

2027



Japan

11 Day
Adventure

2nd to 12th February



Japan

Winter Wildlife + Landscapes

An 11 Day Luxury Photographic Tour in Japan

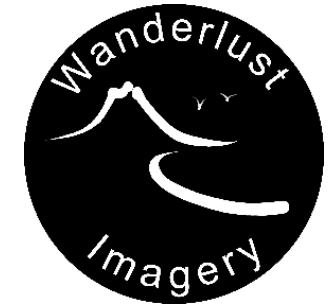


Join award winning professional photographers **Robin Moon, Timothy Moon** and **Andy Yee** experiencing an unforgettable winter photography adventure.

Highlights include :

- Red Crowned Cranes of Hokkaido
- Steller's Sea Eagles drift ice cruise
- Biei landscapes
- Shirogane waterfall
- Sapporo / Hill of the Buddha
- Otaru Canal
- Ebisu Rocks + Nikka Distillery
- Snow monkeys
- Matsumoto Castle
- Mount Fuji + the five lakes
- The food and culture of Japan





The Itinerary in more Detail

* Subject to change and may vary to accommodate weather and festival timing.
Festival dates may vary by a day or two.

Days 1 Tokyo

The trip commences in Tokyo.

Days 2-4 Kushiro and Rausu

We fly from Tokyo to Kushiro on the northern island to spend time photographing the rare and sacred red crowned cranes and the Steller's Sea Eagle of Hokkaido. Capturing the cranes dancing in the snowfall is something you will want to witness with a camera in your hand. Later, we venture out on a boat in search of the Steller's Sea Eagles on drift ice.

Day 5 Biei

We then head for the winter wilderness of the Biei area and its picture perfect snow covered landscapes. The environment is something out of a fairy tale, with the terrain appearing perfectly manicured in a frozen setting.

Day 6 Sapporo

Street photography in one of the most snow covered cities in the world, will offer exceptional image making opportunities. Capture the tranquil beauty of the Hill of the Buddha draped in snow. This is a breathtaking blend of spiritual architecture and winter's quiet grace. A rare chance to capture this iconic site in its most serene season.

Day 7 Otaru

We have a sunrise shoot at Otaru's iconic Ebisu Rocks, where the first light dances over dramatic coastal formations. Then step into tradition with a visit to the historic Nikka Whisky Distillery in Yoichi, with a chance to capture atmospheric scenes and savor Japan's renowned craftsmanship. We finish the day strolling along the Otaru Canal, framed by vintage warehouses and glowing lanterns, providing a perfect backdrop for capturing timeless street scenes and reflections. A day of landscapes, culture, and classic Hokkaido charm.

Days 8-9 Jigokudani

We fly from Sapporo to Niigata and head to the land of the snow monkeys.

A day with the snow monkeys in the hills of Jigokudani is something you won't experience anywhere else in the world. Capturing them during their winter routine of keeping warm by sitting in hot springs in the snow will provide an image that every photography portfolio requires.

Day 10 Mt Fuji

We head to Matsomoto where the "Black Castle" resides in the center of town.

With its surroundings covered in snow, it's a great opportunity to see one of the finest preserved castles in all of Japan.

A drive to the vicinity of Mount Fuji offers a variety of stunning lakes and landscapes against the background of the majestic Fuji-san.

Day 11 Tokyo

We return to Tokyo with a final day to explore.

At this time of year, its possible to capture "Diamond Fuji" with the Tokyo skyline that shows the incredible expanse of this modern city. We also visit some of the picturesque traditional areas and temples at times with less crowds.

Our tour will conclude at the end of this day and participants can arrange to depart the following day.

The 11 day tour covers a wide spectrum of photography and will be an unforgettable cultural experience. The trip will allow ample opportunities to capture key moments. As well as learning general camera craft the tour enables an extended period to discuss editing and post processing techniques, that will enable you to get the most value out of the trip.

Click on the following link for a map showing the trip locations : [Google Map](#)





The Cost

\$9,999* per person with an AU\$1,500 deposit to secure a place

* A single supplement is available. The price is based on 2026 rates which may vary. Any change to the pricing will be advised 6 months prior to commencement of the tour.

What's Included

- Three professional photography guides
- 11 nights accommodation
- Dual Occupancy (where possible)
- Domestic flights to Sapporo and return to Matsumoto
- All breakfasts
- Transportation in private cars and ferries
- All entrance fees to photography locations (snow monkeys and cranes)
- Post-Processing sessions during the tour

What's Not Included

- Airfare to and from Japan
- Lunch and Dinners
- Train transport
- Alcoholic beverages
- Travel insurance
- Equipment and baggage insurance
- Visas (if applicable)
- Gratuities





What to Expect

- We understand getting the photo into the card is only half of the battle. During the workshop, there will be time to go over post-processing to help you create images that pack a punch. Our photographers will assist your curation and selection process, Lightroom and Photoshop workflows and editing techniques and develop your best images, so you can showcase the finest that Japan has to offer, returning home with a portfolio of images that showcase your adventure.
- The trip is suitable for the photographer with basic knowledge right through to expert level.
- Group size will be maximum 7 people. The cost includes 11 nights accommodation, domestic flights from Tokyo to Kushiro (Hokkaido) and return from Sapporo to Matsumoto, ground transport, park entrances fees and all breakfasts.
- Japan is a gastronomic destination in and of itself. With such a wide and varied selection to choose from, you will learn that Japanese food is more than just Sushi. From succulent seafood to giant bowls of Ramen, crispy tempura, or Kansai Okonomiyaki, you will come to appreciate all of what Japan has to offer your palate. When we aren't leaving in the dark to shoot sunrise, breakfasts will be provided. We will be staying in three-star or greater hotels during our trip. We will spend one night in a Ryokan, a traditional Japanese Inn, which will be quite the experience. Each hotel has been selected for their value and offers a comfortable stay in petite but modern and well-equipped rooms.
- All rooms on the workshop will be provided as dual occupancy. Single Occupancy is offered on a limited first come, first reserved basis for AU\$1,285 for this tour.

Please nominate Single Occupancy when booking or as early as possible to ensure reservation. If Single Occupancy cannot be reserved, we will communicate this as soon as possible.

What To Bring

- Camera Whatever you have.
We also help with iPhone photography
- Filters Optional ND 6 for sunrise
- Tripod Sunrise, sunset and low light photography
- Lenses 12-24mm for wide landscapes + interiors
24-70mm to tighten landscape shots
12mm f/2.8 for astrophotography
100-400mm for landscape detail
- Microspikes Slippery icy pathways at sunrise
- Head torch with a red light
- Microfibre cloth for wiping down lenses between shots
- Laptop with Photoshop or Lightroom
- A passion for image making

A detailed packing list will be provided for the tour, and zoom meetings held in the months beforehand, to prepare for our adventure.



Make A Booking

Book by arranging a \$1,500 deposit through the Sonyscene website using the following link :

[Book Now](#)

Final payment is by direct deposit to :

Account Name	Wanderlust Imagery
BSB	112-879
Account Number	080 042 921

Final payment is due by 2nd October 2026

Questions

If you have any questions or details that need clarifying please contact Tim on images@wanderlust.sydney

For a calendar of other workshops and tours that are available visit our website:

www.wanderlust.sydney/workshops

For a full copy of our terms and conditions for the workshop [click here](#)

Photography Equipment

We can also arrange discount pricing for Nisi, Leofoto Explorer and Summit brands.

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