



Your Boquete Photography Workshop Information eBooklet Webpage Edition



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and more original photographs than ever before!*



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- All the benefits of a photography tour
- All in one!



Cloudforest Tours
unforgettable experiences



Your 7-hour Boquete Photography Workshop

What makes your workshop different from most photography tours

We at Cloudforest Tours have been on a lot of other company's tours, and we continue to go on them whenever we can. Through these tours, we learn a lot; about **what to do**, and about **what not to do**. And we bring all that experience to you. You will not be rushed from place to place to get all your photos in 90 minutes; you will be entrenched in a beautiful environment where you can be sure you get the best image, and where a professional photographer is helping you get it just right. ***This is a whole different experience!***

We also bring a philosophy, or an attitude. And this is it: Photography is exciting! And photography is so much more than just capturing a visual moment. With time, learning, and experience, you can begin to capture emotion also – the very emotion you feel as you look upon the scene. And we are here to help you get to that level.

Absolutely these workshops are about having fun! Fun discovering amazing things to take photos of, fun learning new ways to take a photo, fun seeing what you capture, a fun delicious lunch, fun seeing yourself becoming a better photographer, and just fun together. You will wish **ALL** photo tours were like this! If you take what is available, there is no reason you will not leave this workshop a better photographer than when you came.

Remember what we wrote on the first page of this booklet?

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- We bring you all the benefits of a photography **class**, all the benefits of a photography **tour**, all in one!





Boquete

Boquete, in the highlands of Panama's Chiriquí province yet just a 45 minute drive from Panama's second largest city, David, has a population of 4,000, and lies on the east side of Volcán Barú, Panama's tallest point. Coffee plantations and other agricultural lands are laid into the hillsides surrounding Boquete, with tourists and friendly locals are busy in town. Boquete's surrounding natural and cultivated beauty is astounding.

Boquete is renown throughout Panama and neighboring Central American countries for its coffee, oranges, and annual flower festival. Boquete is about 20% ex-Pats, making it somewhat a retiree community, with many new to Panama choosing to live in the hills just outside of town. Nonetheless, Boquete has retained its uniquely picturesque small town charm, and continues to be a refreshing place to visit.

Boquete occupies a lush valley, bordered on the west by Volcán Barú and on the east by the Río Caldera. Boquete downtown is composed of parks, cafes and restaurants, and an assortment of shops. As one wanders out of the downtown area, the scenery and experience of nature grows more and more exceptional.

Boquete

Getting into the countryside affords opportunities to explore coffee plantations, take a coffee tour, look for the wildlife visible from the road and paths, take a photography tour, see some of the most lush and unique vegetation imaginable, or take a hike tour through this vegetation and wildlife with a trained, licensed, and professional guide on one of the many Cloudforest Tours available.

If Hiking is your thing, we can guide you through hikes from the least physically demanding all the way to ascending to the top (*over 11,000 feet*) of Volcán Barú. If you love photography, we can guide you to some of the area's most picturesque locations, including beautiful cascades and breathtaking waterfalls. If you love seeing unique and exotic birds, our Expert Guide can take you to them, point them out to you, even help you recognize their calls. Let us help you fully enjoy this amazing part of Panama!





The Details

Physical Exertion Level This Excursion Requires

This workshop is designed to require the minimum physical exertion possible for this location. We try to keep the elevation changes on the trails no more than 30-100'. In those areas where there is some elevation change (*all classified as "Easy"*), we will travel at a pace which accommodates every participant's physical abilities. This workshop is **NOT SUITED** to those requiring walkers, wheelchairs, or other devices beyond walking sticks.



The Details

What IS Included

- We will be providing transportation from the workshop Meet-Up, which is Plaza Los Establos, Boquete, Chiriquí, Panama, and transportation back to the Meet-Up. More details later in this eBrochure
- We will be providing bottled water, but also recommend you plan for your own hydration. It is critical that **ANYONE** venturing into wilderness area **MUST** plan for their hydration; whether the venture is guided or not. **Bring with you enough water to keep you hydrated and safe!**
- We provide you with a great lunch, and great conversation throughout that meal!
- **Lots of knowledge.** Be sure to take advantage of the group discussions, and of all the individual help we offer. Don't hesitate to ask! The point of this tour is you taking home skills and exceptional photographs worthy of framing!

What you should bring

What you should bring is outlined in great detail in the unabridged version of this eBooklet, which is made available to you for download as soon as you pay for your workshop and reserve your workshop date. Immediately after you reserve your date and pay, you will be sent an email with a link to a guide to completing your booking. This will also include links to two online forms which must be completed right away, so we can customize your workshop to properly coordinate with your physical abilities and your photographic skill level and other issues of importance in making your workshop as personally suited to you as possible.



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The Details

Weather

The weather in Boquete is very unique. With the exception of a couple of months at the end of the year (*Panama's summer*), it rains almost every single day. You may have heard talk of a rainy season and a not rainy season. To not be fooled! The difference between these two seasons is not IF it will rain; it is HOW MUCH it will rain. There is no cut-and-dry pattern to the rain, but on the most part it rains in the afternoons and evenings.

You will receive a weather forecast by email about a week prior to your workshop date so you can plan, and a second forecast by text the day before. But Boquete weather is virtually impossible to forecast, it just does what it wants. Be prepared!

Clothing

Please dress prepared to handle all possible weather conditions which may befall you in this workshop. We recommend layers, so you can add or take away clothing as needed by the weather of the moment. The temperature will be between 60 - 78 degrees Fahrenheit (*15-26 degrees Celsius*).







Your Boquete Photography Workshop Coach/Guide

Your Primary Coach for your Photography Workshop is **David Westfall**. You will also have a secondary coach, whose expertise focuses primarily on the geographic area you will be visiting during your workshop.

David brings a litany of experience with him, with over 40 years of total photographic experience.

Highlights include:

- 3 years as an event photographer
- 20 years as a photojournalist, including 17 years as a Feature Photographer for the Los Angeles Times
- 15 years as an acclaimed Workshop Guide in Arizona, conducting workshops in Northern Arizona, throughout the United States, in Canada, Ireland, Italy, and Panama.

Photographers, guides, and/or staff are subject to change without notice by Cloudforest Tours. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate programs as planned, but alterations may still occur and deviate from published itineraries