



Cornell **CAU**  
**Education Vacations**

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Dear Participants,

Welcome, and thank you for joining us! We're looking forward to meeting you all in July for a wonderful week of photographic exploration as together we develop our skills and capture the natural world.

Each day we'll explore a new location in the greater Ithaca area. Focusing on the area's unique attributes, we'll practice our craft through technical exercises, as well as group and individual guidance. During a visit to the Johnson Museum of Art, we'll meet with the curator and draw inspiration from original photographs by some of the most celebrated 20th-century masters. Finally, we'll dive into editing and creating prints to be shared in an exhibition with the entire CAU community.

You can help to maximize your experience during the week and minimize any potential frustration by coming prepared with the following:

- Dress for the trail and the classroom: Summer weather in the finger lakes is generally beautiful. Plan for cool mornings and warm afternoons, with a chance of rain. Comfortable hiking shoes or boots for uneven and/or muddy trails will make sure you are focused on your pictures and not your feet. For rain protection many photographers favor a lightweight poncho that easily covers camera gear if a surprise storm rolls in. On days when will be in the classroom dress in layers to be comfortable both in the air-conditioned buildings and the hot outdoors.
- Equipment:
  - Camera & camera manual
  - Batteries & battery charger
  - Memory cards
  - Camera bag or backpack
  - Tripod
  - Laptop or tablet with your preferred choice of editing software
  - Memory card reader and/or USB cable to connect your camera to your computer/tablet
  - USB flash drive for storing and transferring images.

To help us prepare for your arrival on campus, please reply with a brief note sharing a bit about yourself, your experience level, and creative interests. We'd also love to know what camera you'll be using, and which editing software you prefer. Of course, if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch. It is easiest to reach us by email at [jmg393@cornell.edu](mailto:jmg393@cornell.edu) and [detoddphoto@gmail.com](mailto:detoddphoto@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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