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# Laguna Seca Ranch

## Rio Grande Valley

March 22-25, 2024

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### Arrival

March 21, 2024

The closest airport is McAllen International. (20 mins from our hotel) Harlingen Airport is 45 minutes away.

We will meet at our hotel at 8:00 PM on March 21, 2024 in the Jury Room for a pre-workshop get-together. Please allow enough time to eat dinner before the orientation meeting.

### Departure

March 26, 2024

The workshop will end after the evening session on March 25, 2024. We will try to have a dinner together on that last evening.

### Outerwear

Temps can range from the 90's to freezing. Please bring some warm clothes in case we get a cold front.

We can park very close to the blinds so comfortable shoes will work. No boots needed.

### Hotel

Information forthcoming.

Please remember that accommodations are not included in the workshop fee.

## Itinerary

Our workshop base and headquarters is the Holiday Inn Express in Edinburg, Texas. Edinburg is about 30 minutes from McAllen International Airport. Each morning we will carpool to the ranch which is about 25 minutes from the hotel.

I suggest when you rent a car that you get a SUV as some of the roads can hold a lot of water if it rains. If your departure day going home is a Sunday, then do NOT rent from Budget. Budget at the airport is not open until noon on Sundays and they have no key drop off. All the other car rentals companies are open.

The blinds at the ranch are constructed so well with insulation, that even though it could be very warm out, it should be a perfect temp in the blinds.

Besides doing all kinds of set-ups for each species that comes in, we will also be doing some crazy action flight photography on all the species. It can get addictive, so bring lots of memory cards for your camera.

We can park just feet from each blind, so you will always be close to all of your camera gear. Greg and I will split our participants into two groups which we will alternate leading for each session. You will spend equal time with each leader and will rotate through all the many blinds on the property. We do two sessions with the raptors, which we will all be together.

## Packing & Gear

- A 500mm lens on a full frame camera is the best focal length for the blinds. A 600mm will also work. An 800mm lens is too much.
- For photographing the raptors in flight, a hand holdable lens in the 300-400 range works best.
- Please bring a shutter cable release for your camera.
- Flash is not needed on this workshop.
- Tripods are used for all blind work.

## Final Payments

Please remember that all workshop balance fees are due by Jan 22, 2024. Please contact me if you need to know your balance.

Final payments can be made by credit card at the following link:

<https://www.alanmurphyphotography.com/payment>

We look forward to seeing you in March and having a great workshop.