

## Photography Tuition



### ***The purpose of the tutorial sessions***

These lessons are aimed at bringing anyone up to speed with the basic principles of photography and what they need to know to start practicing their skills. The sessions are a combination of:

- theory,
- in-the-field practice, and
- consultation.

By the end of the first lesson, a student should be able to identify the three most important camera settings which affect a photograph, and they should be able to make intelligent decisions about how to choose different settings to control the outcome of any given photograph. The student should also be able to better assess a scene for photographic opportunities.

Consultation and advice is also given about what other possibilities extend from the basic camera skills taught, and how to choose equipment such as interchangeable lenses for their digital SLR cameras.

Students are also invited to ask the instructor to focus on the area of photography they are particularly interested in (ie. Portraiture, landscape etc.).

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### ***The target audience***

These lessons are aimed at beginners who are starting from scratch and are impatient to start taking better photographs from day 1. The course is popular with people who have made an investment in camera equipment and are keen to start making that investment count.

Because the tuition is personalised, it can also be tailored to meet the needs of people who already understand some aspects of photography but they need to fill in the gaps for modern digital photography.

The emphasis is on *meeting people where they are at* in their skill level.

### ***What you need (pre-requisites)***

- You need a camera that is capable of being set to “Manual” picture taking mode.  
Not to say that manual mode is the only mode that will be discussed.  
Typically Digital SLR cameras are assumed, but other types of digital cameras can be accommodated.  
If your camera is not a DSLR, please discuss with your instructor prior to booking a lesson.
- You need a notepad and a pencil or pen.
- You need enthusiasm for photography

### ***What is not provided or taught***

- You will not receive any sort of formal qualification or certification
- You will not be able to become an expert in all aspects of photography and achieve mastery in the space of a few lessons.

### ***The cost of lessons***

***At the time of writing, your instructor charges \$100 per hour in total.*** This figure is subject to change without notice. Confirm the correct fee at the time of booking. This fee can be split between friends in order to make it more affordable. It depends on whether or not you need (or can afford to pay for) one on one attention. It is not uncommon for 4 friends to pay \$25 per hour and therefore \$50 each for a two hour lesson where they each take notes and compare them afterwards. Two hours is the recommended length of the first session. Friends who split the cost also benefit from going out and practicing together between tuition appointments. Groups of more than 4 people may attract a different fee. Please contact your instructor.

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## ***How long will it take?***

You need to be prepared to set aside a few hours of your time. It is recommended that your first session be for at least two hours. How many sessions you require will be based on how much more tuition you believe you need after the first session. You should practice your skills on your own between tutorial sessions to get the most out of it.