

DAVID W SHAW

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS AND TOURS

SPECIALIZING IN ALASKA

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AND COAST

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What's the ideal photography or nature tour? That, it turns out, is a highly personal question. Every photographer, birder, naturalist, and traveler will give a slightly different answer. So here, instead of trying to make a generic, one-size-fits-all collection of trips, I create small-group photo workshops and tours that are diverse, variable, and exciting. They are all the kinds of trips that I would want to join.

All are a little adventurous, carry you away from the crowds, and are a bit off the beaten path (or sometimes off any path at all).

Some trips are intense photo workshops where you will push your creative and technical skills to come out a far better, more thoughtful photographer. On other tours, I strive simply to put you in the best places at the best times, and let you take it from there. If none of that fits the bill, then I can create the perfect customized, private trip for you and your travel companions.

Whatever your photography or travel goals, I hope you'll join me.

- *David W. Shaw*
Fairbanks, Alaska

2019-2020 Scheduled Trips

ALASKA

Arctic Aurora Tours

5 days/4 Nights. Northern lights and winter landscape photo workshops in the heart of Alaska's Brooks Range.

2019

13-17 March - Sold Out
1-5 April 2019 - Sold Out
\$2500/person

2020

14-18 March
1-5 April
\$2700/person

Bears!

6 days/5 Nights. The Ultimate Bear photography trip. Brown bears fishing for salmon at Brooks Falls, coastal bears of Katmai, and black bears in Homer.

20-26 July, 2020

\$6250/person

Mountains, Glaciers and Coast

9 days/8 Nights. Interior, Alaska Range, Prince William Sound, and Kenai Peninsula. Optional Katmai extension.

12-20 July, 2019

\$4800/person

Autumn in the Alaska Range

5 days/4 Nights. Intense, creative landscape photography workshop with post-processing sessions. Timed for the peak of autumn colors.

30 Aug-3 September, 2020

\$2700/person

Shorebirds of the Copper River Delta

5 days/4 Nights. The largest shorebird migration on the planet! Unparalleled bird photography.

1-5 May, 2020

\$3400/person

Fall on the Kenai

6 days/5 Nights. Anchorage, Seward, and Homer. Glaciers, Katmai Coast bears, and autumn colors.

18-23 September, 2020

\$5250/person

INTERNATIONAL

Argentina's Secret Tropics: Ibera and Iguazu

11 days/10 Nights. Tropical wildlife of the Ibera Wetlands and Iguazu Falls. Moonlight waterfall photography!

1-11 February, 2020

\$5500/person

Discover Botswana

13 days/12 Nights. A wildlife photography safari in northern Botswana and the Okavango.

23 Nov-5 Dec, 2020

\$7250/person

ALASKA

Stand among a group of outdoor photographers, and whisper the word “Alaska” and what is likely to follow is revered silence.

There is no question, no argument, that Alaska is a special place for photography. A place worthy of a pilgrimage.

But it is also a very big, intimidating place. Too big for a single trip, (or a single lifetime). I’ve lived and photographed in Alaska for 20 years and I feel like I’m just starting to learn a few of this state’s many secrets.

That’s why having a local guide can be an invaluable asset for a visiting photographer.

There are many great photo workshop and tour leaders out there. But there are precious few that can call Alaska home.

I’m one of those few.

I hope by browsing the several few pages you’ll be inspired to visit this place; there is a lot on offer. You’ll find trips to see the famous bears of Katmai National Park, the staggering migration of shorebirds at the Copper River Delta, and the northern lights over the wild Brooks Range.

If you want to experience Alaska, these are great journeys to start. But if this big state gets in your blood, like it has for me, I promise they won’t be your last.

ARCTIC AURORA WORKSHOPS

2019 - 5 days/4 nights

- ▶ \$2500/person
- ▶ 13 March -17 March: **Sold Out**
- ▶ 1 April - 5 April: **Sold Out**

2020 - 5 days/4 nights

- ▶ \$2700/person
- ▶ 14-18 March
- ▶ 1-5 April

Get 2019 Pricing if you book before March 1, 2019!

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Unparalleled opportunities to view and photograph the northern lights
- ▶ Spectacular location in the heart of Alaska's Brooks Range
- ▶ Lodging in comfortable, fully-equipped cabins in Wiseman, Alaska
- ▶ One-on-one instruction and guidance
- ▶ Post-processing sessions
- ▶ Group and private critiques
- ▶ Very small group size (5 participants max)



MOUNTAINS, GLACIERS, AND COAST

12 - 20 July, 2019

12 - 20 July, 2020

▶ \$4800/person

▶ 9 days/8 nights



HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Interior, Alaska Range, and Chugach Mountains: boreal forest, mountains, and tundra
- ▶ Prince William Sound: otters, seals, birds, tidewater glaciers, coastal rainforest
- ▶ Scenic Ferry trip across Prince William Sound
- ▶ Kenai Peninsula: wildflowers, mountains, and alpine glaciers
- ▶ Small group size
- ▶ The perfect introduction to what Alaska has to offer
- ▶ Expert photography and natural history guidance
- ▶ Optional Katmai National Park Extension (20-21 July, 2019)

SHOREBIRDS OF THE COPPER DELTA

1 - 6 May, 2020

▶ \$3500/person

▶ 5 days/4 nights



HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Largest shorebird migration on the planet. *Millions* of birds!
- ▶ Photography instruction and guidance.
- ▶ Comfortable hotel on the harbor in Cordova, Alaska
- ▶ Dramatic mountain and glacier landscape
- ▶ Small boat tour in Prince Willam Sound

<http://www.explore.david-w-shaw.com/cordova-shorebird-photography-workshop/>

BEARS OF KATMAI

21 - 26 July, 2020

- ▶ \$5800/person
- ▶ 6 days/5 nights

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Brooks Falls, King Salmon, Katmai Coast, Kenai Peninsula, and Homer
- ▶ Multiple, scenic, bush plane flights
- ▶ Incredible opportunities for bear photography
- ▶ Kachemak Bay boat and hiking tour
- ▶ Brown and black bears



AUTUMN IN THE ALASKA RANGE

30 Aug- 3 Sep, 2020

- ▶ \$2800/person
- ▶ 5 days/4 nights



HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Intensive landscape workshop designed to maximize field time
- ▶ Creative exercises, post-processing instruction, and one-on-one guidance
- ▶ Possible northern lights/aurora borealis photography
- ▶ Incredible fall colors
- ▶ Dramatic setting in the Alaska Range
- ▶ Luxury accommodations at the Black Rapids Lodge
- ▶ Small group size

FALL ON THE KENAI

18 Sep - 23 Sep, 2020

- ▶ \$5250/person
- ▶ 6 days/5 nights



HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Anchorage, Seward, and Homer
- ▶ Kenai Fjords National Park boat tour: tidewater glaciers, marine wildlife
- ▶ Autumn colors and sunsets over Kachemak Bay
- ▶ Katmai Coast bear photography day trip
- ▶ Small group size
- ▶ Post-processing workshops
- ▶ Photo hike and boat tour in Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park

<http://www.explore.david-w-shaw.com/autumn-kenai/>

INTERNATIONAL



ARGENTINA'S TROPICS: IBERA AND IGUAZU

1 Feb - 11 Feb, 2020

- ▶ \$5500/person
- ▶ 11 days/10 nights

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Tropical wildlife of the Ibera wetlands- caiman, birds, monkeys, capybara, foxes
- ▶ Historic ruins of Jesuit missions
- ▶ Iguazu Falls
- ▶ Tropical Rainforest
- ▶ Full moon night photography at Iguazu Falls
- ▶ Luxury lodges

DISCOVER BOTSWANA



23 Nov - 5 Dec, 2020

- ▶ \$7250/person
- ▶ 13 days/12 nights

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Chobe National Park and the Okavango Delta
- ▶ Unparalleled photo opportunities for lion, leopard, elephant, giraffe, hyena, and more
- ▶ Comfortable mobile camps
- ▶ Expert local safari guides
- ▶ Uncrowded safari vehicles
- ▶ All inclusive from Johannesburg, South Africa



CUSTOM AND PRIVATE TRAVEL

ABOUT PRIVATE AND CUSTOM TOURS

Regularly scheduled trips aren't for everyone. Maybe you've got a family, or are SO enthusiastic about photography or birding, that you are afraid you'll drive other travelers nuts. Maybe the itinerary just doesn't fit in your schedule or you have physical or dietary needs to consider. Perhaps you've always wanted to travel internationally but have been nervous to try it on your own.

Look, we've all got lives, I get it. None of that means you can't have the trip you want, and I can help you make it happen. That's why I offer private, customized, photography, and natural history tours.

If you have a photographic, travel, or birding goal, get in touch with me, I'll see what I can do to make them a reality. Want to float a wild river, or dedicate a week to getting the perfect image of a Steller's Eider? I can do that. Looking to spend a month criss-crossing Alaska on an epic photo expedition? Let's chat.

I've worked with professional photographers on assignment, families looking for an adventure, and loners on a mission for solitude. If you are one of those, or just someone who is hesitant to sign up for a group tour, get in touch, and we'll figure out the best trip for you in Alaska, or anywhere.

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PRIVATE BIRDING TOURS

On Demand

- ▶ Price varies by trip
- ▶ Your schedule



HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Day trips around Fairbanks, Denali, and Alaska's Interior
- ▶ Multi-day birding expeditions across Alaska, to Latin America, or anywhere
- ▶ Expert Guide
- ▶ All private and custom designed to your interests, goals, and budget

CUSTOM WILDERNESS TRIPS

On Demand

- ▶ Price varies by trip
- ▶ June - September

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Multi-day wilderness base camps, river trips, and backpacking in Alaska
- ▶ Gates of the Arctic, Noatak Preserve, Kobuk Valley, Arctic Refuge, Katmai, and more
- ▶ Expert guidance to the wildest corners of Alaska
- ▶ All private and custom designed to fit your schedule and interests
- ▶ In collaboration with Arctic Wild (www.arcticwild.com)

PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

On Demand

- ▶ Price varies by trip
- ▶ Year Round

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Central and South America, Africa, Antarctica, or anywhere
- ▶ All inclusive, guided nature and photography trips designed for you
- ▶ Expert guidance and trip arrangements
- ▶ Roughing it to luxury; the decision is yours
- ▶ In collaboration with local experts and experienced outfitters

MEET DAVID W. SHAW

David W. Shaw is a Fairbanks, Alaska based professional photographer, writer, and photo educator. His images and writing have appeared thousands of times in publications across the world. He has written articles on the art of photography for magazines like Shutterbug, Professional Photographer, Amateur Photographer, Photo Technique, Bokeh, and others. He is also an instructor at the Digital Photography School and ExpertPhotography.

Dave's writings on science and natural history have appeared in Sierra, Defenders, Alaska, Birds and Blooms, Birdwatching, UnDark, Scientific American, Ensia, and many others.

He has a both undergraduate and masters degrees in wildlife biology and is an expert naturalist with a deep love for all wild things (but particularly birds).

Dave is a 20 year resident of Alaska and has spent most of those decades exploring the state's many wild corners with his camera, and leading others on wilderness trips, photography expeditions, birding, and natural history tours. Internationally, he has travelled to dozens of countries on (almost) every continent, and loves sharing those places with others. He has guided on expedition ships in Antarctica and South America, birding and photo trips in South and Central America, and the list goes on.

Above all, Dave is passionate about protecting the world's wild places and animals, and believes in the power of travel and tourism to inspire conservation ethics in communities and people the world over.



FIND A PLACE THAT INSPIRES







WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID

“I want to thank you for an amazing trip to the north country. I **ABSOLUTELY** loved it.”

“The trip **exceeded my expectations 200%!**”

“This was an awesome trip. Dave was **easy to work with**, fun, and genuinely excited when things went well.”

“My knowledge took a **quantum leap** with David’s expertise, enthusiasm, and easy going personality!”

“If you want an **experience of a lifetime**, go with David!”

“David is an **amazing photographer, a great guide**, and a wonderful human being. The trip was awesome and well worth it.”

“I was tremendously impressed by Dave's natural history knowledge and his ability and willingness to impart that mastery **without a whiff of condescension.**”

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