2012 Spring Dragon Light Photography China Photo Tour & Workshop (June 5, 2012* – June 22, 2012)

Tour Description & Policy

By

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(*note: June 4, 2012 is the travel day from US to Shanghai & the group will meet in Shanghai, China on June 5, 2012 to start the tour)

INTRODUCTION

Dragon Light Photography specializes in Photography tour and workshops in China, Vietnam, Nepal and the Far East. Using their many years of experience in exploring the most beautiful scenic areas in China & Vietnam to take pictures for the International Exhibition of Photography (also known as "International Salon") competitions, our photo tour leaders, Thomas Lang and Henry Ng will help you in getting experience and improving your photographic skills while touring many of the most beautiful places in China/ Vietnam. Our photo tours are tailored for those who are interested in getting pictures for International Exhibition competitions as well as novice photographers. Unlike other China/ Vietnam photo tours that rely on local personnel in China/Vietnam to make all the arrangements and conduct the tours, our leaders know China/ Vietnam very well themselves and have explored many places in China & Vietnam in order to take pictures for the International Exhibition competitions for the past twenty years. They do all the planning, organizing, and conducting the workshops and tours by themselves. In other words, they speak the language and there is no middle man. But most importantly, our Photo Tour leaders will lead you to visit the places in China and Vietnam that they have obtained many outstanding pictures before and providing you with many outstanding picture-taking opportunities that other tours are not even aware about it.

Unlike other commercial China & Vietnam tours that are designed for sightseeing purposes, our photo tours are designed by photographers for photographers and offer the finest settings, conditions and locations for obtaining breathtaking pictures. Our group is kept small, usually from ten to sixteen photographers to insure maximum opportunity for individual participant to learn, explore and shoot. Posing models (e.g. old Chinese/ Vietnamese sail boats, fishmen, local ladies, etc.) will be arranged in many places to provide a perfect setting and increasing the opportunities for you in getting outstanding pictures. Thomas and Henry will provide instructions on taking pictures in field to help you to improve your photographic skills. Our photo tours will provide a complete hassle-free environment so you can concentrate on just learning and taking pictures. We'll take care of everything from the time you arrive in China/Vietnam to the time you return to the United States. We are eager to make your photo tour experience memorable and productive.

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Photo Tour Leaders

The success of your photography photo tour is largely depended on the knowledge, experience, and teaching abilities of the photo tour leaders. Many photography workshops pad the resumes of their workshop leaders. Our photo tour leaders have proved their credentials through many years of International Exhibition of Photography (also known as "International Salon") competitions. Both of our photo tour leaders are well known in the world photographic community. Both are exceptional photographers and have been ranked the **"Top 10 Exhibitors in the World"** in both the Color Slide section and the Photo Travel section of the **"Who' Who in Photography"** list published by the Photographic Society of America (PSA) for many years. For the past twenty years, they have visited and explored the most beautiful scenic areas in many corners of China/Vietnam to take pictures for the International Exhibition competitions themselves. Below is a brief biography of our photo tour leaders.

Thomas Lang, *APSA, EPSA, EFIAP, FPSEA, FHCPS, FPSNY, Hon.FPSNY, FNCPA, SA.WEIP, EP.PSM, EEGPC, SE.HKCPAC, MHPER, MHPCF, MUSPA, AUAPA, Hon. E.UAPA, MHFCBA, MHPFC, MPA, Hon.FHCPS, Hon.ECPA, Hon.FPSLA, Hon.FPC, Hon.FHKPCLA, Hon.FICS, Hon.FVNPS, Hon.FPASB, Hon.MPSP, Hon.FPAW, Hon.EYMCAPS, Hon.EHKCC, Hon.EPAS, Hon.EBLPC, Hon.ESCC, Hon. EBLPC, Hon. FPSC, Hon. FPCVH, Hon.E.APAHK*

Thomas was born in Vietnam and had lived there for more than thirty years before he immigrated to the United States. He is a founding member of the Houston Chinese Photographic Society in Houston, Texas. Thomas has participated in the large Color Print, large Monochrome Print, Color Slide, and Photo Travel International Exhibitions for many years and has an exceptional International Exhibition competition record. He was ranked at the top of the PSA's "Who's Who in Photography" list for many years including ranked First in North America in Photo Travel Division (PTD) for 6 consecutive years (1993-1998). He had more than 3,000 acceptances and received more tan 500 medals & trophies from the International Exhibition competitions all over the world. He was awarded with many photographic honors by many photographic societies all over the world.

Henry Ng, *PPSA, F.PSEA,, APSHK, Hon.E.YMCAPS, Hon. F.HCPS, SAWIEP, Hon.E.CPA, S.E.HKCPAC, Hon.F.PSNY, Hon.EHKCC, Hon.E.UAPA, Hon.F.AAPSEA, Hon.E.PSM, EP.PSM, Hon.E.HKAPA. Hon.EAPAHK*

Henry has been involving in photography for more than 35 years. He was born in China and was raised in Hong Kong. Henry started interested in Photography when he was 13 years old and particularly like photographing people, landscapes, human-interest subjects, nature, sport and does creative work. His competition record in the International Exhibition competitions has been exceptional. He was ranked the top world exhibitor in the PSA's "Who's Who in Photography" many times, including First in the world in CPID (2005) and PTD (2005-2006). Henry had more than 2,000 acceptances and received more than 400 medals and awards, including more than 40 "Best of Shows" from the International Exhibition competitions from all over the world. .

GENERAL INFORMATION AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Date of the photo tour: June 5, 2012 – June 22, 2012 (note: where June 4, 2012 is the travel day and the group will meet in Shanghai, China on June 5, 2012 to start the tour).
(Note: **Dragon Light Photography**. can provide a customized photo tour for your group for any specified photo tour date and duration to the places in China/Vietnam that you desired if your group has enough participants. Please contact our Photo tour leader, Henry Ng for this case).

Duration of the Photo tour: 17 Days to the most scenic areas in China. (Please see the day by day tour schedule for detail)

Photo tour/tour fee:
This photo tour/tour priced at **US$ 4,300.00 per person based on double occupancy** (US $950.00 extra for single supplement). Price may subject to adjustment in case of significant currency fluctuations or rate increase by providers. (Note: **Dragon Light Photography** will try its best to find a roommate for you if you do not have one. In the case that we do not able to find you a room-mate, you would have to pay the single supplement fee or you can have an option to withdraw with full refund including your deposit).
Not included: International Flight from US to Shanghai, China and return; visa for China; excess baggage charges; personal medical or travel insurance; any personal expenses, such as room service, laundry, beverages not included with itinerary, film development, and individual tips. (Note: round trip flight from US to China is approximately US$900.00 to US$1,100 range depending on the airline and the time of the year when making flight reservation. **Dragon Light Photography** can help you to reserve the Flight to China and Visa application if needed)

Others:
You will receive a $50 discount on **Dragon Light Photography** Photo tour/ tour for any returning Dragon Light tour member.

What included in the photo tour:

- Hotel (4 to 5 star hotel or best in the area) in China (selected for both their value and strategic access to photo locations);
- One domestic flight and all ground transportation in China;
- Air-conditioned mini-tour bus with ample of space for people and equipments;
- Three meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner);
- English-speaking guides;
- Bottled Water during the days & Soda during lunch and dinner.
- Model fees such as private sail boats, fishmen, old ladies, cows, etc. as poses for picture taking.
- Attraction Entry fee.

Health and Type of travel: The majority of the tours are not strenuous and anyone who is reasonable fit should be able to take part in most of the activities. You may experience general fatigue due to the long flights and change in time zones. You will need to be sufficiently agile to climb in and out of the tour bus and should be able to carry and manage your own equipments. The travel on Photo tour tours will be done in tour bus or vans. Most of the tours will be easy walking and hiking and photography from short distances from the Photo tour tour bus. Some places may require a longer walk and on terrain. At Mountains in Great Wall, Xia Pu and Tangell Desert, it will require a longer hike mountain.

You should also be aware that medical services or facilities might not be readily available during all or part of the trip. This could include emergency medical care, presence of physicians, or adequate medication.

Smoking: Photo tour participants are not allowed to smoke in or near vehicles, hotel room, during instructional sessions, during group meals or at other times when in close quarters with other group participants.

Deposits and Payments: To register for the Photo tour, please send a deposit of US $500 for the Photo tour. Deposit may be made by check. Full payment for the Photo tour in US Dollars is due **120 DAYS prior** to the start date of the Photo tour.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Refunds are made according to the following schedule: If cancellation is made more than **120 days before** the Photo tour date, the deposit less $100 will be refunded. If cancellation is made between 90 and 120 days before the Photo tour date, the deposit is not refundable, but any payments made covering the balance of the trip will be refunded. If cancellation is made **fewer that 90 days** before the Photo tour date, no refund will be made unless we can find a replacement. We strongly urge you to purchase some form of Trip Insurance. This is especially important if you have unusual medical problems.
Dragon Light Photography reserves the right to cancel the photo tour if there is insufficient number of photo tour participants or situation beyond the control of **Dragon Light Photography.** If a photo tour has to be cancelled by **Dragon Light Photography**, a full refund will be provided to each participant.

LUGGAGE: PLEASE BRING ONLY ONE MEDIUM-SIZED SUITCASE OR BAG, NOT TO EXCEED 50 LBS.
Camera gear should be of a size that can be carried with you in the van without inconvenience to others.

INSURANCE: Each participant must be covered by medical insurance that is valid overseas. We strongly urge you to evaluate your risk and to take out insurance on your trip. It is vital for you to realize that if you experience a delay or find it necessary to cancel or cut short your trip for any reason, you will lost part or the entire sum you have invested in it (see the sections **"**Deposits and Payments" and "CANCELLATION POLICY")

RESPONSIBILITY: Dragon Light Photography and its employees will make every effort to provide Photo tour participants with safe and enjoyable seminars. **Dragon Light Photography** will not be held liable for events beyond its control such as, but not limited to problems with connecting travel, delay, baggage loss before, during, or after the Photo tour, damage to, loss or theft of photographic equipment, or mechanical failure, etc. **Dragon Light Photography** will not be held responsible for careless actions or omissions of suppliers of motel or hotel accommodations or meals which result in loss, delay, damage, illness, or injury.

The Photo tour is not without risk and **Dragon Light Photography** or its employees will not be held liable for any injury, medical emergency, or death arising from the normal conduct of a Photo tour. These conditions include, but are not limited to sprained ankles, broken bones, cuts and bruises, heart attacks etc. Reasonable changes in the photo tour schedule may be made where deemed necessary for comfort and well being of the photo tour participants. The right is reserved to substitute hotels, alter the itinerary and reverse the order of places to be visited. **Dragon Light Photography** will keep you informed of necessary changes in timely fashion. Participants must be willing to be responsible for their actions and accept these and other risks inherent with participating in photographic Photo tours. **On placing a deposit with a Dragon Light Photography Photo tour/tour, the depositor therefore agrees to be bound by the above terms and conditions.**

MISCELLANEOUS: Photo tour participants are encouraged to bring some of their work for evaluation by the Photo tour Leaders.

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