

Photography Skills Weekend with Wildlife Worldwide

At

**The George Hotel, Hathersage
Derbyshire**

11th – 13th January 2008



The George Hotel at Hathersage will provide top wildlife photographers Nick Garbutt and Chris Mattison with a perfect homely base from which to share some of their more intimate photography skills.

The George is a beautiful old coaching inn and is renowned locally for the excellent food it provides, created by Exec Chef Ben Handley, who has won many accolades. The hotel is situated in the heart of the Peak District, with walkable access to the beautiful Derbyshire countryside.

Nick Garbutt, who will already be familiar to many of our guests, is one of the UK's top wildlife photographers, having gained many accolades for his work, including winning the BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year in 1996 for his picture of a Langur Monkey in the Urban and Garden Wildlife category. Nick travels worldwide, not only as wildlife photographer but also as a tour guide and author. He has found an affinity with working in 'hot and sticky' environments and is a specialist on the wildlife of Borneo and Madagascar.

Chris Mattison is based in Sheffield, not far from our Peak District location. As another top wildlife photographer, Chris also travels extensively with his work, taking beautiful pictures of reptiles and amphibians as his main subject matter. As well as being awarded Fellowship of the Royal Photographic Society, Chris achieved runner up in the BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year. He also has a love of landscape photography. Chris has written over twenty books, mostly relating to reptiles and amphibians, but he also writes travel guides and articles, when not guiding other trips!

Itinerary

Friday 11th January

A welcome by The George Hotel and access to all rooms will be available any time from 3pm onwards. Please take the time to settle in and familiarise yourselves with the hotel surroundings and facilities. As we are aware that some of you will be travelling some distance to get to Hathersage, dinner will be optional on this first night and left for your own account. (Please contact Mel Kinder at Wildlife Worldwide on 01962 737642 or mel.kinder@wildlifeworldwide if you would like a dinner reservation to be made on your behalf)

Welcome drinks will be served in the lounge bar from 7pm onwards, followed by a relaxed dinner in the restaurant. Drinks will be available from the lounge bar throughout the evening. There will be plenty of opportunity of getting to know the other guests within our group and also of chatting with existing friends, Nick, Chris and the Wildlife Worldwide team.

Saturday 12th January

There will be a leisurely start to the day, with breakfast taken any time between 7:30 – 9:30am.

Photography skills workshops with both Nick and Chris will be held throughout the day. Depending on the weather situation, some sections of the workshops will take place either within the hotel or out in the beautiful surrounding Derbyshire countryside, accessible by walking directly from the hotel. The workshops, whilst providing an overview in general photography skills will concentrate on the achievable results 'within your own back garden', through the use of macro and flash photography. These skills will be extremely beneficial to any customers who may be joining us for the Festival of Wildlife in Madagascar in April 2008. Following the mornings activities, a relaxed lunch will be taken at the hotel.

Nick and Chris will include presentations of their own work and discussions regarding all aspects of photography.

There will be time before dinner, in the Courtyard Suite, to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities.

Sunday 13th January

Once again, there will be the opportunity for a relaxed start to the day with breakfast available between 7:30 – 10:00am.

Depending on the weather, Chris and Nick will continue with workshops during the morning, either in the comfort of the Boardroom, or out and about on foot.

The George Hotel will then provide us with a well earned Sunday lunch, leaving plenty of time in the afternoon to stay and enjoy the Peak District or head off back home.

What's included:

- Two nights hotel accommodation, including breakfast
- One and a half days of photography workshops and presentations by photographers Nick Garbutt and Chris Mattison
- Friday night welcome drink at the bar
- Full board on Saturday
- Sunday lunch

What's not included:

- Friday dinner
- Drinks
- Transfers to and from the hotel
- Tips
- Items of a personal nature

Total price from £295 per person

Please note that there will be a single supplement price of £130. (Please ask us if you would like to twin share and avoid the single supplement.)