

Nancy Merkling Photography Workshops in conjunction with Richard Engle Expeditions Santa Fe, New Mexico September 25-30, 2015







September 25

Arrive in Albuquerque and transfer as a group to the Inn & Spa at Loretto for five nights in a Superior room with breakfast included daily. The Inn & Spa at Loretto is located just off the Plaza in the center of Santa Fe at the end of the historical Santa Fe Trail. The property embodies the culture of the region, utilizing adobe-style architecture, and reflecting the true spirit and history of Santa Fe. A palette adorned with the work of local artisans, completes the soulfully elegant retreat.

Tonight meet at 6:30pm for a meet and greet and initial orientation with Nancy Merkling and team over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the bar of the hotel.







September 26

Today head out before sunrise for a sweet light [see description below] photo shoot with Nancy and team. Following breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a three hour photo training session with photography instructors Nancy Merkling and Katie Trayser in both a group class setting as well as hands on one-on-one instruction to assist with individual photography questions and personal next steps. A break for lunch nearby and then we will head out of town for a scenic photo excursion where you will put your newly learned photography skills to work right away in the field with the personal guided assistance of instructors Nancy and Katie. A light snack before another sweet light shoot from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, followed by a well-earned dinner!

September 27

After breakfast we will head out to Abiquiu for the day. We will visit the Pueblo Ruins south of Abiquiu and then proceed to the town to visit the second home of Georgia O'Keefe. After lunch we will proceed out to the surrounding area for the afternoon for some incredible photo opportunities. Nancy and her team accompany this tour to offer one-on-one hands-on-assistance as needed for your photography. This evening there will be a second sweet light shoot followed by Q&A and critique with Nancy and team over dinner back in Santa Fe.







September 28

Following this morning's sweet light shoot, there is another morning training workshop with Nancy and her team with both group and individual instruction to build on Monday's training and further enhance your skills. After lunch we will visit some of Santa Fe's most important historical sites including the Loretto Chapel, San Miguel Mission, and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis with an expert local guide. Be sure to explore all the amazing shops and art galleries downtown as well following your tour. This evening will include a Q&A and critique with Nancy and her team.

September 29

Early morning start with an optional sweet light shoot with Nancy followed by breakfast and a full day excursion to Taos. You will have plenty of free time to roam around Taos and enjoy the many shops and galleries. Nancy and her team will also accompany this tour to answer and assist with any on-the-spot photography questions that may arise. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner in Santa Fe.







September 30

Breakfast and then group departure to Albuquerque for return flight home

Total Price:

\$4,900 per person based on double occupancy/\$5,879 per person based on single occupancy

Included Features:

5 nights luxury accommodation at The Inn & Spa at Loretto with breakfast daily

4 days expert photography instruction with Nancy Merkling and team

All transfers and gratuities for driver

5 dinners and 4 lunches including wine at distinctive, local restaurants

Expert private guide at Abiquiu sites and in Santa Fe

Digital file of a professional individual or couple trip memento photo shot by Nancy or Katie

Digital file of a professional group trip memento photo shot by Nancy or Katie

Items not included:

Roundtrip airfare Trip Insurance

Deposit and Payment: \$1,000 non-refundable deposit due by July 15. Final payment due September 1.

Sweet Light:

Sweet light is the beautiful light that happens the hour after sunrise and the hour before sunset. It is the dream lighting situation for any photographer and it only happens twice a day. Many photographers do not take advantage of it. Photography is really all about the light FIRST so we will shoot in sweet light to introduce you to the magic of these two special hours every day. Note, although we are shooting during the sunrise and sunset and you are certainly welcomed to shoot these spectacular displays, the idea of sweet light is to put it behind you and use the beauty of this even, soft, magic light to illuminate your subject and scene.

For pricing inquires, including pre and post trip extensions, upgraded hotel accommodations and assistance with airfare please contact Russell Douglass from Richard Engle Expeditions at russell@richardengle.com or 646-581-4242.