



Virtual Backgrounds

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Dear Workshop Attendee,

We look forward to having you join us in San Marcos for the Virtual Backgrounds Workshop. The main focus of this training workshop is to supply you with the maximum amount of information in a limited amount of time. We spend a considerable amount of the time on the technical basis for Virtual Backgrounds and on the proper set up and use of the equipment. We do not spend a great deal of time just shooting images. You can do that at home.

It is expected that attendees will have at least a minimum working knowledge of professional studio photography. This minimum working knowledge should include basic professional photographic studio lighting and posing as well as exposure. If you feel that you do not have this minimum working knowledge of professional photography you are still welcome to attend the workshop in order to learn about the Virtual Backgrounds System, but please be aware that some things may not be fully clear to you. Due to the limited time available, the instructor may not be able to answer questions that would normally be covered with basic professional photographic knowledge. If you feel that you fall into this category, you might consider extending your visit to Virtual Backgrounds for a fourth day of individual training. This fourth day would be held on the Thursday after the 3-day workshop and basic professional photography can be covered. The cost for this fourth day of training is \$350.00. Arrangements for this fourth day must be made with the instructor in advance and is on a first come first served basis.

At the Virtual Backgrounds Training Workshop we will be furnishing lunch and dinner on both Monday and Tuesday evening. No meals on Wednesday since we should be completed around noon. Also on Monday evening after dinner the entire workshop class will return to the classroom for additional instruction. Please plan your personal time accordingly. The dress for the workshop is casual, but please keep in mind that during the hands on portion of the workshop, each attendee is expected to assist other attendees by acting as a model for them. So be sure that you are dressed in a manor that you will be comfortable being photographed in.

You are asked to bring the camera that you will be using with you. You will not be using your camera during the workshop but having your camera at the workshop will give Virtual Backgrounds the opportunity to confirm how your camera will mount onto the Virtual Backgrounds System. During the workshop all attendees will be using one of Virtual Backgrounds digital cameras that will be hooked up to a monitor so that the entire class can see what is being done.

You are also asked to bring with you a few sample images that show the kinds of photographic work that you do as well as a few images that show the inside and outside of your studio or business location. These images will be used during the first day of the workshop so please bring them with you on Monday morning. These images can be in the form of small prints or images on a CD for easy transporting.

It has become necessary to advise all attendees that all cell phones, pagers or walkie-talkies must be set either on silent or turned off during all workshop times. All violators will be fined for each ring. Please be considerate of others and turn your cell phones off or set them to silent.

If you have any questions concerning the workshop or any of the items that you have been asked to bring you with please feel free to contact your instructor, Jim Wilson at 1-800-831-0474 or by email jim@virtualbackgrounds.net.

Thank you and see you at the workshop!

Virtual Backgrounds
Hotel Reservation Information
For
Virtual Background Workshop

It is up to you to make your own hotel reservations. The Comfort Inn is a suggested hotel because they are very close to Virtual Backgrounds and offer a reduced room rate of \$45.00 a night if you identify yourself as being with the Virtual Backgrounds Group.

Comfort Inn
1611 IH 35
San Marcos, Texas 78666
Reservations Phone - 512-396-5665
Fax - 512-396-5692
(Free Hot Breakfast & Happy Hour)

You should make your reservation for you to arrive on Sunday check out on Wednesday.

Your room rate will be \$45.00 a night plus any taxes at either hotel but you must tell them that you are with the Virtual Backgrounds Group to get the special rate.

The workshop starts at 9:00 am on Monday & Tuesday.

BE SURE TO GET A GOOD NIGHTS REST.

DIRECTIONS TO VIRTUAL BACKGROUNDS WORKSHOP

The driving time from the **Comfort Inn** to Virtual Backgrounds offices will take you just three or four minutes.

FROM The Comfort Inn:

Exit the Comfort Inn parking lot and turn right heading South on the access road.

Go just a short distance to Uhland Road. Uhland Road starts at the access road and runs West and is located between the pancake restaurant (formally the Kettle Restaurant) and the Stratford Inn.

Turn right (West) on to Uhland Road.

Go down to almost the end of Uhland Road (**DO NOT GO OVER THE RAILROAD TRACKS**). You will see a large building on the right hand side of the road. The building is called the Old Mill. Turn right into the Old Mill parking lot. There are three areas for parking at the Old Mill. Please do not park directly in front of the Old Mill building. You can park on the side by the water tower or in the rear of the building.

If you enter the Old Mill building at the front you will take the steps downstairs to the first door on the right suite # 106. You are now at Virtual Backgrounds.

If you parked in the rear of the Old Mill building you can enter the building by walking down the driveway and through the double doors. Just walk down the hallway to the end and Virtual Backgrounds is the last door on the left suite # 106.

The Virtual Backgrounds Workshop starts at 9:00 am.

Directions to Hotel For Virtual Backgrounds Workshop

Hotel Name: **Comfort Inn**

Hotel Addresses:

Comfort Inn

1611 IH 35 (Inter-State Highway 35)

Exit #206

San Marcos, Texas 78666

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Hot Breakfast

From **Austin Bergstrom International Airport - Austin, Texas (going South)**

When leaving the ABI Airport take 71 West

Take 71 West to IH 35

Take IH 35 South

Stay on IH 35 South for approximately 30 miles

Exit IH 35 at the first San Marcos exit or exit #206

Stay on access road until you come to Comfort Inn

Comfort Inn will be on your right side

****There is currently a lot of construction on IH 35 where you would normally be getting off for the access road and the hotel. If you miss the right exit do not worry just take the next possible exit and take the access road to any place where you can go under IH 35 and then get back on IH 35 going North and get off IH 35 at exit 206. Follow the instructions from San Antonio

From **San Antonio International Airport - San Antonio, Texas (going North)**

When leaving the San Antonio Airport take 410 East

Take 410 East to IH 35 North

Stay on IH 35 North for about 40 miles

Exit IH 35 North at exit #206

Take the access road to stop light

(DO NOT GET IN THIS 1ST TURN AROUND LANE)

At stop light you will go straight to the 2nd turn around. At this turn around you will go under IH 35 and then you will be heading South on the South access road. You will go a short distance and the Comfort Inn will be on your right.