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Great Escapes WILDFLOWERS

Swathes of colour in every imaginable tone and hue can be seen among the magical wildflowers that appear every spring in specific sites around the world. And, fortunately, these bursts of energy make particularly photogenic subjects!



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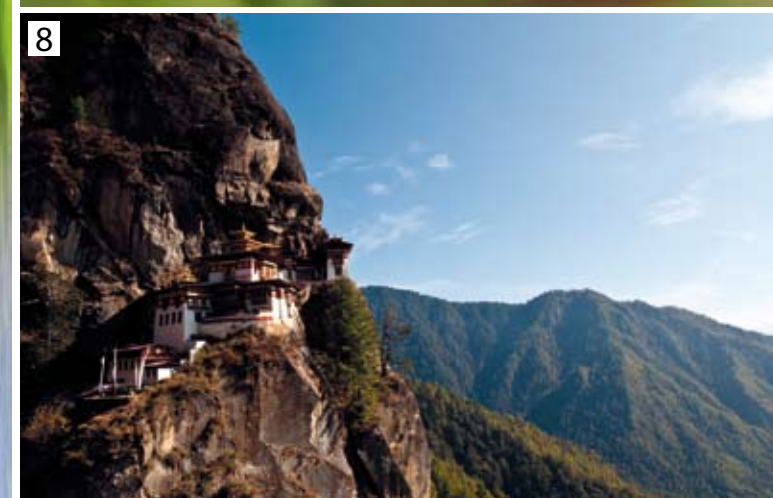
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1 Colorado Wildflowers First Light

Colorado is home to more types of wildflower than any other US state. It boasts a vast array of geological features, including alpine, subalpine, montane, foothills and plains, so there's a staggering abundance of subject matter. Based out of Silverton and Crested Butte, the trip (14 to 19 July) includes expert tuition from Andy Long. Subjects include using mylar and water glass for abstracts, macro techniques, and hyperfocal distance. There's also a visit to a mining ghost town. Price includes meals and accommodation. Price \$1895 excl. international flights
Find out more firstlighttours.com

2 Provence Fleuret Photography Holidays

On this four-day trip (8 to 13 July), you can enjoy a wealth of spectacular photographic opportunities, shooting from sunrise to sunset. Highlights of the trip include the lavender fields of the Valensole plateau; Sault in full bloom; pink sage and long golden grass; colourful villages; and the Gorge du Verdon. Price includes accommodation, breakfasts and tuition. Price £1,290pp or £2,350 for couples sharing, excl. international flights
Find out more fleuretphotoholidays.com

3 Sonoran Desert Landscapes & Wildflowers Jack Graham Photo

This very focused workshop (21 to 24 March) is aimed at improving your fieldwork and technical skills while photographing the incredible variety of blooming cactuses and wildflowers that emerge in the desert of Southern Arizona after the winter rains. As well as shooting this explosion of colour, you'll also incorporate the colourful rock formations, mountains, rivers, and lowlands of the region. Price \$795 (workshop only)
Find out more jackgrahamphoto.com

4 Mountain Colours of Abruzzo, Italy Tatra Photography

Mountain meadows in all their glory are the focus of your excursions in the highest mountains of the Italian Appennine (27 to 30 May). Many rare species, such as alpine poppies, campions and anemones, colour the landscape. With the workshop limited to seven, you'll have lots of individual attention from pro photographer Bruno D'Amicis. Price includes three nights' half-board accommodation and return flights from London Gatwick. Price £849pp
Find out more tatrphotographyworkshop.com

5 Spain's Costa Verde Wild Photography Holidays

Explore the enigmatic and unspoiled villages, forests and coastal scenery of the Picos de Europa, soaring to nearly 9,000ft. The spring departure date (5 to 12 May) is timed to catch the stunning alpine meadows just as they come into bloom. Photographic tuition, a local guide, accommodation and meals are all included. Price £1,185 excl. international flights (£150 single supplement)
Find out more wildphotographyholidays.com

6 Kent's Wildflowers Robert Canis Photography

Welcome in spring with an intensive one-day workshop (1 and 2 May), photographing Kent's many species of wildflower, with expert guidance from pro photographer Robert Canis. A maximum group size of just three means you'll get the best choice of the finest species, including bluebells, cowslips, and early-purple orchids. Price includes transport to locations, a pub lunch, and a post-workshop review of your images via email. Price £105
Find out more robertcanis.com

7 Cyprus – Orchids and ancient sites Wildlife Travel

Of around 1,910 plant species in Cyprus, almost one in ten are endemic to the island, and March is the ideal time to visit the floral paradise, particularly to see the orchids. Dr Yiannis Christofides is the expert leader for the ten-day break (11 to 20 March) and has an intimate knowledge of the island's species. He will help you spot everything from colourful bulbs to attractive shrubs. Price includes flights, meals, and accommodation and, impressively, all their profits are donated to The Wildlife Trust! Price £1,425pp (£95 single supplement)
Find out more wildlife-travel.co.uk

8 Bhutan's Bumthang Valley Naturetrek

Spectacular 18-day botanical holiday (23 April to 10 May) to this wildflower oasis, including a six-day trek through Bhutan's beautiful central forests. The trip is full of fantastic locations, including Tiger's Nest Monastery, and you'll cover a wide variety of habitats and altitudinal ranges, seeing as many species as possible – all with the knowledge of an expert naturalist guide. Particular highlights are scented evergreens, rhododendrons, buddleias, primulas, and endemic plants. Price includes flights, meals, and accommodation. Price £4,295
Find out more naturetrek.co.uk