

Photography weekend

May 20-22nd 2016



At Portsalon Luxury Camping

with

Paul McGuckin

Luxurious yurt accommodation

Single occupancy €395 per person

Two sharing €350 per person

Itinerary

Friday 20th May

We will start with an evening photo session at the world famous Ballymastocker Bay, followed by a meal together in the local pub (or individuals can choose take away or to self cater)

Saturday 21st May

After a leisurely continental breakfast, we'll head over to Glenveagh National Park. Here we can explore a range of genres, including landscape, architecture, documentary, flora and fauna. You'll also have some time to explore the area on your own. Back at the yurts in the evening, we'll review our images and finish off with a fun long exposure photo session to recreate the night time yurt shot above, before enjoying a barbeque and camp fire (weather permitting).

Sunday 22nd May

We will go for a dawn shoot at Fanad Lighthouse, followed by a hearty Irish breakfast at the Lighthouse Tavern. We will take a trip to photograph the stunning Pollet Arch. Then its back to the yurts for a wrap up session - the rest of the day will be yours to explore the area freely.

Paul McGuckin MFA is a commercial and documentary photographer working in both digital and film photography. His commercial work is varied; one day he could be shooting landscapes, the next he's producing images for a band's album cover, the next he's photographing cutting edge architecture. His documentary work is equally varied. From spending seven days at sea on the Jeanie Johnston tall ship, to a Year in the Life at An Grianan Theatre, to being a commissioned artist for Derry City of Culture 2013. He is also founder of the Remote Photo Festival, a new photography festival in Donegal, starting in May 2015.

Style

Naturally, we will be using the inspiration of the great outdoors that Donegal has to offer. However, on the Friday night we will discuss your individual interests and consider the possibility of creating a series of images that are connected, with a personal meaning to you, with your own unique style.

Level

If you have an SLR camera and you're looking to get more from your camera, then this course is for you. You'll have plenty of opportunities for one-to-one tuition and you'll develop your technical and creative skills.

Equipment

Ideally, you should have an SLR camera and maybe a couple of lenses. A tripod is really important. If you have a laptop, bring it with you, but it isn't essential. If you're considering any new equipment before the course, give us a shout if you want any advice. Good shoes and weatherproof clothing will be essential, even if the weather isn't great, we can still take really interesting photos.

Travel

We'll car share when traveling to locations. Glenveagh is our farthest destination, which is only 30-40 mins away.

Insurance

You are advised to take out your own holiday insurance though Portsalon Luxury Camping holds public liability insurance for accommodation.

- All participants will be accommodated in a luxurious yurt on site at Portsalon Luxury Camping. All yurts have king sized bed plus a double sofa bed and a wood burning stove. Please familiarise yourself with our accommodation by viewing our website. Check in is from 2.30 on the Friday and check out is by 1.30pm on Sunday.
- We take a 10% deposit point of booking - you will be invoiced by Portsalon Luxury Camping and can pay with any credit or debit card. Your booking will be confirmed 6 weeks prior to the course date (8.04.16) and full payment will be due at this point. In the unlikely case of the course being undersubscribed the course will be cancelled and your deposit returned by April 8th 2016
- Meals are included in the price except for the pub meal on Friday evening which you will be responsible for paying for yourself (it is not compulsory and you are free to buy takeaway or use the kitchen facilities at Portsalon Luxury Camping to make your own meal). You are also responsible for buying your own snacks during the daytrip (there is a café at Glenveagh).
- There is a general store in Portsalon but please note that there is no ATM so bring any cash you need.
- Ballymastocker Beach is about a mile away from Portsalon Luxury Camping. There are many other walks available locally.
- There are two restaurants in the village - Sarah's Restaurant and the Blueberry and Barnacle. There is a pub at the pier called the Stores and nearby is Portsalon Golf Club which is open to the public for meals. There are takeaway services at all of these places.
- Free wifi and a small library are available for your use.
- Tea/coffee and biscuits are freely available throughout your stay. Bedlinen and towels are provided.
- Please let us know if you have any specific needs prior to arrival.
- If you have any queries regarding photography contact Paul McGuckin at info@landscapeireland.com. Paul's work can be viewed at www.landscapeireland.com
- If you have any queries regarding accommodation or booking or payment please contact Helen at Portsalon Luxury Camping on 0749159957 or 0876016654 or email info@portsalonluxurycamping.com.
- More info about Portsalon Luxury Camping can be found at www.portsalonluxurycamping.com.