



Luxury Lodge Offers 'Geographic' Queenstown Photo Retreats

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Queenstown Alpine lakeside luxury hideaway Matakauri Lodge offers the opportunity of a photography retreat with tuition by internationally-renowned *Geographic* and landscape photographers.

Capture Queenstown's rugged and majestic landscape with exclusive coaching from Mike Langford (FAIPP,FNZIPP) and Jackie Rankin (MAIPP,FNZIPP), two internationally recognized landscape photographers. Under Mike and Jackie, attendees will learn to manage and manipulate images with confidence and speed, learning a variety of trade tips and tricks, to create stunning photos whilst experiencing one of the most scenic regions of New Zealand.



Mike Langford was Australian Geographic photographer of the year (1992), NSW Landscape photographer of the year (2002), NZIPP Landscape and Architecture Photographer of the year (2006) & Australian Landscape Photographer of the year (2007). Jackie Rankin on the other hand, was Canon Australia's Photographer of the year (2002), AIPP Landscape Photographer of the year (2003, 2004), and her works awarded with the AIPP Photo book of the year (2005).

"A photographer's paradise, Mike and Jackie will introduce stunning vantage points to capture enduring images of Queenstown, from rugged snow-capped mountains, crystal clear lakes," said Matakauri Lodge General Manager, Grant Alley.

The Matakauri Lodge Digital Photography half day tuition (12noon to 6pm) is NZ\$640 for up to two people (inclusive of GST, fully commissionable). This includes refreshments, and must be booked in advance. Digital SLR (single-lens reflex) cameras are supplied if required. For group bookings, accommodation options and more information on this package, visit Matakauri Lodge's website at www.matakauri.co.nz.

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Editors Notes:

- Mike Langford and Jackie Rankin are co-directors for the Queenstown Centre for Creative Photography, offering total-immersion workshops to amateur or professional photographer that are designed to move them beyond their current level, help them expand their vision, improve their technical skills, uncover their talents and change the way they see, feel, think and work.
- **Matakauri Lodge** offers luxury accommodation, fine dining, superb service and stunning panoramic views. Nestled in native bush overlooking Lake Wakatipu, Matakauri Lodge is one of the world's most private and serene vacation retreats. It is a short distance to Queenstown, the alpine wonderland of New Zealand.
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