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“Tea Harvest in Munnar, India”

$400

**Image Description:** These women are tea harvesters in Munnar, India. The tea plantations are high up in the mountains. The women and their families live on the plantations and work for about $5 a day. They cut the uppermost leaves off the tea trees using something like a hedge trimmer attached to a fabric bag where the tea is collected.

**Location of Image:** Munnar, India

**Type of Camera and Lens Used:** Canon 5D Mark IV, 16-35mm

**Camera Settings Used:** ISO 125, 16 mm, f 8.0, 1/200

**Artist Statement:** I caught a serious case of the travel bug about 20 years ago and have never fully recovered. I like to feel uncomfortable and stretch myself when I travel. Photography opens so many doors and makes you step out of your comfort zone. When you ask a person to take their photograph, you’re really saying ”I think you’re interesting and I want to understand what you do and why you do it”. Most people really resonate with that and invite you in for tea or wine, tell you stories, introduce you to their family or on a recent trip to India, introduce you to their 3,000 pound prize-winning bull. My camera has helped me connect in ways I never thought possible. Instead of being a bystander, photography puts you in the picture. Then you put your camera down, smile and sip the wine.

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