

Bears, Bears and Bears Oh My!

July 31 – Aug 7, 2023 counting 2 nights in Anchorage before and after the trip
Lake Clark National Park, Alaska



For the past eleven summers I've had one of the most amazing experiences of my life! I was photographing wild brown bears just yards from where I was standing with no fear of the animals! I



have photographed a lot of brown bears before, in Denali, Glacier, Yellowstone and other Alaska locations but I have never been this close to these magnificent creatures without fear. All the other parks have restrictions on how close you can be to the wildlife, no such restrictions take place here. People and bears have co-existed for years at this location with no problems. The bears go about their business of survival, hardly paying attention to the people. At this time of year, you will see fishing, grazing, nursing, and clamming. (digging for clams) Watching the moms with the cubs was

truly an amazing experience. There will be bears on the beaches, bears in the meadows and lots of interactions between mothers and young! It is a once in a lifetime experience that you will never forget!

Weather permitting, we will have the option to spend half a day taking a boat ride to a nearby island to photograph nesting and feeding seabirds, and possibly sea otters!

The folks at Silver Salmon Lodge offer a great experience. From seasoned guides that not only take you to see the bears, but also teach you about bear behavior, to gourmet cooks, everything is top notch!



The bear guides will drive you from location to location on ATV Quads pulling a trailer, so you don't have to lug your camera gear from location to location! There is some short walking involved, but nothing considered strenuous at all. **You do need to be able to walk up to a mile and a half round trip over uneven ground, carrying your camera equipment.** The lodge will provide you with knee high boots so you don't have to worry about the terrain and can walk on the beach, through damp meadows or along riversides.

The food is great too! (If you have any special dietary considerations please let me know ahead of time) Everything is taken care of!



a necessity.

The days are long in Alaska at this time of year and we will be spending most of time taking pictures of bears! Tides are a factor in locations and bear behavior, so we will be basing our shooting times on the tides and the bear's behavior. There will be time for photographic instruction both in the field shooting, and during our down times. There are facilities for projecting images. I will give demos throughout the week. Having a laptop for reviewing and sharing images can be helpful but not

Lenses from 100-600mm are recommended for general bear photos. I take a Tamron 150-600mm lens and it is great! The perfect lens for this location! (And under \$1400) The first year I took a 800mm lens and missed some shots because I was too close to the bears! I found I had to keep backing up! Using a tripod is essential for the long lenses and I would also recommend a gimbal head to make it easier to track the animals. Wide angles will be useful for scenery and environmental images.

When traveling in the ATVs I recommend carrying your big lens on the tripod (if you are using one) and second camera and additional lenses either in a small camera bag or I wear a Cotton Carrier (<https://www.cottoncarrier.com/?ref=xge7kjfrdnm> - use coupon code Kempercotton to save 10%) with my extra camera and my 24-120 and a photo vest with extra batteries, etc.

Registration Information

Price: Price: \$ 6395 - check or Zelle/ \$6595 Credit Card or PayPal; for double occupancy. (Single occupancy may be available, but we will not know until it gets closer to departure date. Single supplement is \$1900). **Deposit is \$3500.** To pay by check and save, make your check to Lewis Kemper and mail to 800 Saverien Dr. Sacramento, CA 95864. If you pay by Zelle transfer from your bank you can send to lewis@lewiskemper.com



Price includes: Round trip airfare from Anchorage to the lodge, 5 nights lodging and meals at Silver Salmon, guides and ground transportation (quads pulling a trailer) while at the lodge, boat charter to an island to photograph seabirds (weather permitting), photographic instruction, and **all tips to shuttle drivers, guides, and lodge staff.** We are at the lodge from Aug 1st departing on August 6th. Scheduled departure is 10 AM getting back to Anchorage around noon. This happens about 50% of the time. Otherwise there are weather related delays. That is why I recommend spending the night of the 6th in Anchorage. If you really want to depart on the 6th then make sure you do not book before 5 PM, and I am not guaranteeing that you will make your flights.

Not included is transportation to Anchorage, Alaska and food/lodging on the nights prior and after our flights to lodge. We fly to the lodge on Aug 1st, so you need to arrive one day before our departure for the lodge (July 31 in Anchorage). I also recommend you plan on spending the night of 6th in Anchorage and depart on the 7th. It is possible to catch a late flight on the 6th, but weather is unpredictable in Alaska so I would not chance it! I recommend staying at the Courtyard Anchorage



Airport (<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ancyy-courtyard-anchorage-airport/>). This is where I will be and is very close to the small plane airport we will be flying to and from the lodge. If you stay elsewhere you will need to be at the Courtyard by 8AM on Aug 1st.

Deposit: A deposit of \$3500 will hold your space for the trip and should be sent ASAP; there is only space for 7 on this trip. A deposit check can be sent to Lewis Kemper at 800 Saverien Dr. Sacramento, CA 95864, or if you pay by Zelle transfer from your bank you can

send to lewis@lewiskemper.com . Deposits can be made by credit card [here](#) . Please note if you pay by credit card you will be subject to the \$200 surcharge added to the final payment as mentioned above.

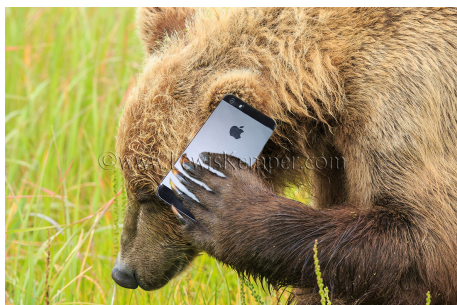
Balance: is due May 1, 2023

Cancellations: Any cancellations made 120 days or less will forfeit their deposits unless I can find another participant to take your place in which case a refund minus \$ 300 will be paid. Cancellations made prior to 120 days will receive a refund minus \$150.

Weight Restrictions: There is a 50lb total weight restriction per person on the flights to and from the lodge. I know this sounds difficult, but it can be done! I had 35 lbs of camera gear and only took the basic necessities for clothes. Temperatures will be in the 50's to low 60's. I recommend 3 T- shirts, 2 long sleeve shirts and Polartec jacket, 2 pair nylon or Polartec pants, hat and gloves (fingerless preferred), **rain jacket and rain pants** (it is Alaska after all! Prepare for rain and everything else is a bonus!) underwear (include lightweight long underwear) and one pair of shoes (you'll be in the boots most of time) and your toiletries. If you are planning any other travel in Alaska make arrangements in your hotel to leave some items while you go to the lodge.

If you have any questions email me at lewis@lewiskemper.com

And my groups always get good pictures because I phone ahead and make special requests with the bears!



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REGISTRATION FORM
please enclose this form with your deposit

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____ HOME PHONE _____

CITY, STATE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

ZIP _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

EMAIL _____

OCCUPATION _____

WORKSHOP NAME _____

WORKSHOP DATES _____

SMOKER _____ NON SMOKER _____

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY _____ SINGLE OCCUPANCY (EXTRA CHARGE) _____

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

ANY SPECIAL MEDICATIONS TAKEN? _____

ARE YOU ALLERGIC TO ANY MEDICATIONS/ FOODS? IF SO WHAT?

ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS?

Medical Insurance Company and Policy #

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Please Read Carefully

RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

I, _____, Hereby acknowledge that I am aware that during a photography workshop or other trip that I am participating in under the arrangements of LEWIS KEMPER AND HIS AGENTS OR ASSOCIATES, certain risks and dangers may arise, including but not limited to, the hazards of traveling in wilderness and remote areas, travel by automobile, truck, boat, or other conveyance, the forces of nature, animal attack, and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. I am also aware and clearly understand that LEWIS KEMPER will have no liability regarding the provision of medical care or adequacy of any care that may be rendered.

I am voluntarily participating in these activities with knowledge of the dangers involved and hereby agree to accept any and all risk including injury and death.

AS LAWFUL CONSIDERATION for the agreement with LEWIS KEMPER to participate in such trips and activities, I hereby agree that I will not make a claim against LEWIS KEMPER or sue for bodily injury, emotional trauma, death, and/or property damage resulting from negligence or other acts, however caused, as a result of participation in the trip. I therefore release and discharge LEWIS KEMPER and his agents and employees from all claims, actions and demands that may have bodily injury, death or property damage arising from participation in the trip.

This release of Liability of Risk agreement is entered into on behalf of all members of participant's family, including any accompanying minors. This agreement is binding on participant's heirs, legal representatives and assigns. If any portion of this agreement is unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect. Under no circumstances shall LEWIS KEMPER be liable to any participant for more than \$500.00. All applications are subject to acceptance by LEWIS KEMPER. Upon payment/deposit for trip, this agreement shall be deemed to have been entered onto at Sacramento, California and shall be construed according to the laws of the State of California. In the unlikely event a legal dispute should arise, I agree the dispute shall exclusively be brought before the appropriate court in Sacramento County, California.

I have carefully read and do agree to all conditions as stated in the LEWIS KEMPER INFORMATION PACKET including conditions regarding cancellations and refunds. I have also carefully read this entire release of liability and assumption of risk and fully understand its contents.

Signature of Trip Participant: _____

Date: _____