personal travel insurance
- other items of a personal nature such as souvenirs, gifts etc.

Climate: NZ in the autumn can be quite chilly. Bring warm clothes, gloves, beanies etc because one day it can be sunny and warm, the next cold and windy.

Please Note: the itinerary specified in this brochure is a guide only. Nick and Stu might change the exact activities based on the weather and other opportunities that might arise. Rest assured that this will be done with the intent of providing you with the best photographic opportunities available. You will be fully briefed on each day's activities the night before.



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