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**Trout Point Lodge of Nova Scotia launches Astrophotography Workshops**

Trout Point Lodge of Nova Scotia, the world's first Starlight-Certified hotel, is taking its renowned stargazing a step further with the launch of specialized Astrophotography Workshop Packages.

Now guests at the Lodge will not only enjoy the starry skies during their visit but will also head home with professional night sky photographs they take themselves.

"Our dark skies and stargazing excursions are hugely popular with our guests," says Patrick Wallace, who owns Trout Point Lodge along with his wife, Pamela. "Seeing our amazing night skies come alive is an experience you'll never forget. The workshops give our guests the chance to develop their expertise and learn new techniques."

Workshop participants hone their dark sky photography skills during nightly excursions on the Lodge's stargazing platform, which offers unspoiled panoramic views of some of the darkest night skies in North America. During daily photo editing workshops, participants learn basic and advanced editing techniques and how to work with photographic and telescopic equipment for best results. Every participant ends the program with a digital repertoire of their own dark sky photos.

"We expect some friendly competition among our guests for this season's best night sky shot," said Wallace.

Trout Point Lodge, located in East Kemptville, Argyle Co., has been the leader in popularizing stargazing in Nova Scotia after bringing awareness to the quality of its dark skies. In 2014, following the Lodge's certification from the UNESCO-backed Starlight Foundation, the surrounding area became known as the Acadian Skies & Mi'kmaq Lands Starlight Tourist Destination.

"Our guests are blown away by our amazing night skies," says Alexander Putz, Trout Point Lodge's Staff Astronomer. "Our workshops are a perfect choice for those who want to develop their nighttime photography skills, while enjoying everything else Trout Point Lodge has to offer."

This summer, the night sky viewing will be even more spectacular than usual. On August 11th and 12th, the Great Perseid Meteor Shower will offer its best views in Nova Scotia. "If the skies are clear, we expect to see up to 150 shooting stars in a single hour," said Putz. "That's more than two a minute!"

On clear days, Putz also offers guests the unique opportunity to solar gaze using Trout Point Lodge's advanced solar telescopes.

"The nights are the star of the show," said Putz. "But our solar telescopes offer an amazing opportunity to safely view the sun and its powerful spectacle in ways few people ever get to enjoy."

Astrophotography Workshops are available all season long. For more information, pricing and to book, please go to <http://www.troutpoint.com/packages.html>

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