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# JIM CLINE PHOTO TOURS

June 13, 2017



Photo by Karl Grobl taken during his India Ladakh scouting trip.

Greetings from San Diego! I'm back from South America, where I just finished leading my Peru: Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley of the Inca trip for the tenth time. It just keeps getting better every time, as there is always something new to discover. Karl just returned from scouting for his two Ladakh tours in 2018. The first one in June filled up so fast we had to add a second one for July. He will be teaching and leading his upcoming Angkor Photo Workshop next month. Kat is still working remotely in Italy while Loren is managing things here in San Diego.

We are excited about all of our upcoming trips - we are busy finalizing our schedules through 2018, and thinking ahead to 2019. We also have some great offerings with trip leaders Christopher P. Baker, Jeremy Woodhouse, and Ralph Velasco. We hope see you on one of our trips, soon!

Cheers,  
Jim

## 2017 Photo Tours

*Angkor Photo Workshop*  
July 8-22, 2017 with Karl Grobl  
*Coming soon!*

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*Jim Cline Photo Tours LLC*

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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

*One space now available!*



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

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

### *Rustic & Rural Romania*

September 3-16, 2017 with Ralph Velasco

*Only 2 spaces left!*



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### *Newlook for JCPT Website*

We are proud to share with you a new sleek version of our website, fully launched this month. The upgrade loads much more efficiently on cell phone browsers, and makes finding and booking our tours simple. We hope that you'll agree, and would love to hear your feedback after you take a browse, by clicking [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.

### *Past Newsletters (click on month to view)*

- [April 2017](#)
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- [October 2016](#)
- [August 2016](#)
- [May 2016](#)
- [March 2016](#)
- [February 2016](#)

### *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](http://www.karlgrobl.com/blog)



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](#)



*"Thanks so much for a great trip. It really exceeded any expectations for both of us!" - Lynn, Peru 2017*

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](#).

### Tribal Myanmar

October 1 - 15, 2017 with Karl Grobl

*Trip full! Wait list available.*



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 downtown Ensenada Mexico, where we'll capture harbor scenes, pelicans, sea lions, locals, colorful shops and signs, vendors and their wares, classic musicians, and lots more. We'll also photograph seascapes, vendors and musicians, the blowhole, and maybe a beautiful

*"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*

sunset. A tour of a winery and a very rustic pottery factory gives participants many chances to try different shots and lighting.

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

*Trip full - wait list available!*



Trip full; join the 2018 interest list (scroll down) or this trip's wait list by [clicking here](#).

### Day of the Dead in Oaxaca

October 27 - November 5, 2017 with Jim Cline

*Trip full - wait list available*



Trip full, join the wait list by [clicking here](#) and/or scroll down for the 2018 trip.

### Chiapas: The Mayan World

November 11 - 20, 2017 with Jim Cline

*Trip full - wait list available*

*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 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*



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

### *Essential Morocco*

November 27- December 10, 2017 with Jeremy Woodhouse

*Trip Full - wait list available*



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

### *2018 Photo Tours & Trips*

#### *Thailand, Laos & Cambodia*

January 20 -February 4, 2018 with Karl Grobl

*Trip full - wait list available.*



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

#### *India Festivals: Holi, Holla Mohalla & Kavant*

February 23 - March 8, 2018 with Karl Grobl

*to learn and practice story-telling type photography. I look forward to more trips with Jim Cline Photo Tours" -Ivy G. (Multiple trips)*

*"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)*

### *Participant Galleries*





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.

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

### *Cuba: Havana, Vinales & Trinidad* February 25 - March 6, 2018 with Jim Cline



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

It goes without saying that Jim, Karl & Ralph have captured some great photos in lands afar, but our 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)

*"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.

trip that he lead for us. We hope you'll c onsider 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 10 - 24, 2018 with Karl Grobl

*Trip full! Wait list available.*



For more information or to add your name to the wait list, [click here](#).

### *Peru: Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley of the Incas*

May 9-19, 2018 with Jim Cline



Peru deserves its reputation as a mystical travel destination. From the beautiful colonial gem of Cuzco, to the incredible Inca site at Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley with its picturesque towns and majestic Inca ruins, Peru is a place rich with photo opportunities and welcoming locals.

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

### *The Philippines*

May 7-21, 2018 with Karl Grobl

*Only 2 spaces left!*

### **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 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!*



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. They are photo-friendly and full of beautiful smiles.

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

### *India: Ladakh, Heartland of the India Himalaya*

June 10 - 23, 2018 with Karl Grobl

*Trip full - wait list available*



Trip full; join the July tour below, or this trip's wait list by [clicking here.](#)

### *India: Ladakh, Heartland of the India Himalaya*

July 16-29, 2018 with Karl Grobl



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

*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)*

*"Traveling with Karl has given me inspiration, raising the idea within me of the possibilities that photography provides. Karl is an excellent teacher and inspiration. It seems that whatever type of photography I'm shooting, there is a 'little' Karl on my shoulder...whispering in my ear...maybe guiding my lens." - Joe M.*

*"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 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)*

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 opps await at every turn, so please join us for a tour that promises to be fascinating and memorable!

Click [here](#) for more information or to reserve your space.

### *Colombia: Medellin Festival of Flowers*

August 4-15, 2018 with Christopher P. Baker



Photographing wondrous unique flowers are but one aspect of this new tour Christopher is leading, that is destined to become an annual favorite tour for nature and cultural photographers alike.

Exploring photographic-worthy historic town squares or markets in Cartagena, Bogota and Medellin, led by our experienced local guide, we'll be set to experience Colombian's Latin-American culture in ways most tourists would not have access to. Around Armenia, our group will learn about and photograph various aspects of Colombia's world-famous coffee, from touring the fields and/or farm towns to attending a coffee-tasting event. Of course, various fruit and flower farms and markets will captivate our lenses and senses, while the Medellin flower festival & parade is destined to be a high point of this entire Colombian experience.

For more information, click [here](#).

### *Day of the Dead in Oaxaca*

October 27 - November 5, 2018 with Jim Cline

*Interest list forming*



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](#).

### *India: Pushkar Camel Fair & Taj Mahal*

October 2018 with Karl Grobl  
*Interest list forming*



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 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](#).

*Baja Gray Whales*  
February 2019 with Jim Cline



Every winter, thousands of California gray whales and their newborn calves migrate to Baja California. On this most memorable tour, you'll have the chance to view the whales as they blow, sound, mate, and calve in their natural habitat, sometimes within feet of the our boat! Also awaiting us is Baja's most spectacular desert scenery, the Catavina Boulderfields, where we'll shoot the world's tallest cactus, a wide variety of photogenic desert flora and massive granite boulders. Rounding out this tour is the charming palm oasis town of San Ignacio with a colonial atmosphere, friendly inhabitants, and one of the most beautiful missions in Baja.

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

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## Knowledge-Share by JCPT Founders



Jim will be giving his seminar "Secrets of Successful Travel Photography" at the Photography Exhibit at the San Diego County Fair this Saturday, June 17, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Admission is free with entrance to the fair. Click [here](#) for information.

While in Peru this spring, Jim imparted wisdom and practical travel tips during a interview by the e-zine "The Traveling Image Makers". Listen for free and gain helpful insights on international travel and photography, by clicking [here](#). No download necessary.



This May, Karl was interviewed and provides very interesting insights about his photography, NGO assignments, gear and what inspires him to keep shooting. Click [here](#) to view this worthwhile article.

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## Tours in the works - 2019

### [Costa Rica](#)

April 2019 with Christopher P. Baker

### [Guatemala the Living Maya](#)

with Jim Cline

*If you'd like to consider joining one of these trips, click on the tour name and please enter your information. We will email you when the tour details become a 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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