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Birds in Flight Workshop

McAllen, Texas

Jan 11-14, 2022

Arrival

January 10, 2022

Participants should plan to arrive in McAllen, Texas on or before the afternoon of January 10, 2022. The closest airport is McAllen International. (10 mins from our hotel) Harlingen Airport is 45 minutes away.

We will meet at the hotel at 8:00 PM on January 10, 2022 in the hotel lobby for a pre-workshop get-together. Please allow enough time to eat dinner before the orientation meeting.

Departure

January 15, 2022

The workshop will end after the evening session on January 14. We will try to have a dinner together on the evening of Jan 14.

Food

Each day we will shoot until around 10:30 AM
Lunches: near the hotel & lunches are paid for by me.
Dinners: on your own except for that last evening meal which is paid for by me.

Hotel

Room Block Name: Alan Murphy Photography Group

Hampton Inn & Suites
10 W Expressway 83
McAllen, TX 78501
956-661-1100

Room Rate: $85per night
Please call with your credit card to reserve the room under your name.

Check In: any time after 3 PM on Jan 10
Check Out: the morning of Jan 15

Please let the hotel know if you want to extend your stay or arrive on an earlier date.

Here's a link to the hotel: HOTEL

Here's a link to a map of the location: MAP

Transportation

Participants are responsible for their own transportation. I suggest that you rent a SUV as some of the roads can hold a lot of water if it rains. If your departure day is a Sunday, then do NOT rent from Budget. Budget, at the airport, is not open until noon on Sundays and they do not have a key drop off. All the other car rentals companies are open.

Itinerary

Each morning we will carpool to the shooting location, which is the private property of the Casa Santa Ana B&B. We will shoot until around 10:30 AM and then head out to lunch somewhere near the hotel. You will then have time to relax and download images.

The afternoons will be spent at the Laguna Seca Ranch, where we will be photographing many different species of birds including at least one session photographing raptors.

Tips

Amy will be assisting me for your workshop. Amy is professional photographer that uses Canon and is the best teacher of Lightroom that I have seen. She will be alongside me to make sure you have the best workshop. Most people tip Amy $100.

Packing & Gear

The morning temps can get chilly with the rare cold front, so please bring a warm jacket. The afternoons should be in the low 70s. Please check the 10 day forecast for McAllen, TX before you pack, so you can be better prepared.

There will be a lot of bird activity at the morning blinds, kindly bring the following:

- ☐ a lot of CF cards/memory - it is very possible to shoot 5000 images each morning
- ☐ the longest lens you have
- ☐ a fast lens in 300-400 range for some great flight photography (if you have)
- ☐ a shutter release cable for your camera (if you have)
- ☐ Teleconverters

We will be shooting from very comfortable blinds and our lens will be on tripods. 500mm is a good length for perched birds. We will not be using flash on this workshop.

We will be parking within 30 feet of the blinds, so we will have easy access to our gear.

I will have a cooler full of water for us to drink.

Final Payments

Please remember that all workshop balance fees are due by Nov 11, 2021. Please contact me if you need to know your balance. Final payments can be made by credit card at the following link:

https://www.alanmurphyphotography.com/payment