

## ***Programs from Roman Kurywczak Roamin'with Roman Photo Tours***

### **“Nature Inspired”**

My name is Roman Kurywczak and I am a professional nature photographer, Sigma Pro team member, author, and lecturer. Come join me for my presentation, “Nature Inspired”, as I guide you through the exhilarating world of nature photography and the time spent capturing the moments that have inspired me for the last 25 years.

Like most people, I had a regular job and I looked forward to photographing on my 2 weeks of vacation. While I worked, my mind would escape to the wondrous natural places I would soon be visiting and lift my spirits as I counted down the days for my journey to begin.

My passion for photography has allowed me to connect with our natural world and heightened my overall experience of the places I visit. I have spent countless mornings photographing magical landscapes and been privileged to watch some of the greatest wildlife spectacles on earth. Some of the locations I visit are quite exotic but I also relish the time spent photographing local subjects to keep my skills sharp. Our natural world has forced me to look more closely at all the beauty that surrounds us. The advent of digital photography has given me the tools to push the limits of both my gear and myself.

My hope is that by sharing my vision of our natural world it will inspire you as you look through your own lens.

### **“Bird Photography; from Portraits to Flight”**

This Q&A program will cover everything you need to do bird photography from gear to settings with some special tips and tricks for photographing birds in flight. The program is broken up into segments including gear, shooting angle, light angle, ISO, which mode, f/stop choices, and what shutter speed to use. During each segment I will give photographic examples and questions will be encouraged so that students can gain a better understanding of the skills and techniques required for this challenging yet exciting aspect of nature photography.

### **“Photographing Wildlife – from Portraits to Action”**

This exciting educational program will cover everything you will need to know about photographing wildlife in the field. The photographic journey will cover exotic locations such as

Tanzania but also include many tips for photographing wildlife closer to home in some unexpected places. Minimum gear requirements will be discussed for both the safety of the wildlife and the photographer. Camera settings will be covered including what mode to use as well as choosing the right ISO for wildlife portrait work as well as action photography. There will be plenty of images examples showing how those settings will provide impact to your images. The program concludes with an in depth segment on photographing birds in flight.

## **“Landscape Photography Simplified”**

This is an educational program designed to give you the tools for becoming a better landscape photographer. Settings and gear will be discussed as well as old tools and new available to the digital landscaper. Software will be discussed but the heavy emphasis will be placed on getting the correct capture in the field. The segment will conclude with a brief segment on photographing the nighttime landscape.

## **“Photographing the Nighttime Landscape”**

An educational how-to program designed to open up your eyes to the possibility of photographing landscapes with the star filled sky as a backdrop all with just one shot. Questions will be encouraged during the entire presentation. The subjects covered will be on necessary equipment as well as camera setting for both star points and star trails. Some additional topics covered will be overcoming the challenges of focusing and composing at night and some minor tips on post processing the images. The program will conclude with a segment on “light painting” of a foreground subject as well as overcoming obstacles when the conditions are less than ideal. Students will leave with a clear understanding of the techniques required and implement them out in the field for themselves. My e-book on the subject, “A Digital Guide to Photographing the Night Sky”, was released in Feb. 2011.

## **“Taking Your Macro Photography to the Next Level”**

This in-depth Q&A macro photography workshop will show you the technical tips and tricks needed to take your macro photography to the next level! Many people are comfortable with creating shallow focus macro images but I will show you how to achieve consistently sharp images with maximum depth of field all in a single frame! Topics covered will range from gear to specific settings for you to maximize your time spent out in the field. Overcoming distracting backgrounds will be discussed in depth with photographic examples showing you how easy they are to overcome. The use of natural light will be covered but a heavy emphasis will be placed on using flash correctly in the field to properly balance the exposure and achieve dramatic results. We will look at some frequently used tricks by the pros that you can easily apply in the field to quickly improve your macro skills. Many of these tips and tricks are

inexpensive and can be done using the gear you already own! During the entire lecture you can ask questions to ensure that you go home with a better understanding of all the topics covered in the program and create tack sharp macro images of your very own. My e-book on macro, "Taking Your Macro Photography to the Next Level", was released in February, 2014.

## **Roman Kurywczak Bio**

Roman Kurywczak has been a professional nature photographer for over 15 years and conducts lectures and workshops across the globe. His boutique tour company, Roamin' with Roman Photo Tours, caters to small groups to provide the ultimate learning experience for participants. Whether he is out in Tanzania or standing before a roaring waterfall in Iceland, Roman's energy and passion for nature photography are clearly evident. You can often find him out in Arches or Yellowstone national park late at night photographing the nighttime landscapes and calling it fun! In the United States, Roman's photographic adventures have led him from Alaska down to California all the way across to Florida and on up to Maine with only a few states left to explore. Future expansion plans include many international destinations.

Closer to home, Roman will spend countless hours doing macro photography. While he enjoys photographing insects, his favorite subject is flowers, which he buys for his wife – and he is sticking to that story. Roman is equally comfortable photographing landscapes, macro subjects, and wildlife whether he is at some exotic location or close to home.

His down-to-earth and easy-to-follow teaching style make him a highly sought after lecturer. He has given countless lectures and workshops across the country. The author of several instructional e-Books on nature photography, Roman strives to share his passion for photography as others have shared with him. He lives in New Jersey and is married with two sons.

A proud member of the Sigma Pro team, you can find his galleries, blog, tour schedule, and more on his website: [www.roaminwithroman.com](http://www.roaminwithroman.com).