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Dream Trip: Aperture Academy Photography Workshop Cruises to Alaska in Luxury

Aperture Academy in Campbell, CA, has added exciting new classes to their digital photography workshop schedule for 2011, from Introduction to Photography seminars, to on location Botanical Gardens and the Grand Canyon workshops, and a luxury dream cruise to Alaska.

Campbell, CA—February 9, 2011—Aperture Academy owner and professional nature photographer, Stephen Oachs, has released the Academy's schedule of digital photography location workshops and computer classes for 2011. Many new classes and workshops have been added, from the Grand Canyon, and an extreme adventure in Zion Narrows, to a week-long luxury Alaskan cruise that offers a series of photography workshops including whale watching, shore excursions, Photoshop classes, photography seminars, one-on-one instruction and print classes.

"We are excited to offer this workshop cruise package through Holland America. Our dedicated and very enthusiastic students deserve a dream experience, and we are working diligently to provide as many as we can. The cruise this year, as well as an exciting 'extreme' expedition to Zion, are just the beginning. Students ask, we listen!" said Oachs. Among 2011 location workshops suggested by students are the Oregon Coast, the Columbia Gorge, the Grand Canyon, Palouse Wildflowers in Washington, and more time in favorite locations such as Death Valley, Yosemite, Eastern Sierras and the very popular 'Night Owls' classes in San Francisco.

This year's cruise combines the fun and satisfaction of a photography workshop in Alaska with the luxury and relaxation of a vacation. Aboard a luxury cruise ship for a week of photography with the professionals from the Aperture Academy, students will get many chances to photograph wildlife, landscapes, icebergs and a great deal more. Plus, instructors will be on-hand the entire week to answer any questions about becoming a better photographer.

Students will be able to process their images in an on-board classroom featuring Adobe certified instructors teaching Photoshop and Lightroom. Participants can even get their best photos matted and framed while on the ship so they're ready to hang on the wall when they get home.

To get full details on the cruise and workshops, or to read more about Aperture Academy, see course schedules, or to inquire about reserving the gallery, visit <http://www.ApertureAcademy.com> or call 408-369-8585.

About Aperture Academy

Founded by award-winning photographer and entrepreneur, Stephen W. Oachs, the Aperture Academy is a unique combination of fine art photography gallery and state-of-the-art teaching facility featuring classroom and in-field workshop instruction. Established in 2009 by Stephen Oachs, the Academy is located in Campbell, California, in the Pruneyard Shopping Center. The Academy offers a fun, interactive environment for learning everything related to digital photography, providing the best hands-on instruction in the industry. The state-of-the-art facility has individual student workstations outfitted with the latest software and hardware for Mac and PC platforms. Professional, award-winning instructors guide students of any skill level from learning to shoot in the field to techniques for digital post-processing, in a relaxed, personalized environment. Also an event venue, the 4,000 square foot facility's open floor plan makes it perfectly suited for social receptions, business and fund-raising events, camera club meetings and much more. Visit <http://www.ApertureAcademy.com> or call (408) 369-8585 to learn more about the school, reserve the gallery, or to register for classes.

About Stephen W. Oachs

Stephen Oachs is an award-winning photographer, successful entrepreneur and technology veteran who began his journey in photography the moment he picked up his first camera. Stephen's unique and distinctive style has earned him recognition as one of today's finest nature photographers. He was recognized in 2007 as wildlife photographer of the year by the National Wildlife Federation and was awarded best nature photographer in 2008 by National Geographic for his work photographing the endangered snow leopard. In 2009, Stephen founded The Aperture Academy, a unique combination of fine art photography gallery and classroom.

His work has graced the pages of many notable worldwide publications, including National Geographic, Popular Photography, Outdoor Photographer, National Wildlife Magazine, among others. Stephen and his work have been profiled locally in Gentry Magazine, and The Mercury News, and he has made numerous appearances as a guest lecturer.

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