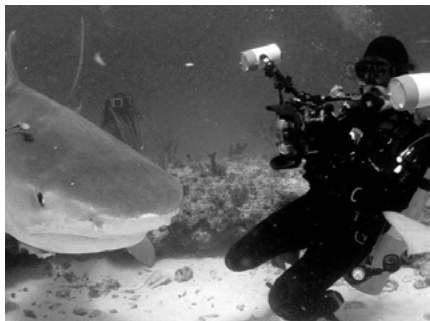


News, Travel & Events

Uw Photo Workshop onboard Infiniti with David Fleetham and Erik Lukas Jan /Feb 2020



Luxurious and spacious MV Infiniti, the only RINA class liveaboard in the Philippines, will be hosting 5 underwater photography workshops with David Fleetham and Erik Lukas in Jan /Feb 2020.

One of the World's most published underwater Photographer David, his work has been published in many of the top-notch publications including the covers of Life and National Geographic magazines.

Erik Lukas, a passionate underwater photographer with "a special love for macro" in his own words, loves to share his knowledge with others and offers very comprehensive workshops.

The workshops will include photography fundamentals like composition, lighting, equipment maintenance, shooting at night, wide angle underwater, macro and image workflow (lightroom and photoshop) to name a few.

There will be Malapascua & Leyte trips alternating with the Visayas & Bohol trip. Malapascua being one of the few places in the world where you get to see the beautiful and

glorious "Thresher sharks" in their natural element. On the same trip, you will get to dive the beautiful corals of Sogod Bay and Leyte.

Visayas and Bohol trip will include diving in Moalboal and Pescador and see giant schools of Jacks, the famous sardine run, the green turtles and the marine sanctuary in Balicasag. The trip is great for macro photography as well.

The trips are great for beginner to experienced divers with a minimum of OW certification and 10 or more dives. The trips are great for photographers as well as non-photographers. Trip price starts from USD 2399 pp and includes accommodation, all meals, alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, dive equipment rental, up to 4 dives a day with experienced dive masters and the photography workshop. Divers will have to bring their own photography equipment. Contact

sales@infinitiliveaboard.com
www.infinitiliveaboard.com

WILD OCEANS Exhibition 178 Grand Avenue in Pacific Grove



Nearly a year after our successful grand opening, I'm excited to announce a new photographic exhibit: Wild Oceans.

The new exhibit is a collection of wide-angle natural light imagery of seascapes and wild animals including tiger and hammerhead sharks, manta rays, humpback whales, dolphins, schools of fish, and more.

Wild Oceans takes you around the world from California to British Columbia, Alaska to the Bahamas, and from Mexico to Indonesia.

Wild Oceans is comprised of 24 mostly black and white photographs and it opens on August 10 at 6:30 pm at the Bradley Gallery 178 Grand Avenue in Pacific Grove.

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U/W Photo Workshop With Phil Rudin Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, México November 5 - 11, 2019



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Learn basic and advanced techniques to shoot wide angle scenes in the stunning Mexican cenotes-

These fresh-water flooded caverns provide the perfect playground for underwater photographers craving to produce stunning images-

Get creative shooting portraits with divers and models in crystal clear water and gorgeous backgrounds-

Based in South Florida USA, Phil Rudin has been teaching underwater photography workshops for over thirty years. His images have appeared in a variety of magazines including Underwater Photography Magazine where Phil is Senior Reviewer contributing over 75 articles on

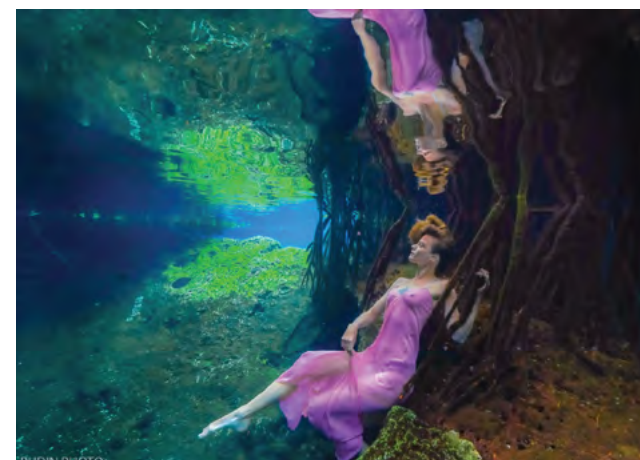
new equipment, photo techniques and dive travel.

Phil has taught underwater photography workshops for Reef Photo & Video, Digital Jam, Underwater Digital Fiesta, Asia Divers, Splash Dive Center Belize, and more.

One Drop is a diving company based in Playa del Carmen and run by Francesca Reina. Thanks to her extensive knowledge of the caves and a keen eye for underwater photography, we have selected



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the most photogenic caverns and schedule the best time to admire and photograph the stunning cenotes.

The price of the trip is \$ 2,200 USD, spaces are limited so we recommend to book early to secure your spot.

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Special UW Photo Workshop with Gill McDonald Mar 28 - Apr 11, 2020



Set in the world-famous Bunaken National Marine Park, Bunaken Oasis offers a truly luxurious diving experience.

Exceptional air-conditioned cottages with sea-view balconies. Chill-out bar, and gourmet panoramic restaurant.
 Custom-built spa with qualified therapists.

Panoramic freshwater infinity pool

From water-makers, with UV treatment, to black water treatment, Oasis was designed to minimise any impact on the environment.

5* PADI-affiliated dive centre, designed for photographers, and dive boats that are second to none, with freshwater deck showers, toilets and, above all, space.



Blue Heron Bridge Photo Workshop

October 17 - 20th 2019

Take advantage of one of the finest macro sites in the world, our own Blue Heron Bridge, located in West Palm Beach, FL.

This 3 day clinic focuses on macro photography, and there may not be a better setting anywhere to hold this kind of class. The bridge is actually located on the intracoastal waterway, inshore. This protected area has great tidal exchange, protection from two bridge structures, and an island (Phil Foster Park).

The diversity of macro life at the Blue Heron Bridge dive site is unlike anything else in the tropical Atlantic. Unusual critters like seahorses, frogfish, pipefish, sea robins, batfish, stargazers, nudibranchs, and flatworms, are common sightings. A host of juveniles start their lives in this protected area before moving out on the reef. Tropical angelfish, spadefish, barracuda, and jacks are found amongst the bridge pilings. Eagle rays and stingrays feed in the

sand flats, and manatees are even seen on occasion.

In addition to photo instruction, this class includes a dive guide for every 2-3 divers. Our guides work for local dive operators or in the Reef Photo store, and are expert Blue Heron Critter Finders. Our guests can focus on taking pictures, and we'll lead you from subject to subject. No stress about dragging around a dive flag, navigation, or boat traffic; just relax and take pictures!



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Ocean Leisure are now the UK distributor for Ikelite

Ocean Leisure are now the UK distributor for Ikelite underwater photo products and their central London showroom will be a great venue to look at this long established range of products made in the USA.

In the 1950's Ike Brigham invented the first o-ring sealed underwater light to incorporate a sealed beam bulb. Word throughout the diving community spread like spawning coral and everyone wanted one of Ike's lights. That is how Ikelite was born. From that time forward Ikelite has remained an inventive company producing camera housings, video housings, underwater strobes, video lights and of course dive lights.

With the popularity of digital photography Ikelite stepped up to the challenge, they produce housings for many popular Point & Shoot as well as SLR cameras. This is not an easy task since the life span of a digital camera is shorter than that of a sardine in a bait ball, with new models being born monthly. Ikelite housings are injection molded from clear polycarbonate plastic. Ikelite produces one mold for SLR housings, and three for Point & Shoots. By having the molds already in place, when a new camera comes out all they have to do is refit the camera's mounting system, rework the TTL



flash bulkhead if there is one, and drill holes for the control placement. Because of this ingenious design Ikelite can produce new housings faster than most other manufactures.

Ocean Leisure is an independent shop that started in central London in 1985. They started as a diving and sailing shop and thirty years on they have expanded their range of sports including Ocean Leisure Cameras to provide specialist underwater photography equipment.

The acquisition of the Ikelite UK distributorship is yet another expansion so visit their 8,000 sq ft central London showroom to find out all that's new and happening on the underwater photography front

www.oceanleisurecameras.com

UW Workshop with Gill McDonald

Mar 28 - Apr 11, 2020

Indonesia

What is an underwater photography workshop?

Learning, against a beautiful tropical backdrop, how to take your own personal underwater photography to the next level, while also enjoying world-class diving with a group of friendly, like minded people. It's for everyone who wants to improve their photography, whatever your starting point. You will return home with new friends, a hard drive full of amazing photographs and a strange desire to go straight back again.

The Workshop will run for 2 weeks with the first week at Oasis and the second week at NAD in Lembeh.

In the first week, the photography will be focusing on mostly wide-angle, with Bunaken's national park housing pristine walls and beautiful reefs covered in healthy corals and an abundance of marine life from turtles, clownfish, black, and whitetip sharks, barracuda and much more

There are optional extras available e.g. night dives. Service is first class as the staff are very well trained with excellent attention to detail. Hot towels and fresh fruit greet you after each dive.

The second week will be spent at NAD Lembeh where the focus will be on macro. This is a different kind of diving. Many of the sites have fine black sand and good buoyancy is vital to avoid kicking it up. The small boats head out to the local dive sites, most sites being no more than half an hour from the resort and many are just 10 minutes.

There is an etiquette to diving and photographing in this magical place, so please refer to the NAD website or ask me for more information.



With both Bunaken & Lembeh teamed together this makes North Sulawesi one of the worlds best diving destinations.

The total price for the two weeks, based on full board accommodation in a Luxury Seaview Cottage in Bunaken, and Deluxe Seaview Bungalow in Lembeh, (both fully air-conditioned), is:

Double sharing: US\$ 6,400 per person, Single: US\$ 7,570

All transfers, meals, snacks on board the dive boats will be included, including Diving, Talks and free Nitrox with Oasis.

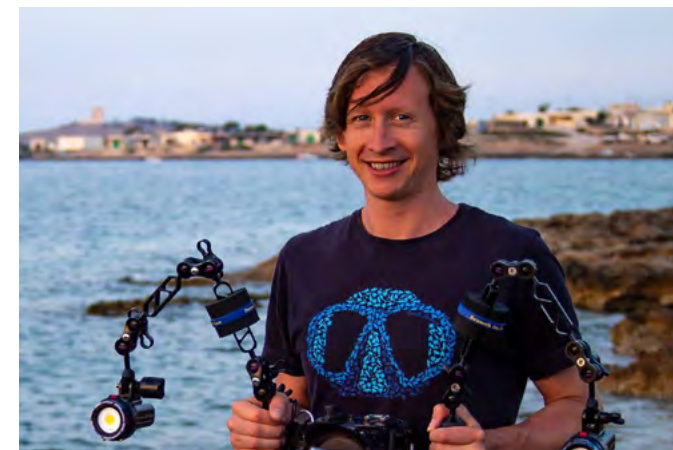
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For resort details

www.bunakenoasis.com
www.nad-lembeh.com

Oyster Diving Photo Courses



Our Underwater Photography courses are run by Barry Neal, a London based professional underwater photographer who has travelled the world putting his skills to good use. He has extensive experience of taking underwater photos and has travelled the world doing so.

Our underwater photography course provides a thorough foundation in underwater photography. He has been a professional photographer for over 10 years and has visited destinations such as Azores, Bali, Java, Komodo, Nusa Lembangan, Bohol Philippines and Thailand.

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Frame And Focus On Saba September 21-28, 2019



Saba is the Unspoiled Queen of the Caribbean: beloved for its old world charm and barely touched landscape.

Join Ambassador Andrew Raak for a week of photography workshops, presentation, and one-on-one interaction.

28 miles southwest of St. Maarten (St. Marten), Saba is officially part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Saba Marine Park protects 30 dive sites around the

perimeter of the island.

This trip includes lodging in the charming Juliana's Hotel and diving with Sea Saba. Also included:

7 nights, 5 days of diving, 11 dives (includes 1 free afternoon dive)

Afternoon Photography Workshops, and Evening Photography Presentations by Andrew Raak

Tanks and Weights included (Nitrox Additional Add-On Fee)

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Swim with Killer Whales/Orcas in Norway

1st - 8th November 2019



Swim with the world's most intelligent predator in the Arctic Circle! Join us in November on a tour to the coastal fjords of Norway to view the spectacular herring migration

which attracts large pods of whales. The trips are arranged to allow both boat based viewing and a strictly supervised swimming encounter. This area has also provided our most

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stunning Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) experience to date. Along with the orca, there are chances to see majestic humpbacks, sei and fin whales, sea eagles, otters, seals and a variety of seabirds; all set against wonderful mountainous landscape and magical sunrise/sunset light.

Our base has very little light pollution so excellent opportunities for stunning northern lights pictures. If you're not sure of how to take great photos, we'll help you.

Our in-water encounters are all snorkelling/swim encounters; no scuba diving. This means anyone with

a basic level of fitness can take part as long as you are comfortable with 100m open water swimming and can get on/ off the boat. The weather can be challenging so the right equipment is a must, along with the right attitude.

We have a maximum of 8 guests per boat. This is a premium wildlife experience in a challenging environment so we tailor the trips as such. Places are extremely limited so booking well in advance is recommended. We are based on a beautiful island in cosy and comfortable lodge style accommodation.

<https://baskingsharkscotland.co.uk/our-tours/overseas-tours/swim-with-killer-whales-orcas-in-norway>

'Capturing Critters in Lembeh' Workshop 2021



Capturing Critters in Lembeh is back!! January 2021 will be our 9th annual workshop – what a great way to start the new year!!

Once again we will be hosting THREE world-class Photo Pros: Jade Hoksbergen-Spiers, Henley Spiers, and Alex Tattersall. The 10 day workshop will be packed with incredible diving, presentations and one on one instruction and feedback.

Our 2021 schedule is as follows: 27th– 30th January: Pre-workshop – time to relax and unwind before enjoying some of Lembeh's famous dive sites.

30th January – 6th February:

Capturing Critters in Lembeh Workshop

6th – 8th February: Workshop extension

Our three visiting Pros will be working alongside our full time, in-house Photo Pro, as well as our two Marine Biologists. With a phenomenal team behind you, you'll be taking home some of your best images to date. No matter what level of photographer or videographer you are, you'll learn how to take your underwater imaging to the next level.

Whether you are diving with a compact camera, bringing a totally new camera set up with you or an



advanced DSLR you'll learn how to get the best shots possible from your system.

There is no better time to come to Lembeh and improve your imaging than during our renowned Capturing Critters in Lembeh Workshop. You'll experience North Sulawesi's best dive sites, stay at one of Indonesia's best dive resorts and enjoy some spectacular extras in this unique 10 day photography workshop including: 7 nights in a Luxury Cottage 17 guided boat dives "Workshop Member Time" (one-on-one) with the pros: maximize your learning curve before, between or after your dives. Daily seminars by

our professional presenters on a wide range of customized topics followed by practical in-water application.

Unlimited guided house reef dives (subject to guide availability, 8am to 5pm)

3:1 diver to guide ratio

Unsurpassed dive guide attention and superlative resort service to complement the entire event.

We highly recommend spending 3 nights (or more) before and after the event to give you time to relax, and make practice dives beforehand and to put your new skills into action afterward!

www.lembehresort.com

Sperm Whales in Dominica with Amanda Cotton

March 7 - 13 2020 & March 12 - 18 2020



Our snorkeling begins with two guests led by expedition leader Amanda Cotton. A good encounter is one when the whales remain. When this occurs, the other twosome follows into the water.

Our past experience has observed Dominica's west coast hosting approximately five sperm whale families, each with five to nine cetaceans. Females and their calves comprise the majority of these groups. We occasionally encounter a male, 45 to 55 feet long, easily recognizable being thirty percent larger than the females. Families frequently socialize by playing in the water. Other

times, they may remain stationary in a vertical position.

Sometimes the pod swims slowly allowing us to fin with them, while other times their speed picks up. We then follow them at a safe distance until they abruptly stop, apparently waiting for us. Each encounter offers a different opportunity, one more exciting than the next.



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A close-up photograph of a brown frog underwater. The frog is looking directly at the camera, with its head and front legs visible. Its reflection is clearly visible on the water's surface above it. The background is a blurred underwater scene with green plants and light filtering through the water.

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