

A Photographic Workshop of the Basque Country ... France & Spain

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JUNE 22nd – 30th, 2017 (SUMMER session)
with Photographer, Struan, and Tour Guide
extraordinaire from the region, Mikel Erkiaga

LIMITED to 10 Photographers

The FALL Session is from SEPTEMBER 9th – 17th, 2017

This **Travel Photography Workshop** is for enthusiasts and semi-pro photographers who love to travel and explore new places. Here is a unique opportunity to enjoy the many distinctions of a diverse and beautiful region of Europe with an eye to capturing unusual and powerful images.

Struan has chosen his favourite region in Europe, the Basque country, in a unique corner of Spain and France, which he has visited every year over the last decade as it represents a breathtaking segment of both countries, from Bilbao in Spain to Bayonne in France on the west coast, with its rich ancient history, natural resources, exceptional countryside, fine foods, and spectacular festivals.

The History of the Basque Country: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basques>

Photography enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.



This exclusive one week Photography Workshop is a chance for photographers to enhance their photography skills as well as learn the many aspects of great 'travel' photography with important and exciting visual tips from Struan.

There will be time for one-on-one instructions throughout the tour, from developing a visual story of a culture and its people, from landscapes to portraits and everything in-between.

This unique experience is truly made possible by our own Basque guide extraordinaire, **Mikel Erkiaga**, owner of Kukua Tours. You will see the Basque country like no other tourist will. Mikel has worked extensively on television/film documentaries in Spain and France.

The trips highlights are many ... from visiting the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, the St. Peter and St. Paul Festivals in Lekeitio, and the Wine tasting in France, to mention just a few.



"There is only you and your camera. The limitations in your photography are in yourself, for what we see is what we are." - Ernst Haas

DATES & PRICES for the Photography Workshops 2017:

All Prices are in EUROS. Payable through PayPal at info@kukuatours.com

Sign up at to book your spot: www.kukuatours.com > ["Photo Workshops"](#)

SUMMER Travel Photography Workshop:

Thursday, JUNE 22nd – Friday, JUNE 30th, 2017.

Deadline to Register is APRIL 1st, 2017.

Double room: €2,700 (euros) / Single room: €2,950 (euros)

Deposit: €500 (euros) non-refundable.

(Your deposit will be refunded if not enough people sign up)

[See SUMMER 2017 ITINERARY](#)

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DEADLINE to Register is JUNE 1st, 2017

Same costs as above: Double room: €2,700 (euros) / Single room: €2,950 (euros)

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Eight nights hotel with breakfast.
- Expert Instruction by photographer, Struan, including small group instruction & plenty of one-on-one time & critique sessions.
- Expert Basque guide Mikel Erkiaga throughout the entire trip.
- Travel and Instructional Materials during the trip.
- Arrival day Transfer to the Hotel.
- All ground transportation during the workshop.
- Admissions for all included sight seeing and events.
- Taxes and fees.
- One lunch or one dinner everyday.
 - Everyone will be met at the Airport in Bilbao on June 22nd & September 9th.
 - For those with other travel plans, we will all meet up at the Hotel (TBA) for 5pm cocktails.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare or any other transportation to the workshop place.
- Travel insurance.
- Tips and Gratuities.
- Departure day Transfer.
- Any meals on your own and not with the group.



"Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others." - Jonathan Swift

To Reserve a Spot: for The Basque Country Photography Tour, please go online to secure your space and sign up at www.kukuatours.com > [Photo Workshops](#)
Deposits & final payment can be made on **PayPal** at info@kukuatours.com
or mikelerkiaga@yahoo.es

Space is limited to a maximum of 10 Photographers and is filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Once signed up and your deposit is paid & cleared you will be notified via email and any further details or up-dates will be sent to you directly via email.

Any itinerary or financial questions please contact Mikel Erkiaga at info@kukuatours.com

Any Photography related questions please contact Struan directly at struan@struanphoto.com



“Look and think before opening the shutter. The heart and mind are the true lens of the camera.” - Yousuf Karsh

About Struan

Struan (he only goes and is known by his singular first name) is a commercial fashion photographer working in Europe and North America for over forty-five years. His unique style of photography and how he sees the world stems from his creative vision in shooting for international fashion magazines and the advertising industry on both continents. Struan applies the same creative and unique approach when shooting his travel projects. He simply sees everything differently and from another interesting perspective, which adds a distinct flavor and a “je ne sais quoi” to his images.

Besides the typical landscape “postcard” images which most photographers take to record certain locations and moments, Struan wants to make sure that each photographer captures the essence of any adventure by including people in their photographs as it adds a distinctive flavor to one’s images.

“I’m looking for the unexpected. I’m looking for things I’ve never seen before.”
- Robert Mapplethorpe



“Struan uses urban and architectural backdrops strikingly, and many of his images have a narrative quality to them. His black & white work has a ‘film-noir’ style, stark, deeply shadowed and evocative. His ultimate skill is breathing life, emotion, and passion into a successful strategic statement.”

Applied Arts Magazine

Struan’s photographs have been exhibited at various **Galleries** ... the prestigious **PARIS PHOTO** exhibition at **Le Carrousel du Louvre in Paris, France**, and most recently at the **Arta Gallery** in the Distillery area, and **Todmodern Papermill Art Gallery**, in Toronto, 2016, and the **Krisal Galerie in Geneva, Switzerland** for their 20th anniversary.

Struan’s images have been published in countless **Magazines** around the world from JCA International (Japan), Jardin des Modes, Photo, and Figaro (France), Cosmopolitan, InStyle, American Photo, PDN, Playboy, Fitness, Inside Out and LA Style (USA), to Color Foto (Germany), Photo Covers (Russian), Applied Arts, Studio, Flare, Chatelaine, Photo Life, More, Homemakers, Canadian Living, Expression, and FQ magazine (Canada), to Creative Advertising (England), and the covers for Creative Source (Canada), and the prestigious Art Director’s Index to Photographers (Europe). www.struanfoto.com



The Unique Photography Challenge

The main challenge that Struan wants to instill in the photographers during this trip through the Basque country is that there is a lot more to SEE than looking for the typical picture postcard photo. Struan wants to motivate each photographer in creating their own unique "style of photography". This is where the photographers will learn to MAKE pictures, not just TAKE pictures.

"Thank you so very much for such an amazing experience, I couldn't have imagined a more enjoyable week making photographs. Although I do not have much experience behind the lens, I feel that I have learned a LOT thanks to you! Your passion and attitude towards your work is inspiring and drives me to want to do better and try harder going forward in my life goals."

Thanks again, Elissia

"I believe in the imagination. What I cannot see is infinitely more important than what I can see." - Duane Michals



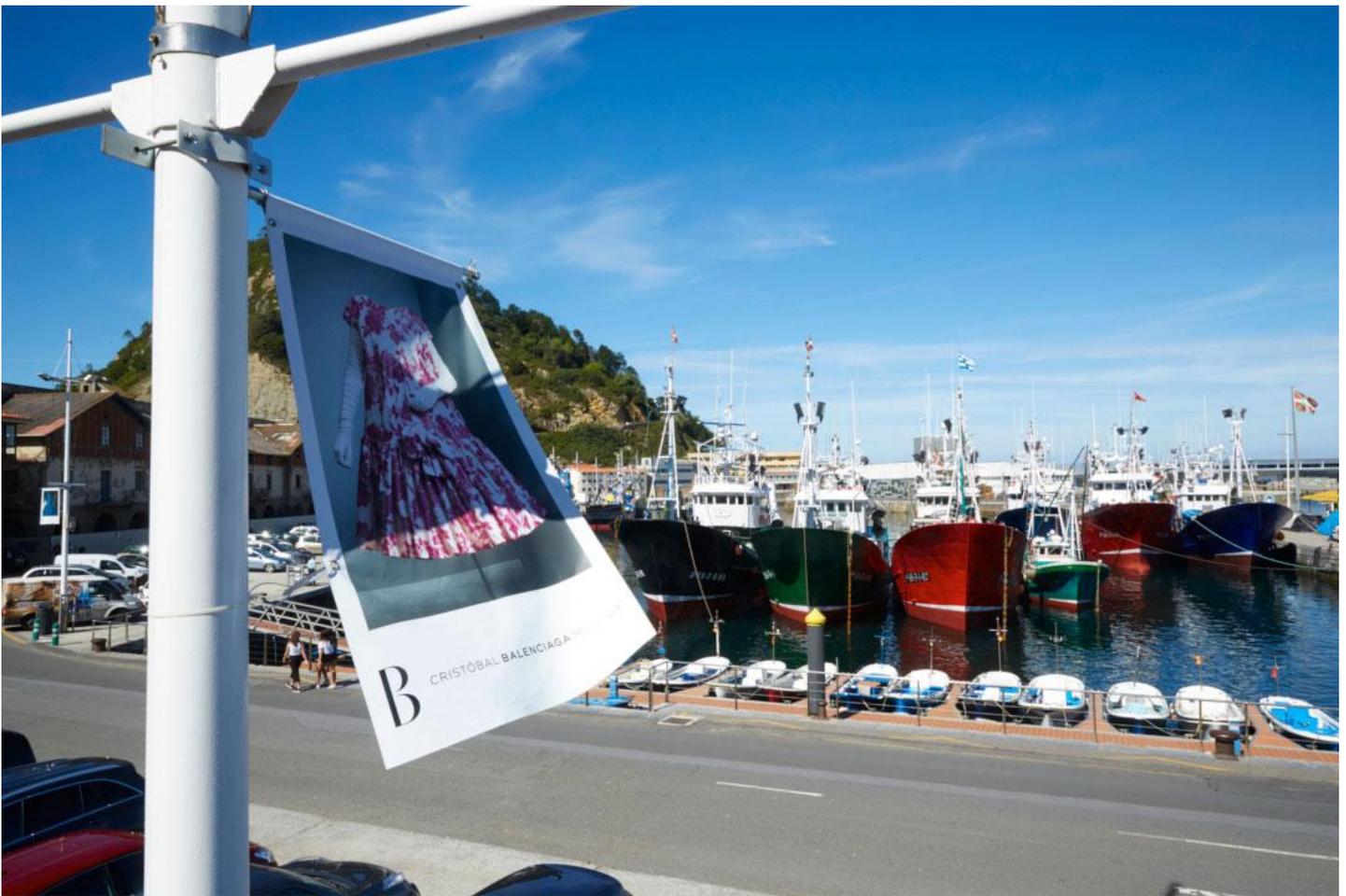
Expect the Unexpected

Struan has done numerous photography workshops, including many keynote speaking engagements & travelled to various locations around the globe over the last 4 decades ... from Ireland, England, Spain, France Belgium, Germany, Italy, Croatia & Switzerland to California, Florida, Mexico, Cuba, Anguilla, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Dominican Republic, Martinique, the Bahamas, etc., and, of course, Canada.

Struan wants you to add the *EXTRA* to ordinary ...

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“What I learned in your photography workshop has taken me so much further and has also made me really fall in love with photography.” Best, Ryan



Items to bring or consider for your photo tour 2017

- Obviously, one should bring a reliable DSLR. If you own 2, so much the better, hopefully they require the same lenses. Make certain your sensor & lenses are 'clean' prior to your trip.
 - Zoom Lenses should range from 24mm – 200mm (Full Frame cameras): Equivalent to 15mm – 125mm for smaller sensors. Standard zoom lenses are usually 18mm – 55mm or to 135mm. (Multiply lens mm by 1.6 or 1.5, depending on brand, to calculate full frame equivalent).
 - Prime Lenses for Full Frame Cameras ... best bet:
Wide Angle lens 24mm or 28mm ... if you think these are too wide, 35mm is perfect.
"Portrait" lens 100mm / 105mm depending on brand. Nothing less than 85mm
Telephoto 200mm is good, anything longer is too big to haul around.
- *IMPORTANT to remember: The lens is far more critical & important than the megapixels of your camera. An \$8,000+ 50MP camera is useless if used with a cheap inferior lens.

- The best digital UV filter to protect each lens. This allows for no lens caps. Hoya is a good brand.

- Cleaning supplies: tissue & fluid for filters only. Do not use on exposed lens surface.

Good for back screen & eyepiece as well.

- Light Tripod or Monopod.
- Light Meter, if custom to using 'manual mode'.
- Extra Batteries and charger.
- Dedicated External Flash (other than flash in-camera).

2 sets of rechargeable batteries for your flash.

- Small white/silver Reflector.
- Universal travel adapter or 2 (power converter) for Europe (220w > 120w).
- Additional SD and/or CF Cards / 16GB or 64GB, nothing larger, as too much information on one card is risky. Should swap out cards as you go & keep them loaded until you get home.

- Shooting RAW files "a must" (if you want professional quality images) + any other format you like. Most DSLRs come with dual slots for SD cards, so you can dedicate a format for each card.

- Dual Card Reader USB 3.0 (for SD & CF cards).

- Backup cards on small external Hard Drive (500GB to 1TB). G-Tech ATC Thunderbolt or LaCie Mini USB 3.0. Large USB Drives can do in a pinch.

- 13" Laptop to view & transfer images to external HD. iPad is okay for viewing photos if connected to Wi-fi.

- Remote Trigger to fire off your camera on a tripod or your external flash.

- Pro Camera Bag for all your camera gear.

- Those wanting to shoot some video clips may want to consider a good external microphone (RODE MIC PRO for instance) as sound is a vital component to good video recording. Make sure you have plenty of SD/CF cards for this operation.

- Don't forget to bring your sense of humour as well!

Sun screen and a cap (to screen yours eyes from glare) are a good addition.

If anyone has any other suggestions or questions about items to bring, please feel free to contact me directly.

Take your best shot,

Struan

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Cheers! Osasuna! Santé! Salud! Beifall! Acclamazioni! Ευθυμίες!

A Photography Trip of a Lifetime! Not to be missed!

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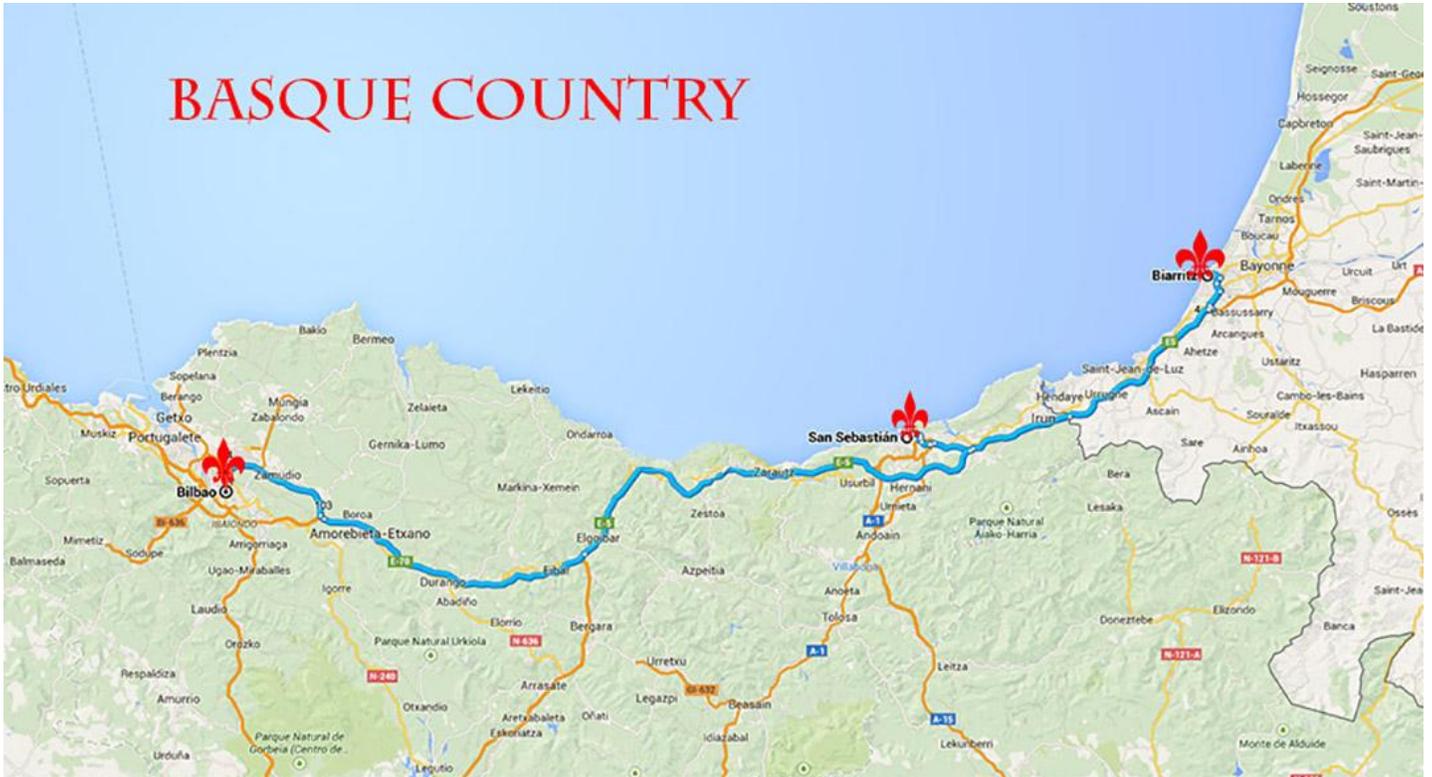
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MAP



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