

Your safety on location

We will offer alternative locations for your protection in the event of:

1. Bushfire warning, a coastal area location will be offered.
2. High wind warnings.
3. Days of heavy rain create a slippery surface.

Most risks are avoidable by good preparation, this includes:

- Ensure you are carrying sufficient water.
- Be aware of slippery steps, rocks, branches across path, veranda edges, stairs and tree roots.
- Consider giving information on health issues which may affect you when on location eg asthma, heart condition, diabetes, epilepsy etc. Bring your medication with you.
- Wear long sleeves and trousers rather than shorts and short sleeved shirts to reduce the risk of sunburn.
- Carry and use sun protection, Australia has one of the highest skin cancer rates in the world.
- Carry and use insect repellent.

Be aware

Australian Photography Tours workshop locations are held in rainforest, bush and coastal areas where conditions are less than perfect.

1. Take care and do not rush when travelling over rough ground and through vegetation. Exposed rocks and tree roots can lead to falls, lacerations, abrasions and other injuries.
2. Moving below cliffs can expose the individual to falling sandstone, branches and other objects from above.
3. Do not walk close to the edge of cliffs. The sandstone is generally eroded and you may find yourself standing on a thin shelf which may crack and give way under your weight.
4. Many Australian snakes and insects bite and their venom, can be highly toxic, look but keep well clear. Do not pick anything up from the ground especially sticks, your fingers are bite sized and you may have picked up a small snake who won't be pleased and frightened of you.
5. Dress warmly for cold weather. For early morning and evening workshops I often wear gloves and a beanie to keep warm.
6. Rock platforms can expose the unwary to the odd rogue wave and slippery surfaces. Many rock fishermen lose their lives every year after being swept off of the rocks.
7. Rock pools can be home to the Blue Ringed Octopus. If you see one photograph it but do not touch it, their bite is deadly.
8. At certain times of the year our beaches may be covered with thousands of Blue Bottles. This is a small jelly fish which is blown ashore by the north easterly winds. Photograph but do not touch its long thin tentacles, they sting even after its death.
9. Leached about in rainforest, spray your footwear with insect repellent, that will fix them.
10. Australian mosquitoes can carry Ross River Fever, use your insect repellent,

All participants are encouraged to take out travel insurance as this is not included in the workshop tour price