

BIO STATEMENT, E. DAVID LURIA

E. David Luria is a professional architectural photographer and founder of the award-winning **Washington Photo Safari** (www.washingtonphotosafari.com) .which is now one of the largest training programs for amateur photographers in the country.

Since the program began in 1999, David and his 11 fellow instructors have trained over 41,600 amateur photographers from 50 US states and 72 countries in camera usage for 29 different areas of photography, such as travel, architecture, nighttime, portraits, event, street, nature and wildlife photography and in Lightroom and Photoshop post-processing techniques. Training an average of 5 photographers every day, 365 days a year for 24+ years, his 6,400 + small-group safaris have taken place in 186 different locations in 30 cities of 11 states and 8 countries..

David's **Washington Photo Safari** has received hundreds of 5-star reviews on all major search engines, and it benefits from high customer loyalty, with 12,400 people, coming back as repeat customers, year after year, 830 of them participating in an average of 9 safaris apiece. In 2019 it was ranked among the top two Best Photography Services in the DC Area by the readers of **DC's City Paper**. **Trip Advisor** now ranks Washington Photo Safari at No. 3 out of 91 outdoor activities in DC. David is also the author/editor of a 130-page ebook entitled "**Washington Photo Safari's Guide For Amateur Photographers**," with helpful tips in 29 areas of photography.

Born to Jewish parents in **Hamburg**, David is a Holocaust survivor who barely escaped Nazi Germany with his family on the last ship from Hamburg to New York City in December of 1938. Raised in New York, David has lived in his adopted city of Washington DC for more than 50 years, and so he claims to know where all the good pictures are! He has photographed over 3,500 apartment, hotel and restaurant properties in the DC area, plus dozens of events and conventions, and he is a frequent speaker at local camera clubs, including that of the **National Press Club** in Washington DC. He is a member of the **American Society of Media Photographers** and the **Society of Photographic Educators**. and a founding member of the **Association of Independent Architectural Photographers**. His website is www.edavidluriaphotography.smugmug.com

David also spent 25 years as a Volunteer Information Specialist with **Travelers Aid at Reagan Washington National Airport** and currently volunteers his time as the official photographer for **DC Veterans for Statehood** and **DC Vote** .

A political science honors graduate of **Amherst College** and a **US Army** veteran, David is fluent in Spanish, French, German and English, served 3+ years in the Army during the Cold War in Germany, spent 34 years as a senior executive working for international non-profit organizations like **CARE, Inc**, which included 6 years in Colombia and Panama, and studied photography with a protege of famed French photographer **Henri Cartier- Bresson** at the **Parsons School of Design in Paris**. . He claims his proudest achievements are his 3 children and 4 grandchildren and the fact that he has enabled tens of thousands of people to experience the joy of photography.