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JIM CLINE PHOTO TOURS

February 16, 2017



Taken on our [Philippines](#) tour by Karl Grobl. Our 2018 trip will be released shortly - see [below](#) for details.

We hope you have been enjoying this new year of travel and photography. We have a lot to be excited about here at Jim Cline Photo Tours - Karl has just returned from leading his *India: Gujarat and the Malabar Coast* photo tour and will be returning to India shortly to lead his *India Festivals: Holi, Holla Mohalla & Kavant* trip. Meanwhile in January we had three trips in Cuba led by three different leaders, and I am on my way back to lead my classic *Havana, Vinales, and Trinidad* Cuba trip.

We still have some spaces open on trips this year, and are busy planning new trips for 2018, including new trips to India (Ladakh), Costa Rica, Colombia, and Cuba.

We are committed to bringing you opportunities to visit the best photographic destinations in the world. See below for the details!

Cheers,

Jim

2017 Photo Tours

Papua New Guinea ~ Mt. Hagen Sing Sing
August 11-25, 2017 with Karl Grobl

Due to cancellation - Two spaces now available!

[Click here](#) for for more information and/or to reserve your spot!

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Peru: Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley of the Incas

May 10-20, 2017 with Jim Cline

Trip Full - wait list available



Trip full, join the wait list by [clicking 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](#) .

Rustic & Rural Romania



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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



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.

Join us as we take on one of the 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.



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](#)

"This was our third time traveling with Jim Cline's tours. We have been consistently impressed with the organization. When you are traveling with a group in foreign countries, there are many opportunities for error. Everything has been very well organized and if any mistakes were made, it was by the participants, NOT the organizers!!! We appreciate all of the efforts that are made to form the relationships with the people who are our photography subjects. We appreciate all of the homework that goes in to planning these awesome trips! Thank you Jim and Karl for three wonderful trips!!!" ~ Kim & Tim R. (Philippines, Ensenada and Cuba)

"I enjoy traveling with Jim because of the strong relationships that he has developed with people over the years. This provides unique opportunities to photograph people and places that you wouldn't ordinarily be able to. I travel with Jim because I know that I will experience cultures in a way that I would never be able to on my own." ~Mindy S. (Guatemala)

I wanted to thank you again for a really great trip. I see why you love Guatemala like you do....lovely, warm people, beautiful landscapes, incredibly interesting culture & crazy markets! It was such a joy to watch you [Jim] interact with the local people and the happiness



Trip Full, join the wait list, by [clicking 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](#).

India: Pushkar Camel Fair & the Taj Mahal

October 23 - November 10, 2017 with Karl Grobl

Due to cancellation, one space now available!

you brought them by giving back in such a meaningful way. Thank you so very much" -Yvonne R. (Multiple trips)

" This trip ended up being one of the best and most interesting cultural experiences of a lifetime" -Denise M. (Myanmar tour)

"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 C. (India tour)

"[These are] the best photo workshops that I have taken! He [Jim] knows how to pace a trip, has great local contacts and takes you to the top spots." ~Len O. Oaxaca

"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 G. (Multiple trips)



India's Pushkar Fair is Asia's largest camel and livestock market, with unparalleled photo opportunities. We'll photograph camel herders and their encampments among the rolling sand dunes then retreat to a desert encampment at night. We will also be visiting other fascinating locations such as Delhi, Jaisalmer, Jaipur and Jodhpur. Our group will explore ancient forts, wander the markets, and the famous Taj Mahal. During the day our group will be "out in the thick of it" not just shooting the action, but being part of the action!

For information or to score the final space, [click here](#)

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 and/or scroll down for the 2018 trip.

Chiapas: The Mayan World
 November 11 - 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 D.(Multiple trips)

"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 S., (Peru)

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



Click [here](#) to be added to the wait list.

Essential Morocco

November 27- December 10, 2017 with Jeremy Woodhouse
Trip Full - wait list available



Trip Full - to be added to the wait list click [here](#)

2018 Photo Tours & Trips

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](#).

Cuba: Havana, Vintales & Trinidad

February 25 - March 6, 2018 with Jim Cline

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 and 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. Jim's many relationships with locals is what makes the trips special and will keep me coming back again and again."
 -Terri H., (Guatemala)

"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 something special. Thank you all, and especially you, Karl, for all of your hard work. You are the best! Don't ever give up this day job, Karl! I have a bucket list to complete with you!" - Nancy B. (Multiple trips)



This trip promises to be enticing for first time visitors to Cuba, as well as experienced travelers. Jim has been working closely with local agencies and arranged many unique cultural opportunities. With 19 years of experience traveling in Cuba, Jim is ideally suited to introduce ten fortunate participants to the unique sights and experiences only Cuba has to offer. Join us on this extraordinary adventure.

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

Eastern Cuba: Santiago, Bayamo & Baracoa
April 8-17, 2018 with Christopher P. Baker



Below are two terrific testimonials we received about Christopher from the January 2017 trip that he lead for us. We hope you'll consider joining us on this extraordinary adventure in 2018.

"Chris was way above our expectations. Vast knowledge of Cuba and was able to communicate clearly – he was like having a living Google Now with you. By the end of the trip we considered him a good friend that we would like to see again."
~Reno D.

"More than I could have imagined. Chris made photography, history and current events fascinating. Plus he truly had a love for the locals and treated them with compassion and respect." ~Paula Z.

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

Vietnam Explorer
April-May 2018 with Karl Grobl

"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 C.

**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!](#)

"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



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 join the interest list for notification when the trip is released, [click here](#).

The Philippines May 7-21, 2018 with Karl Grobl



This trip will be released shortly! If you'd like to have first shot at one the 10 available spaces, email us today 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 reserve a space, [click here](#).

The India: Ladakh, Heartland of the India Himalaya May - June 2018 with Karl Grobl ***Interest list now forming!***

forward to traveling with you again at some point in time. Thank you!"
-Rita F., (Chiapas)

...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 W.(Multiple trips)

"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.

"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. (India Pushkar)

"We had some excellent photo opportunities. 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)

"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



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 oases 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 in Oaxaca October 27 - November 5, 2018 with Jim Cline



During this trip, participants will get to experience the most Mexican of holidays as we explore and photograph parties held for the dead in cemeteries, elaborately decorated altars, costume parades, colorful markets, splendid colonial churches, the locals and their daily life in Oaxaca. We will also explore villages in the surrounding area, busy marketplaces and the ancient Zapotec ruins at Monte Alban. We hope you'll join us during this traditional celebration of life.

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!***

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., (Multiple trips)

"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 & spyhopping in Guerrero Negro. As far as photos- my goal was to capture 3 "keepers" per day but ended up with an average of 10 per day, exceeded my expectations by a mile. The photography discussions at dinner were useful, and Jim was super helpful and well-organized. This tour is the best way to experience gray whales and Baja landscapes. I totally enjoyed every moment." -Murali N.,

"This trip was Perfect and wonderful with zero disappointments! Karl is the BEST, he's amazing and goes above and beyond expectations for a trip leader....plus, the photo opps were fabulous." -Shelly R. (Multiple trips)



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](#).

Guatemala: The Living Maya November 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 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](#).

Tours in the works - 2018/19

Costa Rica
with Christopher P. Baker - April 2018

Colombia
with Christopher P. Baker - July/August 2018

India: Festivals
with Karl Grobl - Spring 2019

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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