



Eagles, Skagit River, Washington

January 6 - 9, 2020

Every year hundreds of eagles winter in and around Rockport, Washington. The eagles gather on the Skagit River for the salmon run. While eagles can be seen from the shore, the only way to get great photographs is by boat. I have rented the only jet boat on the river for our trip giving us the best photographic opportunities. During this tour we are going to spend 3 days concentrating on photographing eagles in their nature habitat. The tour is limited to just 4 participants, so there is plenty of time for one to one help. There will be images of eagles flying, fishing, fighting and more. And all at close range, where lenses from 100-400 will be all you need.



We will be going out in a boat on five excursions with a wonderful guide/captain with years of experience. While on the boat we will be feeding



the eagles herring, making sure that they are close and plentiful. We will have ample opportunity to work on our flight images. I will teach you how to photograph on manual and what settings you need to take razor sharp eagle images. I will be talking about shutter speeds, aperture, metering patterns, and ISO settings. From the

boat our images will be hand held. Be prepared to take lots of pictures! Bring lots of memory cards as you will be taking between 2000-3000 images a day, downloading at night and doing it again the next day!



This is a great trip and limited to only 4 participants, so don't wait, sign up now before it fills up!



Itinerary

January 6, 2020 - Travel to Mount Vernon, Washington and meet in the evening at 7 PM at the [Best Western Plus Skagit Valley Inn and Convention Center](#). You are welcome to stay elsewhere in the area, this is where I will be staying.

January 7 and 8 – Two full days of boat excursions to photograph eagles. The day consists of two 3-hour sessions with a break in between for lunch. We will drive approximately 45 minutes from Mt. Vernon to Rockport, where we will meet the boat for our photography. You will need to bring everything you need for the day. Our lunch breaks will be used to go to a local restaurant for lunch. Evenings will be spent downloading and editing pictures.

January 9 - Morning boat excursion. We will finish our trip on the river at 12:30. At this point you are free to continue any other travel plans you may make in the area; or to return to the motel if you plan to spend the night; or to return to Seattle for an evening flight home. There are restrooms at the boat launch where you can change your clothes if you want.

Price: \$1750 check, Zelle (lewis@lewiskemper.com) or cash; \$1950 credit card. Send check to Lewis Kemper 800 Saverien Dr, Sacramento, CA 95864. Fee includes 5 boat excursions, **boat guide tips**, and photo instruction. Not included – travel to and from Washington, lodging (I will be staying at Best Western Plus Skagit River Inn and Convention Center, see info in itinerary), ground transportation within Washington, and meals. Deposit - please send \$950 ASAP to hold your space, balance due December 1, 2019. LIMITED TO FOUR.

Refunds: a refund minus \$150 will be available 90 days or more prior to trip; after 90 days a refund is only available if I fill your space with another participant.



Weather

Weather in Washington in January is unpredictable. Days can be sunny and in the 40's to snowing, raining, windy and in the 20's. You need to be prepared for everything!

Due to weather there may be conditions so severe to take the boat out. If this happens (it is rare) we will try to make up time but there are NO GUARANTEES that all excursions will take place. There are no refunds due to weather.

Clothing suggestions

Clothing needs to be warm and comfortable enough to give you freedom of movement. I recommend dressing in layers as the weather can change. It will be freezing in the mornings and hopefully warming up in the afternoons. I recommend moisture wicking long underwear, fleece pants, **good raingear**; warm hats, gloves (either fingerless or lightweight) and warm boots. I recommend [Muck Boots](https://amzn.to/2qogKF9) or something similar. Here is a link to a less expensive version: <https://amzn.to/2qogKF9>.

Another option would be Pak Boots such as https://amazon.com/s?k=pac+boots&i=fashion&ref=nb_sb_noss_1 or something similar.

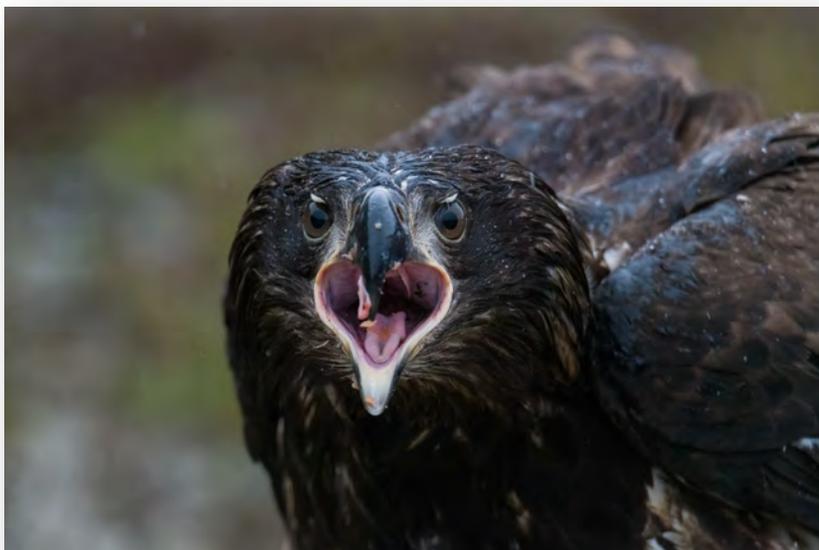
Camera Gear

Lenses similar in range to a 100-400, will be all you need for the flight shots of the eagles. A 150-600mm may be useful for the portraits and fishing shots. I recommend bringing more than one camera body in case of emergency and also because it would be better to have one camera with a lens in the 70-400 range and one with the 24-100 range so you don't need to be changing lenses in the field if the weather is less than ideal.

Flash with flash extender such as Better Beamer or MagBeam. I will be instructing on their use if you are interested.

Images taken from the boat will be hand held, so you need a good comfortable strap or something like the [Cotton Carrier](https://www.cottoncarrier.com/) (<https://www.cottoncarrier.com/> use coupon code Kempercotton to get a 10% discount) for when you are at rest.

You also need lots of storage cards to hold 2000-3000 images a day, and ideally a way to download and view your images in the evenings.



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 _____

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

ANY SPECIAL MEDICATIONS TAKEN? _

ARE YOU ALLERGIC TO ANY MEDICATIONS? IF SO WHAT?

ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS?

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.

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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: _____