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December , 2016



photo taken by Jeremy Woodhouse on our Essential Morocco Photo Tour

Greetings!

I hope you are having a great holiday season! We are very thankful that this past year was one of our best ever, and 2017 promises to be even more exciting. We have several new trip offerings, as well as many of our perennial favorites, which continue to fill up quickly. We are also busy planning more new trips for 2018, so be sure to take a look at our listings below.

We wish Happy Holidays to you all and may your new year be filled with new and exciting photo adventures.

Cheers,
Jim

Jeremy Woodhouse's Travel Photographer of the Year Awards

We just got word that one of our trip leaders, Jeremy Woodhouse, recently received 2 awards by the internationally-renowned 'Travel Photographer of the Year' photo competition.

He was awarded the winning image in the Single Image - Mankind category, as well as 'highly commended' in the Single Image - Shaped by Light category.

Click here to view the winner's galleries and see Jeremy's images!

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2017 Tours & Trips

*Cuba Cultural Exchange:
Eastern Cuba & Havana*
January 3-13, 2017 with Christopher P. Baker
Just three spaces left!



Renowned Cuba expert Christopher P. Baker will be leading this People-to-People Cultural exchange trip. He has spent many years traveling and photographing Cuba and thus is ideally suited to introduce participants to the diverse and unique array of Cubano sites and folks. Consider joining us on this extraordinary adventure, with stops in Havana, Santiago, Baracoa and more.

For more information, or to reserve a space [click here](#).

On the Road: Eastern & Central Cuba
January 6-19, 2017 with Jeremy Woodhouse
Only 1 space left!



On this journey with Jeremy Woodhouse, you'll fly to Santiago de Cuba, then head to Baracoa, the eastern tip of Cuba and the island's oldest Spanish settlement. From Baracoa, you'll wind your way back to Havana with stops all along the way including Holguin, Camaguey, Remedios, and a stop in Santa Clara, as well. You'll meet folk dancers, musicians, artists, farmers, fishermen, and more characters than imaginable. So dust off your Spanish and join Jeremy for an unforgettable journey through a part of Cuba which most American tourists rarely get a chance to experience.

For more information, or to reserve a space [click here](#).

Testimonials!

We are very proud of the testimonials we've received. I hope you'll take a look at what some of our participants have had to say about our tours. [Click here](#) to read or take a look below.

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Karl's Blog

In spite of his busy schedule, Karl does a great job of keeping his blog up to date. You can follow him on his journeys at his blog address:

www.karlgrobl.com/blog

Cuba - Havana, Vinales, Trinidad

January 15-25, 2017 with John Barclay

Only 1 space left!



This People-to-People Cultural exchange will be led by John Barclay, a passionate photographer and enthusiastic, experienced workshop-trip leader. His prior experience leading tours in Cuba and familiarity with various locals offers participants the chance to co-experience and of course photograph the daily lives of working Cubanos. To view some images of John's spectacular images, click [here](#).

For more information or to score the final spot, [click here](#).

India: Gujarat & the Malabar Coast

January 31 - February 13, 2017 with Karl Grobl

Trip Full - wait list available



To be added to the wait list, [click here](#).

Cuba Cultural Exchange:

Havana - Vinales - Trinidad

February 18 - 28, 2017 with Jim Cline

Trip Full - Wait list available



Jim Cline



We are already listed in Moon Handbooks and Frommer's guidebooks. Now we have been written up in Rough Guides, as well!

[See our write-up here](#)

"I thought the trip was excellent with zero disappointments! Karl did a superb job of guiding, teaching and making everyone comfortable. My photography improved during the trip and now I will always think 'What would Karl do in this situation'. Both guides have made this trip so many times that most things seemed "seamless". I would absolutely recommend the tour and look forward to joining another tour." -Michael Clayton, 2013 participant(India tour)

"Copper Canyon has so much to offer and all my expectations for a wonderful time were exceeded. The planning and attention to detail by Ralph, in advance of the trip, assured that everyone had the opportunity to make the most of the area. Importantly, that advanced planning and the quality of the lodging allowed our group to talk about photography, not logistics ~ Amen. I started the trip with a set of learning goals and was able to devote a great deal of energy to improving my skill level in a variety of scenic and adventurous settings." -David Toombs, participant (Copper Canyon)

"This trip opened up a whole lot of possibilities for me for which I am hugely grateful. I have struggled about how to get motivated to shoot at home. With the idea of doing stories and projects vs. random shots, suddenly the world feels like it is opening up. Regarding recommending this workshop, I would unconditionally recommend it to anyone wanting to learn and practice story-telling type photography. I look forward to more trips with Jim Cline Photo Tours" -Ivy Gordon, 2014 participant (Angkor)

Trip full, click [here](#) to be added to the wait list.

India Festivals: Holi, Holla Mohalla, & Kavant

March 6-21, 2017 with Karl Grobl

Only 2 spaces left!



Here's your chance to witness three of India's most photogenic festivals, all in the space of a 14 day trip! First we'll witness Holi Celebration, India's "Festival of Colors", an occasion to celebrate the coming of the spring. In Punjab we will attend the Holla Mohalla festival, then it's off to the Kavant Fair.

An extension is available to Udaipur, home of the Maharajas. We'll be staying at the beautiful Trident Hotel. Spread out over 40 acres and surrounded by wooded lawns and containing 150 year old wild life conservatory, this elegant hotel overlooking Lake Pichola is the perfect spot to wind down your visit to India.

To reserve one of the final spaces, [click here](#).

Vietnam Explorer

April 18 - May 2, 2017 with Karl Grobl



Vietnam is a country rich with photographic opportunities: The diverse landscape includes the roughly 1000-mile-long and beautiful coastline, magnificent mountain ranges and karstic rock formations to capture the eye. Newly developing in the modern world, traditional lifestyles are still very part of the daily life of the Vietnamese. The robust itinerary for this trip will have our group experiencing and photographing an exciting mix of landscapes, people, places, philosophies, cuisines, crafts, and religions.

For more information, or to reserve a space, [click here](#).

Peru: Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley of the Incas

May 10-20, 2017 with Jim Cline

Trip Full - wait list available

Chat with Us!

Have a question about a tour? [Chat with us!](#)

In an effort to serve you better, we've added a new "Chat" feature on our website. You'll see a pop-up window located on the bottom right of our website. If we're online and available, it will read, "Have a question about a tour? Chat with us!". If not, it will read, "Contact Us".

Rest assured it will be one of us on the other end, standing by to answer your questions. We're excited about this new feature and hope you'll find it helpful!

"Another great trip and Jim was great, as always; he is a pleasure to travel and shoot with. I thought the photo opps were all good. I can definitely recommend this trip considering it is a short, less expensive trip that gives you an authentic experience of Mexico and some great photo opportunities." - Robert Dominis 2014 participant Ensenada tour

"Thank you for a marvelous trip, it was fantastic! The photo opportunities were excellent and varied; I got some shots that I'm very happy with and my photography improved. Jim did a great job of attending to people's needs both photographic and logistic. The local guides that Jim works with provided a great deal of information and both were congenial and really seemed to be involved in the group's activities. If someone wants a vital experience with another culture, solid instruction photographing people and places in that milieu and an out-and-out good time, this is the trip to take." - Louis Sasso, Peru tour participant

"I would rate this trip a 10 as it exceeded my expectations and feel that it is good value for the cost. The restaurants were fine, I enjoyed photographing the models and definitely got some great shots." -Alan Barber, participant Chiapas tour

"Karl, you are an experienced leader and run a great trip. I see why you have a loyal following. i



Trip full, though to be added to the wait list [click here](#) .

Angkor Photo Workshop

July 8-22, 2017 with Karl Grobl

Trip limited to 6 people. Reserve your spot today!



Our Angkor Photo Workshop offers a multitude of activities including: lectures, one on one instruction, critiques and assignments, all geared to assist you in honing your storytelling-through-photography skills. You will work side by side with award-winning Humanitarian photographer, Karl Grobl, in the Cambodian towns of Siem Reap, Battambang and Phnom Penh. With only five additional participants, you will get consistent customized feedback to move your photographic skills to the next level!

For more information or to reserve a space , [click here](#) .

Papua New Guinea ~ Mt. Hagen Sing Sing

August 11-25, 2017 with Karl Grobl

Just one space available!



Journey with Karl through the dynamic and primitive environments of Papua New

appreciate the help and photo advice. All I had to do was listen and remember when to show up. I think taking people pictures will be easier for me now."

-Chuck Thompson, participant Vietnam tour

Participant Galleries



It goes without saying that Jim, Karl & Ralph have captured some great photos in lands afar, but tour participants have also shot very impressive photos, as well. Have a look for yourself by clicking [here](#). The page is also accessible via our website. Just look for the "Participants Galleries" tab at top of each page. We hope you'll stop by to see the varied subjects which other photo enthusiasts have captured during their experience on our photo tours.

"It was a great trip, Jim was wonderful. He was well prepared, patient and has a good sense of humor. He was very easy to travel with; I feel like I'm traveling with a friend. The individual attention is so valuable...I learned several things ... that helped me to get better photos. I really liked the opportunity to interact with and photograph the locals. Jim's many relationships with locals is what makes the trips special and will keep me coming back again and again. Jim did a great job."

-Terri Huizinga, Guatemala tour participant

"This trip started me on fulfilling a life-long wish to visit India. I will go back! I loved the train rides, even (especially) the long one in that funky first-class car. The Golden Temple was fascinating. I'm grateful that we had the opportunity to stop at the various villages along our route, which would not be possible without your planning and past experiences. Every place we visited offered

Guinea to get an unforgettable adventure and iconic tribal images. Cruising down the rivers, it will be like a journey back in time as we spend a couple of days living among the tribes, capturing their daily tasks. Here is a chance to experience and photograph cultural diversity, ancient rituals, birds and natural beauty available no other place in the world.

A highlight of this tour will be the Mt. Hagen Sing Sing festival, considered one of the world's top cultural events. Plus, Karl has secured passes to a Paiya mini-show, to get close-range photos of tribes as they prepare and perform dances and demonstrate their way of life. All this plus untouched beauty of their land and natural wildlife, present an unmatched opportunity to experience and photograph rich cultural practices that will soon become history. Join us as we take on one of the truly finest adventures on Earth.

Join us as we take on one of the truly finest adventures on earth. For more information or to book that final space, [click here](#)

Rustic & Rural Romania September 3-16, 2017 with Ralph Velasco



Travel the most picturesque regions of Romania with tenured guide, Ralph Velasco - an abundance of people, architecture, landscape, food, animal and other photo opportunities await you. Join us, and see why the rustic and rural aspects of Romania are truly a photographer's dream.

For more information or to reserve a space, [click here](#).

Papua New Guinea ~ Goroka Festival September 7-22, 2017 with Karl Grobl *Limited space available!*



Many areas of Papua New Guinea have been forgotten in time; ancient rituals, such as strict tribal practices, even cannibalism, still reside in remote areas.

This, along with the untouched beauty of their land and natural wildlife, present an unmatched opportunity to see rich cultural practices that may soon become history.

Participants will have a 'front row' seat to capture and experience the island's cultural diversity, wildlife and beauty available no other place in the world. The cultural festivals are a highlight, to be sure and we'll get close-up to tribes people as they prepare and perform the dances and more. Memorable times will also be had while photographing the diverse bird life, splendid rugged landscape, tribal life on the island's Sepik River, and lot's more.

something special. In general, the lodging was very good, and a few places stood out. Thank you all, and especially you, Karl, for all of your hard work. You are the best...and don't ever give up this day job, Karl! I have a bucket list to complete with you!" -Nancy Brandt, participant India Pushkar tour, 2014

"There are many choices for photo tours to India, but I felt this [tour] was well-priced. The locations were ideal for northern India and Karl's photographic expertise and personality made this THE only choice for me." -Barbara Colbert, participant

JCPT Alumni Facebook Page



We have created a Jim Cline Photo Tours Alumni Group on Facebook. It's a great place to share memories of your JCPT travel adventures. Post your stories and photos so that the group can reminisce together. Reconnect with fellow photographers and continue in creative comradery.

If you haven't been added yet by us, send a request. You can also request to add other tour participants who you may be friends with. Just [click here!](#)

"The tour offers lots to shoot that's out of the ordinary, including many opportunities to think out of the box. So much of it was just great shooting and I got lots of great pictures! The workshops [and leader] helped me think in different ways/capture images out of my typical pattern. Thanks so much for putting together a great trip...which exceeded my expectations." -Rose Schierl,

Join us as we take on one of the truly finest adventures on earth. For more information or to book a space [click here](#).

Tribal Myanmar

October 1 - 15, 2017 with Karl Grobl

Trip full! Wait list available.



Trip Full, though to join the wait list, [click here](#)

Ensenada/Guadalupe/Tecate

October 7-9, 2017 with Jim Cline



Our first stop during this action-packed photo adventure is Ensenada Mexico: From the bustling fish market at the colorful wharf to the elegant Riviera Cultural Center, downtown Ensenada has innumerable unique subjects to photograph. We'll shoot the harbor scenes, pelicans, sea lions, locals, colorful shops and signs, vendors and their wares, classic musicians, and lots more.

On the second day we'll take a boat ride in the harbor before making the scenic drive to the famous blowhole situated out on beautiful Punta Banda. We'll photograph seascapes, vendors and musicians, the blowhole, and maybe a beautiful sunset. On Day 3 we'll drive to Tecate, passing through Mexico's Guadalupe wine country and small towns along the way. After a winery tour and wine-tasting, we'll finish in the authentic Mexican town of Tecate, in a very lively central plaza. We will also explore and shoot all aspects of a very rustic pottery factory to document the lives of the local people and pottery making.

During the trip, Jim will give slide show lectures on creating more dynamic photographs and on maximizing your results with digital SLR cameras.

For more information or to book a space, [click here](#).

Pushkar Camel Fair & the Taj Mahal

October 23 - November 10, 2017 with Karl Grobl

Trip Full - wait list available

2014 participant (Ensenada tour)

"This is my second time traveling with you [Jim], and as before, I had a marvelous time. Your planning and execution of the itinerary is excellent. Your knowledge of the area and the personal relationships with the people there truly make your trips exceptional. It all adds up to a truly enjoyable travel and photographic experience. Thus, I always highly recommend you to anyone with interest in the areas that you visit. I'll look forward to traveling with you again at some point in time. Thank you!"

-Rita Florea, Chiapas tour participant

"There is no way that this trip would have been so wonderful if it wasn't for all Karl's efforts on all of our behalf; his taking the time to teach, and his ability to be even handed at all times. He opened our eyes to photography in such a way and in such a short time. We feel that we got way more than we expected from the tour and Karl. We were deeply indebted to all the work done to make that trip (and every other trip) as satisfying as possible."

-George & Joan Saba, India Pushkar participants

...One of the things I love about trips through Jim Cline is the standard of food and accommodation. After a day in the mud or dust of the streets of Asia or bumping over rough rails or roads, it is such a pleasure to retreat to a private and comfortable space!

I don't think you can do better than with a trip with Karl and Jim Cline photo tours."

-Ursula Wall, multi-trip participant

"I would rate the trip as an 11 (out of 10)! Karl could not have been better guide, and the local guide was great. I definitely improved my photography skills.

I really enjoyed the cultural experience, seeing the sites, smelling the smells, being in the mix as much a big American could be in Myanmar. I had a great time and received good value for the money." -Kit S.



Trip full, [click here](#) to be added to the wait list .

Day of the Dead in Oaxaca
October 27 - November 5, 2017 with Jim Cline
Trip full - wait list available



Trip Full, c lick [here](#) to be added to the wait list.

Chiapas: The Mayan World
November 11 - 20, 2017 with Jim Cline
Trip full, wait list available



Click [here](#) to be added to the 2017 wait list or the interest list for 2018.

Essential Morocco

participant

"The Oaxaca trip was incredible. I absolutely loved it and want to do it again in a couple of years."
-Becky W, 2013 participant

"It was a wonderful trip and it certainly exceeded all my expectations from each photo shoot, every hotel, our local Indian guide, DV, the pace...all contributed to the success of the trip. Best of all, Karl was a most accommodating, patient, instructive, talented, good-natured, entertaining, tireless leader AND definitely well-connected. My only regret was not going on the extension. Thanks for everything." - Sally B. Pushkar tour participant

"We had some excellent photo opportunities that seem well chosen for the most part and did not concentrate on any one area, thus, lots for everyone. I liked the sharing of images and found it interesting to see what others see. Jim is a great leader and makes everyone feel comfortable and is very fair. I also noticed his generosity. The local guides on hand were very pleasant and helpful as well." - Susan C., Yucatan participant 2015

"This trip was fantastic, as well as the photo opps! The scenes that await capture are beyond anything imaginable! Karl was amazing with his fantastic attitude and enthusiasm, as well as the local guides who were such an important part of this fabulous trip! The pace/timing of the itinerary was wonderfully exciting! All the restaurants I found to be enjoyable. I took the optional extension and, what a treat to be in some really isolated areas. My main objective in taking the trip was to photograph, photograph, and photograph; and that we did! This was truly a fantastic trip far beyond any imagination!" -Ann T., Myanmar participant 2015

"I believe this trip was just terrific. How so? It offered perfect photo ops, the tour was expertly organized, always on schedule, had awesome/top-notch food, excellent hotel selections, a delightful set of photographers, etc. My favorite part and an unforgettable experience was seeing gray whales breaching & skyhops in Guerro Negro. As far as

November 27- December 10, 2017 with Jeremy Woodhouse
Now booking! Limited space available.



This 14-day photographic journey will cover the key highlights: Casablanca, Marrakesh, the gorgeous coastal town of Essaouira, and the colorful mountainside town of Chefchaouen. You are sure to capture memorable images in the desert atop a camel and dramatic night photography overnight at a real Berber camp. These are just some of the many unique photo opps and exotic experience that await participants on this photo tour in Morocco, Northern Africa.

For more information or to book a space, click [here](#)

Thailand, Laos & Cambodia
January 20 -February 4, 2018 with Karl Grobl
Trip full - wait list available.



Trip full, to join the wait list [click here](#).

Guatemala: The Living Maya
January 26 - February 5, 2018 with Jim Cline



From the Spanish Colonial town of Antigua, to volcano-ringed Lake Atitlán, to the many wonderful little villages and their energetic markets filled with indigenous locals in

photos- my goal was to capture 3 "keepers" per day but ended up with an average of 10 per day. i.e. Exceeded my expectations by a mile. The photography discussions at dinner were super useful, and Jim was super helpful and super well organized. This tour is the best way to experience gray whales and Baja landscapes. I totally enjoyed every moment." -Murali N., Baja Whales participant 2015

colorful dress, you'll find plenty of subjects to explore with your camera in Guatemala. The Mayan traditions are alive and well in this sometimes mysterious, and always captivating country.

For more information, or to book a space [click here](#).

The Philippines

April - May 2018 with Karl Grobl

Details coming soon!

Follow link below to add your name to the interest list.



The Philippines is the hidden gem of Southeast Asia. It boasts a fantastic landscape, including its amazing rice terraces, colonial architecture and palm-fringed, white-sand beaches on a scale and beauty that one might have expected to find in Hawaii decades ago. Beyond the scenic beauty, you'll find it's the Filipinos themselves who make the country such a joy to visit. We can expect a wonderful journey full of friendly, smiling and photo-ready locals.

For more information, or to join the interest list for notification when the trip is released, [click here](#).

The India: Ladakh, Heartland of the India Himalaya

May - June 2018 with Karl Grobl

Interest list now forming!



Ladakh has often been called 'Little Tibet' because of its historical connection with Lhasa and its predominantly Tibetan Buddhist culture. Its awe-inspiring landscape is interspersed with photogenic treasures: isolated villages to explore; green oasis' full of swaying trees, apricot orchards and cultivated farmland. The people of Ladakh are friendly and gentle who follow customs and lifestyle that are a continuum from the past. Wonderful photo ops await at every turn, so please join us for a tour that promises to be fascinating and memorable!

For more information, or to join the interest list for notification when the trip is released, [click here](#).

Day of the Dead - Guatemala

October 28 - November 8, 2018 with Jeremy Woodhouse

Interest list forming!



Watching and photographing Day of the Dead preparations is only the beginning of a myriad of visual delights that await you and your camera on this tour. Other highlights: sunrise photo shoots in Antigua, and getting to know and capture the diverse ways of life for locals of small settlements and lakeside towns. While viewing the acclaimed Todos Santos Horse Race provides a chance to improve ones high-speed photo skills. An optional trip-extension visiting two of Guatemala's notable sites, Tikal & Lake Petén, is also being made available.

For more information, or to join the interest list for notification when the trip is released, [click here](#).

Participant Spotlight

Our congratulations to Tony Lawrence, a participant on our photo tour in August 2016: Papua New Guinea Mt. Hagen Sing Sing. Two of Anthony's photos (taken on our Papua New Guinea tour) were chosen as weekly winners for the week of October 28 as part of The Big Picture competition. The competition is held in conjunction with The Age newspaper in Victoria, Australia. Finalists for the competition will be announced in February. The first of the photos can be seen below. To see the other, click [here](#). Way to go, Tony!



Tours in the works - 2018

Cuba

January & February 2018

Costa Rica

with Christopher P. Baker - April 2018

Colombia

with Christopher P. Baker - July/August 2018

If you'd like to join us on one of these trips, send an email, (info@jimcline.com) and ask to be added to the Interest List for the trip. We'll email you when more information becomes available and/or the trip is released.

That's all for now! We hope to see you on one of our trips, soon!

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