



***Do you put your camera on auto  
and hope for the best...***



***Night skies in the Karoo - The winter Milkyway***

***Join us in the Karoo Heartland...***

Join us for an unforgettable weekend getaway to the Ganora Guestfarm near Nieu Bethesda and learn how to use your camera to its full potential. Our getaway weekends are tailored for students wishing to combine our introductory photography short course with a fun filled weekend.

Locations are carefully selected, allowing you to experience some of the most beautiful

parts of our country.



### ***Natural light documentary workshop***

#### **Course Aims**

1. To demystify camera controls.
2. To use your camera to its full potential
3. Controlling unwanted backgrounds
4. To provide an user-friendly learning experience that will enable you to produce stunning photographs time-and-time again

#### **Course Content includes**

1. Camera controls
2. The creative use of camera controls
3. Lenses and accessories
4. Introduction to composition
5. Combining flash with daylight
6. Dealing with problematic lighting conditions
7. Posing subjects

#### **Practical Workshops**

The following workshops are included allowing you to gain hand on knowledge under the guidance of a professional photographer:

1. A natural light documentary workshop. Students learn the art of documentary portraiture by photographing local residence in and around their homes. The workshop centres on the use of natural light to create character studies of rare and sublime beauty.
2. A light painting workshop. Light painting is a form of night photography where scenes are lit with powerful hand-held torches during long exposures. It is an experimental

technique that produces surprising and stunning results.

3. A sunset-silhouette workshop. Students learn to deconstruct landscapes with the aid of exposure manipulation to create foreground silhouettes with strong communication value against intensely colourful skies (Please note that this workshop is weather dependent).

4. A outdoor natural light workshop

The workshop centres around the use of natural light for portrait and landscape studies.



***Light painting workshop***

### **Peripheral Activities**

***In addition to the photography workshops students will be entertained to the following:***

1. An astronomy lecture with colour images produced with the world's largest telescopes.
2. View the Karroo night skies through a 10-inch deep space telescope.
3. A visit to the farm's fossil and stone tool museum.
4. Visit nearby caves to view 7000-year old rock paintings.
5. A visit to the Owl House in nearby Nieu-Bethesda.
6. Enjoy a truly unique gastronomical experience as guests of local cheese maker and brew master Andre Cilliers at the rustic Two Goats Deli. Feast on Andre's hard and soft cheeses infused with herbs, smoked kuku salami, roasted olives in rosemary, farm bread, jams and Andre's famed Karoo ales and honey beer.



***Breakfast at Ganora Nov 2013***

### **Course Presenter**

The course is presented by Pine Pienaar. Pine lectured photography at the Port Elizabeth Technikon's School of Art and Design (currently the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University) for over 20 years. His vast knowledge of photographic processes, both commercial and fine art, together with his extensive experience in working with beginners and advanced students makes him highly sought after as a lecturer.

During his final years of lecturing at the university Pine specialized in astronomical photography. In that capacity he worked at the Boyden Observatory photographing deep space objects such as galaxies, nebulae and globular clusters.

His easy manner and fluid way of teaching makes him hugely popular and much in demand as a photography lecturer, and mentor.

His students invariably go away with far more than the expected.



*Rock art at Ganora*

### ***About Ganora Guestfarm***

***"Give us one day and we will give you 230 million years."***

Ganora is a sheep farm **situated in the foothills of the majestic Snow Berg Range** sixty kilometers north of Graaff Reinet in the Karroo Heartland. The farmstead and guest cottages nestle in the slopes of a depression carved into the bedrock by ancient rivers in pre-historic times. The surrounding rock formations and rich fossil beds on the farm bear testimony to the events that contributed to the formation of this vast and beautiful land.

**The original farmstead** and outbuildings, dating back to the mid 1700's, has been converted into guest accommodation. The stone packed kraal wall that once surrounded the farmyard, today form part of the guest cottage interiors, allowing visitors the rare pleasure of interacting with the past.

**The farm museum** boasts an extensive fossil collection, including rare examples found nowhere else in the country. Farm owner Jan-Peet's knowledge of Karroo fossils, together with his enthusiasm for the subject makes his talks and fossil veld tours hugely popular with young and old. Jan-Peet also works closely with researchers from Wits, Rhodes and the NMMU universities.

The farm also has various sites with **well-preserved rock paintings** and engraving. This is Hester's area of expertise. Her enthusiasm for the subject is infectious and visitors can look forward to an entertaining and informative talk on the subject, bringing to life 11 000 years of Bushman folklore.

**Meal times** at Ganora are of special importance. This is down time and visitors can look

forward to traditional Karroo cooking, good company, much laughter and stories about the day's events. Regular fare on offer includes Karroo lamb, kudu and other game dishes, bobotie with spiced rice, organically grown vegetable dishes, koeksisters and milk tart.



*Sarah - Documentry workshop*

***Course Date:***

10 - 13 April 2014

***Cost***

R3700 per person sharing All inclusive (Exclude transport, drinks)

\*\* Students that have already done the Introductory or the Extended course that would like to join the weekend from the Friday are more than welcome to do so. Contact Melanie for reduced price.



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*Sunset workshop*

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