



## **PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES/WORKSHOPS LOCAL TRIPS**

### **BIRD AND BOATING WORKSHOP**

Join James & Capt. Terry for the “Guaranteed” best of birding experience. These trips started in 2004. Join the experts - the Photo Experience Crew.

Minimum number of participants – 3; maximum Number of participants 6

The birding locations are good in both morning and afternoon.

Take advantage of our area and nature via boat. James teaches camera techniques.

Cost:\$75 LIMITED SPACE

### **BURROWING OWLS OF FLORIDA WORKSHOP**

Join James and the local Cape Coral guides to visit active Burrowing Owl Sites through Cape Coral. The sandy open lots in Cape Coral are often home to burrowing owl families. The small brown speckled owls live in a maze of underground burrows and tunnels in empty fields throughout the city. They can also be found along the road and many times make their home in the yards of Cape Coral residents.

These curious creatures grow to about 9 inches and have a 21-inch wingspan.

They have bright yellow eyes and a white chin. Long legs provide enough height to give them a better view from the ground. Their diet consists of small rodents, lizards, beetles and crickets. Burrowing owls are active both day and night and frequently spend many hours atop any handy perch including the outdoor entry lights of a home. Dig a shallow area in your yard and put up a small perch and you may find an owl family in your yard. Keep in mind -- they don't always eat all of the food they bring home!

The State of Florida and a federal bird act protect the owls from being disturbed or harassed. If a nest of babies is discovered on a construction site, work will halt until the babies are old enough to fly and feed themselves -- around 6 weeks from birth. In the months of May and June, motorists are asked to be careful around nesting sites. While the babies are learning to fly, they often rest in the middle of the road and don't seem too concerned about traffic bearing down on them.

When approached, burrowing owls will bob their heads and bodies to let you know they are unhappy. They will stay on their perch long enough for you to get a good look, but if you get too close, they will quickly leave the area.

Cape Coral has the state's largest population of burrowing owls - estimated by state officials at around 1,000 pairs.

After our morning of photography we will stop for lunch on our way back to Sarasota.

Transportation and meals not included.

We recommend you bring sun screen and bug spray.

Cost: \$75

### **BUSCH GARDENS OVERNIGHT SAFARI AND WORKSHOP**

This tour is after park closes and before it opens next day.

Cost does not include Park admission during parks regular hours.

Photo walks are offered during park's regular hours.

Safari includes: (once the Park closes). Tour animal habitats, behind the scenes. Opportunity to shoot a variety of animals in a controlled environment.

We'll also tour Ancient Egypt and photograph ghosts.

(includes: pizza dinner, snacks & beverage.)

Accommodations will be at the Mzingo Lodge within the Park. In evening, there will be a critique of photo walk & tour photographs in the Lodge classroom.

In the morning we will embark on a Sunrise Safari, an exciting outdoor photo shoot of the animals in a controlled environment.

Call 941-799-2404 to book. Spaces are limited – \$50.00 deposit must be made to reserve.

(A Gift Certificate would make a great present) Book early as this one sells out fast.

NOTE: Park admission not included for photo walks. If you purchase a Florida resident annual pass, you can use it for the rest of year. With a pass you can join the Photo Walks.

Cost: \$150

### **LIONS, TIGERS AND MONKEYS TRIP AND WORKSHOP**

Join us on as we visit two big cat sanctuaries for great photo opportunities.

At our first location we will photograph Lions and Tigers in their large play pen enclosed area. There are numerous lens openings cut into the fence to allow for unobstructed photos.

At our second day's location we will be photographing in a totally different type of environment. The Tigers and Leopards are brought out into an open field for photo opportunities. In addition this location provides the opportunity to photograph monkeys.

We will meet at the Microtel Inn & Suites 9700 US 41 Leesburg, FL.

I also recommend staying here if you want to drive in the day before

Instructor: James Corwin Johnson

Cost: \$95 per day

### **Other Trips we schedule:**

**DING DARLING PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP**

**ST. AUGUSTINE TRIP**

**CITY SCAPE AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS WORKSHOP**