

Dear photographer

If you are considering attending a workshop this year, may we invite you to consider the Overberg Workshop at the end of October this year.

This is what participants said of the 2009 Cederberg Workshop, presented by Wicus and JJ:

*Spending so much time in nature was wonderful
It was my first workshop and I learned so much about myself-
Jaco, Somerset West*

Wicus and JJ's workshops are always special - that's why I like coming on them!
Nettie, Cape Town

For the price the workshop was worth every cent. It is still very well priced compared to other excursions around the country - Francois, Pretoria

I liked the pace and intensity, the venue - and the atmosphere was great!
Deirdre, Cape Town

*Thank you for creating such a wonderful opportunity to learn, experience, practise,
participate, share and enjoy.*

*I had a wonderful time and cannot remember when last I experienced a group of people so
inspired, switched on and enthusiastic about one activity for so many days in a row -
Andrea, Stellenbosch*

The Overberg

Photographic Workshop!

Come and meet old friends ... or make new ones!

with

Wicus Leeuwner & JJ van Heerden

Wednesday 28 Oct to Sunday 1 November





Over the last ten years the workshops presented by Wicus and JJ have grown into highly sought-after photographic experiences in South Africa. Two passionate and creative photographers with a proven track record present the workshops.

And the workshops are always fully booked!

The workshop is aimed at photographers wishing to find a creative way of improving their photography by using artistic and design principles. Both beginner and experienced photographers will benefit. The workshop is presented in a relaxed, informal atmosphere, allowing individual freedom of expression.

There is a combination of lectures, practical work and evaluation.

***The workshop fee includes all accommodation, meals and teas.

The all-inclusive cost of the Overberg workshop is R4500 per person (all single rooms, unless requested otherwise)

This makes it amongst the most affordable of photographic courses in South Africa.



(Non-participants: R3400 per person - this includes all meals and accommodation. You will also be most welcome to join the photographers on field outings and to attend the audio-visual shows in the evenings)

Due to the popularity of this workshop, *early booking is essential!*



"Thanks for facilitating such a great course. I enjoyed every single moment".

Renate - Cape Town

OVERBERG

The Overberg workshop is presented at Volmoed, a retreat in the picturesque Hemel and Aarde Valley between Caledon and Hermanus. Accommodation is in rustic three-bedroomed stone cottages with a shared bathroom in each cottage.

We provide **single rooms for all participants**, unless you would prefer to share. The retreat is situated in a secluded valley next to a mountain stream with beautiful pools and waterfalls along its course.

The coastline in this area presents spectacular seascapes and tidal pools. During this time of the year the fynbos is in full flower and offers endless photographic opportunities.

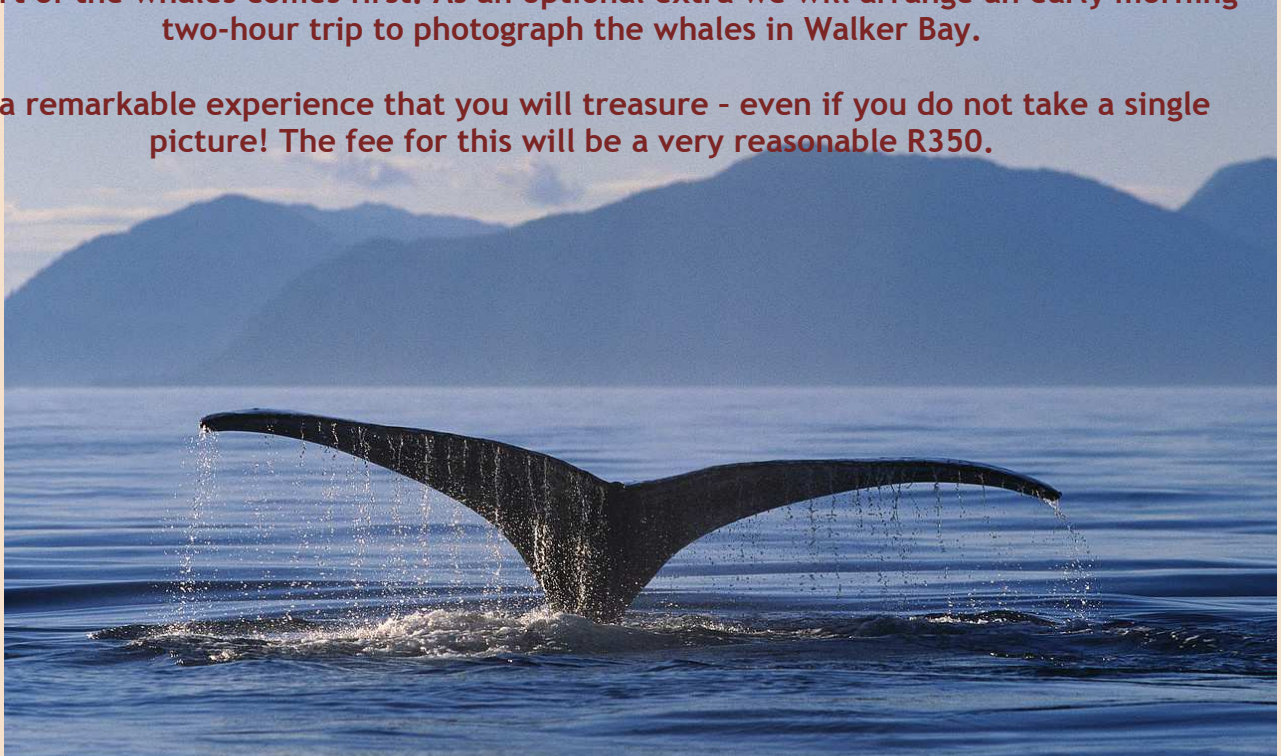
On the other side of the valley the wheat harvest will be in full swing, creating spectacular geometric patterns over the rolling hills.

The daily programme will consist of an early morning excursion, followed by lectures and brunch. After brunch participants view the photographs taken the previous day and select images for evaluation. Evaluation is followed by another excursion lasting until after sunset.

*** WHALE -Watching by boat!

We work in conjunction with a highly-respected operator where the welfare and comfort of the whales comes first. As an optional extra we will arrange an early morning two-hour trip to photograph the whales in Walker Bay.

It is a remarkable experience that you will treasure - even if you do not take a single picture! The fee for this will be a very reasonable R350.



"Wicus and JJ, you have a rare talent to impart your knowledge and passion in a way which inspires and uplifts. Something that not many people today seem able or willing to do. I hope to have the privilege of joining you again for another workshop in the future".

Helen - Johannesburg

What to bring:

Opportunities to use all your lenses will present themselves at the workshop, but a wide-angle zoom in the 28-80mm range and a telephoto zoom in the 70-300 range will be especially useful (if you have them). Polarizing filters for all the lenses is highly recommended.

- **A sturdy tripod** is essential for field instruction and careful composition.
- **Close-up equipment** (see note at the end of this section).
- **A laptop** to organise your images. If you do not have one, do try and borrow one for the duration of the course. We will assist you with working with your pictures.
- **Clothes** for both hot and cold weather (and a jacket for the boat trip). The days are usually hot, but the evenings can get rather nippy. Bedding is provided, but an **extra towel** comes in handy.
- **Raingear**. (In the Cape you often experience three seasons in a single day!) Comfortable **walking shoes**. While there is no serious hiking involved, the distances covered in the throes of photographic excitement can be considerable. Comfortable shoes or hiking boots will also reduce the risk of injury in rough terrain.
- **Headgear and sunscreen**.
- **Beverages** to taste

Note: The cost of **close-up equipment** scares a lot of people away from macro photography, which is a pity, as both workshops present some excellent macro opportunities. Fortunately, some inexpensive options do exist. Investigate close-up adapters, with a step-up ring to fit each of your lenses. They offer excellent quality and superb close-up facilities at 10% of the price of a macro lens.

The normal close-up filters are not recommended, as the image quality is usually diabolical. Another option is to obtain a set of extension tubes. They are more expensive than the adapters, but offer better image quality.

If you have any problems in obtaining any of the above equipment, or have any enquiries about equipment, you can contact JJ on (021) 888 1500 or 083 366 1515.

*"My Overberg experience changed the way I look at the world.
I will enthusiastically recommend your workshops to all my photography friends."*

Lizanne - Durban



Do not delay - secure your place NOW!

For bookings and further enquiries :

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