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## **The Three Kingdoms: Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos, February 10 - 24, 2020**

Join the **Center for Photographic Art** and photographer and educator, Rick Murai, on an exciting journey to photograph the magical cities and sacred temples of Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos. **The Three Kingdoms** workshop will offer a rich and immersive experience photographing amidst exotic cultures, ancient temples, stunning landscapes, and the opportunity to visit several acclaimed UNESCO World Heritage Sites

After meeting in Bangkok, our program brings us to Yangon, Myanmar's capital, and an afternoon visit to the imposing Schwedigon Pagoda. Our next stop is the fascinating villages, markets and unique leg rowers of Inle Lake. We then spend several days exploring the plain of Bagan and its over two thousand frescoed pagodas, and then onward to the cultural center of Burmese culture, Mandalay. We then fly to Siem Reap, Cambodia, and leisurely enjoy four days exploring the sprawling temples and villages of the 13th century religious and governing complex of Angkor Wat and the floating villages of South East Asia's largest lake, the Tonle' Sap. An exclusive banquet in a remote rice field with a traditional Khmer shadow puppet show awaits us in the evening. Our journey ends with a visit to the bucolic French colonial city and the UNESCO site of Luang Prabang, Laos. Located on the banks of the Mekong River, we will travel upstream and photograph the thousand Buddhas of Pak Ou Cave, the early morning alms collection, several hill tribes and the thriving night market.

This cost conscious, all-inclusive, and flexible itinerary encourages creative image making amidst a wealth of subjects. Each location will comfortably and safely support the entire group providing the freedom to independently explore and create. Ample technical and creative input will be available and through regular image sharing, both novice and experienced photographers will be encouraged to raise the creative bar, realize new modes, and be encouraged to interact, respond and be inspired. All proficiency levels and mediums are welcomed and non-photographers are welcome. Limited to twelve participants.

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As an avowed culture junkie, Rick Murai's fascination with documenting world sacred sites has generated travel to over forty countries. He has hosted many international workshops and is eager to share his excitement for world travel and his approaches to documenting diverse cultures. His ability to demystify the technical trappings of the medium helps realize and appreciate a myriad of creative solutions. His photographs have been featured in respected print and online publications including About Photo, B&W Magazine, Dodho Magazine, Photographer's Forum, SilverShots International and multiple issues of Lenswork. He was the recipient of a 2008, 2009, 2011 Travel Photographer of the Year award (UK) and included in their 2010 and 2011 TPOTY Annuals. Excerpts from Rick's Tibet portfolio garnered Best in Show, 2015 CPA International Portfolio Competition.

**The Three Kingdoms** is Rick's fourth visit to this fascinating region and after serving as CPA's Assistant Director, he's excited to share this experience with our CPA community.

**Join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, Sept 4, at 6:00pm in the CPA gallery.**

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**Itinerary - The Three Kingdoms: Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, 15 days/14 nights**

A complete itinerary with each day's activities, accommodations, flights, restaurants, etc., along with a detailed Three Kingdoms travel guide will be distributed to all participants.

<b>Feb 10</b>	<b>Depart Bangkok for Yangon, Myanmar (Bangkok lodging will be arranged if needed)</b>
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Inle Lake</b>
<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>“ “</b>
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Bagan</b>
<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>“</b>
<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>Mandalay</b>
<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>“</b>
<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Siem Reap/Angkor Wat, Cambodia</b>
<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>“ “</b>
<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>“ “</b>
<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>“ “</b>
<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>Luang Prabang, Laos</b>
<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>“ “</b>
<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>“ “</b>
<b>Feb 24</b>	<b>Return to Bangkok (Bangkok lodging will be arranged if needed)</b>

<b>Tour Cost per person/double occupancy:</b>	<b>CPA Members</b>	<b>\$4885</b>
	<b>Non-Members</b>	<b>5035</b>
<b>Single Supplement:</b>		<b>765</b>

**Non-refundable deposit due by November 1, 2019** **\$ 1500**  
(This is high season so we need to finalize passenger lists in order to secure flights and lodging)

**Balances due by December 10, 2019**

**Enrollment is limited to twelve participants (ten minimum)**

**Included:** Comfortable lodging with private baths, all meals, local country guides, seven intra-Asia flights, all hotel transfers and land transportation, all entrance and camera fees.

**Not included:** USA-Bangkok round trip airfare (SFO>Bangkok, approx. \$750), pre/post lodging in Bangkok, travel insurance, visa fees, airport taxes, driver/guide tips, optional activities and personal purchases.