



# Information for the Press

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## Company background

### **About EYExplore**

#### https://www.eyexplore.com/

- Created in 2014 by co-founders Axel Deroubaix and Lukasz Palka
- Photographic workshops aimed to explore the city at a deeper level going well past standard travel photography
- Offering workshops in Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto
- TripAdvisor & Viator Certificate of Excellence in consecutive years based on raving customer reports
- Over 2000 customers have participated in 1200 photo adventures over the past 4 years





#### Team of 4 professional photo trainers and growing





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### The Management team

**Axel Deroubaix** 

- Travel management professional
- French national living and working in Japan since 2008
- Prior to founding EYExplore has been working with:
- G Adventures, Inside Japan tours, EXO travel Japan
- Also founder of Cocolo Travel, specializing in curated and non-massmarket travel experiences in Japan

Lukasz Palka

- Seasoned street photographer
- Polish national living and working in Japan since 2008
- Worked with Nikon Europe on a promotional project for Nikon Lenses
- Published in travel magazines such as Wanderlust, Ronda, Excelente, Tokyo Weekender, and sites such as F-stoppers and PetaPixel







### How is EYExplore different?

- EYExplore is a team of local photographic experts providing guidance, coaching and mentorship to travelers of all photographic levels and goals. Workshop participants are taken on adventures of exploration and learning through photography
- Creative guides with a deep knowledge of the destination city. They know not only the places, but the stories, narratives, and adventures to be had therein
- Mentors who understand how to slow down and mindfully appreciate the city through exploration and photographic curiosity
- Personal trainers for your photographic eye who provide handson live training with feedback on the fly





# 4 keys to the experience with EYExplore

- Have Fun: Workshops are made to be fun and enjoy the experience
- Thirst for Adventure: Intended to stimulate curiosity
- Local Expertise: Photo pros with years of experience photographing in the cities in which they run workshops and which they know on a deep level that goes beyond the obvious
- Hands-On Coaching: Aimed to build photographic skills and helping participants of all levels to shoot amazing pictures



### **EYExplore customers**

EYExplore's customers are predominantly:

- English-speaking photography fans and photographers living or travelling in Japan
- Age range from mid 20s to mid 50s/60s
  - Majority is 30s 40s
- Countries of origin are mostly: US, Australia, Europe, Asia (Singapore, Thailand, and Taiwan)







## **EYExplore's service offering**

### **EYExplore workshops**

- Structured workshops for all levels of photography and responsive to individual goals
- Workshops cover different locations, types of photography and challenges or can be fully customised photo tours
- Workshops can be private or groups
- Currently offering 20 different workshops in Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka
- https://www.eyexplore.com/







### Photo workshops

- Bespoke Photo Adventure
  - Fully tailor-made itinerary based on customer interests combining different aspects of our photo adventure spectrum
- Street photography workshop with Siegfried Hansen Limited Edition. Custom workshop with master street photographer Siegfried Hansen
- Tokyo Vertigo

Nocturnal workshop for the brave - shooting Tokyo's rooftops and streets from above

Kyoto Zen Gardens

Explore Kyoto's hidden zen temples away from the tourist masses

Kawasaki Factory Urbex

Venturing to industrial sites around Tokyo Bay after nightfall to capture images using only the artificial light of the factories

Tokyo by Night

Night-time photography capturing motion and lights in some of Tokyo's most diverse areas

Osaka by Night

Capturing city lights, people, and traffic in bustling Osaka after nightfall

Inari after Dusk

Discovering one of Kyoto's most visited shrines after sunset



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### Photo workshops (continued)

Behind the mask

Working with a real geisha as model before and after putting on the traditional mask

**Tokyo Metropolis** 

Focus on photo techniques to capture outstanding architectural elements and people

Realms of Elegance

Special workshop in the gardens of the Geshinji temple on the outskirts of Kyoto with the descendant of an old samurai family as host and model

Geisha Studio

Studio workshop with a Geisha as model on the backdrop of the Kyoto National Museum teahouse and garden

Tokyo Rush

Focus on the city's motion and impressive flow of lights

- Temples of Tokyo Explore the hidden shrines of the city
- Streets of Tokyo

Up close street photography in the crowds of Tokyo's hip neighbourhoods

Tokyo Helicopter Tour

Experience the expanse of Tokyo and its skyscrapers from a chopper's viewpoint

Osaka Urbex Explore Osaka's urban jungle from it's rooftops



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### **Press & Contact Details**



- TimeOut: <u>https://www.timeout.com/tokyo/blog/discov</u> <u>er-tokyo-and-improve-your-camera-skills-on-this-</u> <u>photography-tour-031816</u>
- JapanTravel: <u>https://en.japantravel.com/tokyo/tokyo-</u> by-night-photo-tour/20012
- TVFranceJapon: <u>http://tv-france-japon.com/tokyo-</u> <u>safari-photo-toits-ginza/</u>



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