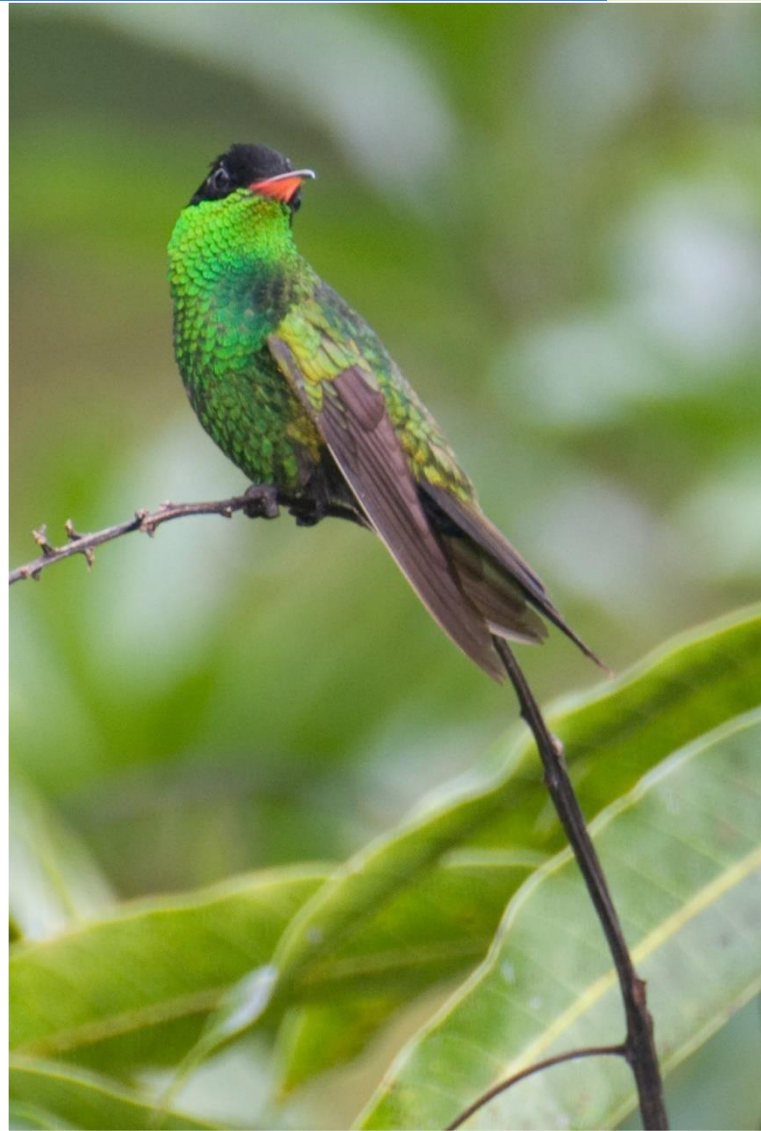


# River Breeze Photography Workshops



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## *Welcome to the River Breeze Photography Workshops*



River Breeze Cottage. Cascade, Portland

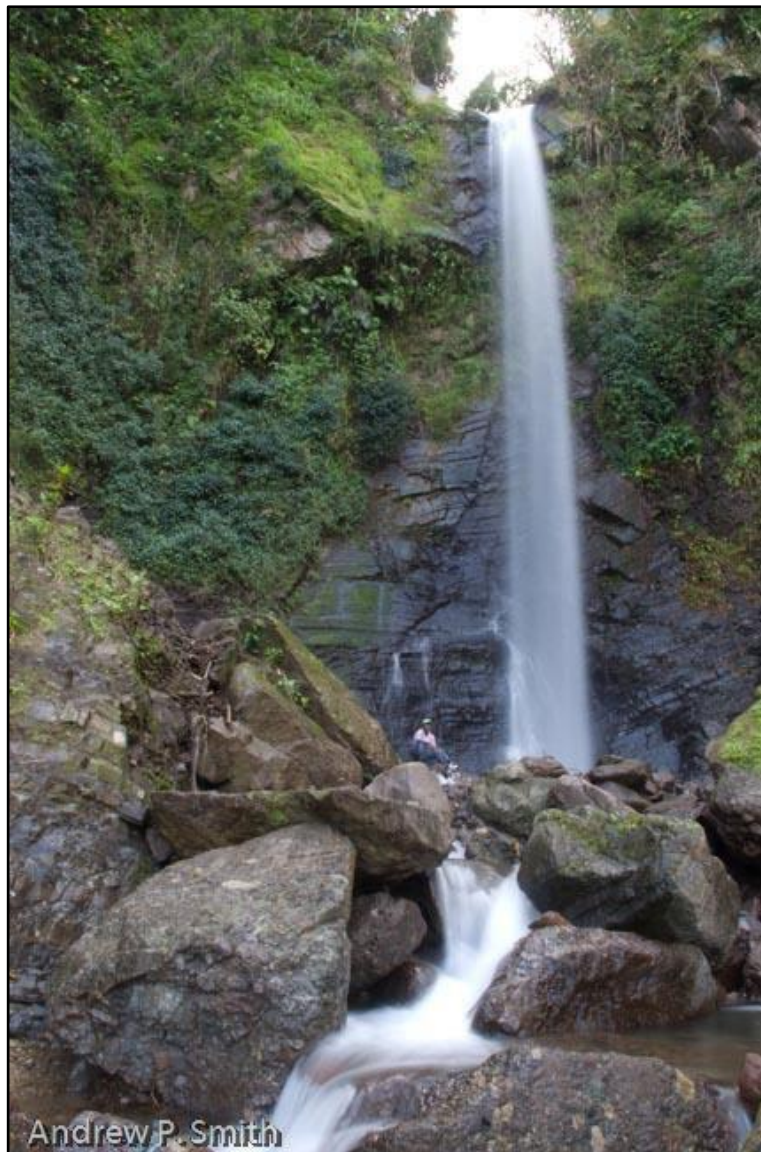
*River Breeze Cottage is a unique retreat located in Jamaica's verdant Buff Bay Valley where photographers can immerse themselves in their craft via workshops designed and presented by photographer and educator, Andrew P. Smith.*

*This intimate country cottage is located within the buffer zone of the Blue & John Crow Mountains National Park, known for its unique biodiversity, spectacular landscapes and rich cultural heritage. It dates to the 1940s, with the existing structure built in the 1970s by renowned Jamaican photographer, the late Maria LaYacona.*

## *Working Weekends*

*River Breeze photography workshops are geared towards photographers of all levels. Whether you are a total novice or a serious amateur, these workshops provide an opportunity for total photographic immersion.*

*Designed as “photography boot-camps” these all-inclusive workshops provide individualized photographic tutelage, meals and accommodation for three participants.*



The One Drop Waterfall at Cascade, Portland.



*Workshops are tailored to individuals' experience and desired outcomes. Activities include tutorials, photographing in the Buff Bay Valley, one-on-one critiques and immediate feedback and discussion which will result in an improvement of participants' work.*

*There are currently three weekend workshops (WW) with another forthcoming.*

- *WW I:      Introductory Photography*
- *WW II:     Travel & Outdoor Photography*
- *WW III:    Documentary Photography*
- *WW IV:     Fashion Photography - **Coming Soon!!!!***

*An online session focused on important theoretical concepts will precede the weekend's activities. This session will be recorded and made available to participants to refer to during the weekend. At the end of the workshop, participants are expected to produce a portfolio of a visual story that they have created over the weekend.*

*All that participants are only required to bring are their photographic equipment (including laptop) along with a desire to immerse themselves in their chosen craft.*

*The cost per participant is JA\$80,000.00 (US\$500.00).*

## *WW I: Introductory Photography*

*This workshop is geared towards beginners with no previous photographic experience, regardless of the equipment that they own.*

*Content includes:*

- *Visual Storytelling*
- *Know your Camera.*
- *Creative Composition*
- *Seeing the Light*
- *Introductory Travel Photography*



A male Black Throated Blue Warbler, photographed on the grounds of River Breeze cottage

## *Itinerary: WWI*

*The following is the itinerary for the Introductory Photography workshop.*

### *Thursday*

*4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Session I: Creative Composition & Lighting*

### *Friday*

*2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Travel from Kingston to Cascade.*

*4:00 p.m. Arrive at River Breeze Cottage*

*4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Settling-in and Supper.*

*5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Session II: Camera Familiarization*

*7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Personal Time*

*8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Session III: Visual Storytelling*

### *Saturday*

*5:00 - 8:00 a.m. Session IV: Holywell Morning Photo-shoot*

*8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast*

*10:00 - 12:00 noon Session V: Critique #1*

*1:200 noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch*

*1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Session VI: Buff Bay Street Photography*

*6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Return to River Breeze Cottage*

*7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner*

*8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Session VII: Critique #2*

### *Sunday*

*5:00 - 8:00 a.m. Session VIII: Personal Project Creation Session I*

*8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast*

*9:00 - 12:00 noon Session IX: Personal Project Creation Session II*

*12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch*

*1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Session X: Personal Project Presentation*

*3:00 p.m. Depart from River Breeze*

## *WW II - Travel & Outdoor Photography*

*This workshop assumes participants have a working knowledge of camera operations and composition. To get the most of this workshop, participants should own a tripod, an external flash and a variety of lenses. This workshop will include hiking and exploration, so participants should be* Content includes:

- *Capturing the essence of the Buff Bay Valley.*
- *Nature and landscape photography.*
- *Human-interest and people photography.*
- *Night photography.*



A workshop participant at Holywell Park in the environs of River Breeze cottage



### *Weekend Workshop III -Documentary Photography*

*This workshop is geared towards photographers who wish to gain experience telling stories with their images. Content includes:*

- *Story development from concept to completion.*
- *Documenting the story.*
- *Image selection and editing for storytelling.*
- *Writing accompanying text.*



The Charles Town Maroons of the lower Buff Bay Valley



## *Contact Details*

*If you are interested in participating in any of the River Breeze Photography Workshops, contact Andrew at:*

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A view of the upper Buff Bay Valley on a hiking trail from Holywell to Cascade

### *Nota Bien*

- i. Ensure that you have completed the pre-workshop questionnaire to ensure that the organizers have as much information as possible in order to tailor the content for optimum workshop delivery.*
- ii. Sleeping accommodation at River Breeze Cottage consists of a bedroom with two single beds, and two sofa beds in the living room. Participants are to indicate their sleeping preference in the pre-workshop questionnaire.*
- iii. The weather in Cascade fluctuates widely, from bright sunny days to chilly nights. This can include cloud-enshrouded surroundings, and rainy days. Please carry a variety of appropriate clothing.*
- iv. River Breeze provides all required bed and bath material.*
- v. Participants are encouraged to carry any personal items, including medication, which they wish to have for their own comfort.*
- vi. Please carry appropriate footwear for walking.*
- vii. Participants will be given full details beforehand of all proposed activities for the workshops on registration.*
- viii. Wi-fi is available at River Breeze Coottage.*
- ix. Participants will be required to sign an indemnity form disclaiming Andrew Smith and all staff and associates of River Breeze Cottage from any and all liability - including but not limited to - for personal injury, property damage and loss of property.*

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