

News, Travel & Events



Underwater Photographer of the Year Competition 2020 is now open for entries

Entrants have until Friday 3rd January 2020 23:59 (GMT) to enter their images into the world's premier underwater photography competition.

Judging takes place on 4th - 6th January 2020 and every single image entered will be seen at least twice by our panel of judges.

British Waters 'Living Together'

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This new category from 2019 continues and is once again sponsored by The Crown Estate.

The Crown Estate play a

role in managing activities on the seabed around England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and wanted to create a category that showcases the co-existence of nature and human activities on the UK seabed.

We are looking for strong, striking images (both macro and wide angle) that show the value of natural and/or man-made habitats in British Seas, particularly offshore renewables. Open to all.

Marine Conservation Photographer of the Year

Marine Conservation
Photographer of the Year continues:

it is open to both underwater and "above water" photos. Open to all photographers (even those who are not underwater photographers).

This category has a separate entry system. This is a single image category and photographers may enter up to 5 images. Photos can be taken underwater or above the water but must highlight a marine conservation story (both positive and negative stories are eligible). Freshwater themed images are not allowed.

The winning photographer will be named Marine Conservation Photographer of the Year 2020, and will be promoted alongside the other UPY winners.

The Categories once again are:

1. Wide Angle
2. Macro
3. Wrecks
4. Behaviour
5. Portrait
6. Black & White
7. Compact
8. Up & Coming
9. British Waters Wide Angle
10. British Waters Macro
11. British Waters 'Living Together'
12. British Waters Compact

Arthur Kingdon 2019 British Waters Macro Winner



"I was delighted to win this fantastic prize and I very much look forward to using it. There have been numerous occasions when I have wished for the ability to switch from macro to wide angle, but without sacrificing image quality, and the MWL1 provides that. A big 'thank you' from me to Nauticam for their generous sponsorship."

www.underwaterphotographeroftheyear.com

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Underwater Safari in Baja, Mexico

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Magalena Bay in Port San Carlos, La Paz, and Cabo Pulmo

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Tiger Shark Live Aboard Dive Trip

12 -18 October 2019

www.TigerSharkDive.com Feb & March 2020 Dates

Tiger Beach , Bahamas

Infiniti live-aboard

The internationally acclaimed Infiniti , India's pioneering scuba diving live-aboard after operating amazing journeys in the pristine Andaman Islands has now moved to the Philippines.



The Infiniti live-aboard was custom designed & specially constructed by divers for divers in Thailand [2013].

The Infiniti is a 39 meter (133 ft) all steel vessel with four decks and is classed & certified by RINA, Italy for unrestricted navigation in the open sea.

All inside areas are air conditioned.

Newly renovated, spacious guest rooms all with en-suite bathrooms, flat screen TVs, safety boxes, picture windows and plenty storage have been designed to maximize guest comfort and to make you feel right at home during your stay.

Delicious & nutritious meals and refreshments are prepared in the onboard kitchen & served buffet style in the large dining room. Fresh fruits , snacks, alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages (no extra charge) available.

There are multiple relaxation lounges including a large, beautiful

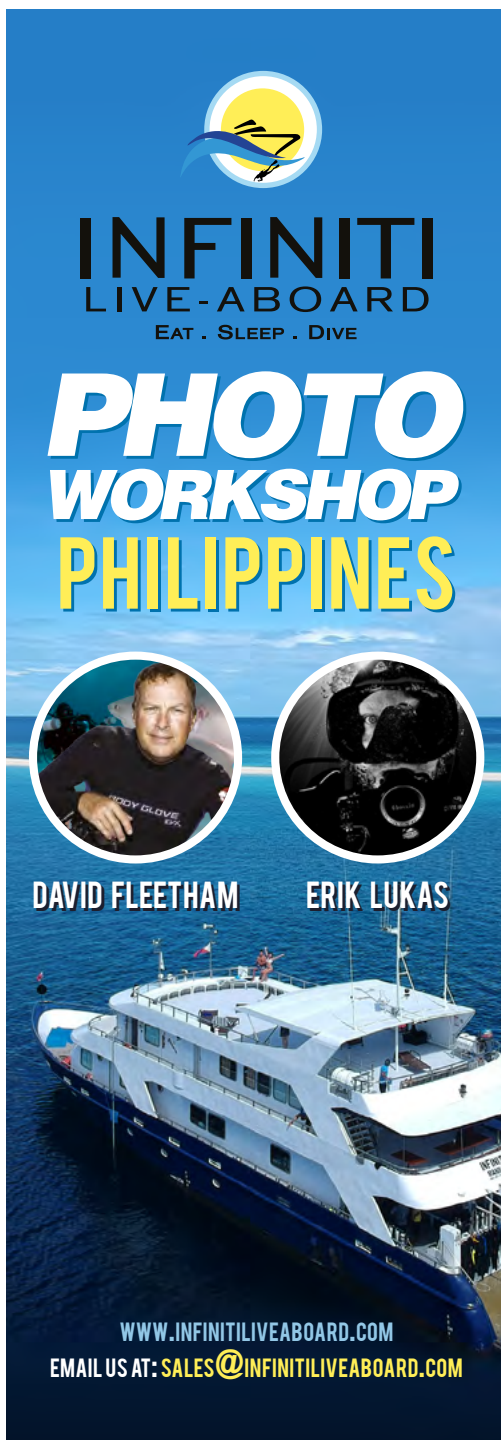
indoor lounge well stocked with entertainment, a huge sundeck with cushioned loungers and hammocks & an outdoor lounge with a self serve beverage bar!

A brand new camera room with several charging stations, and plenty of counterspace, shelves and drawers for camera equipment and your photography requirements.

The Infiniti is equipped with all facilities for scuba diving with a large shaded dive deck, personal diving stations, an expert dive team, a Nuvair Nitrox Membrane, Bauer compressors, top of the line scuba equipment, & two 5-meter RIBs (tenders).

We at the Infiniti strive to provide you with memorable diving and an extraordinary life experience.

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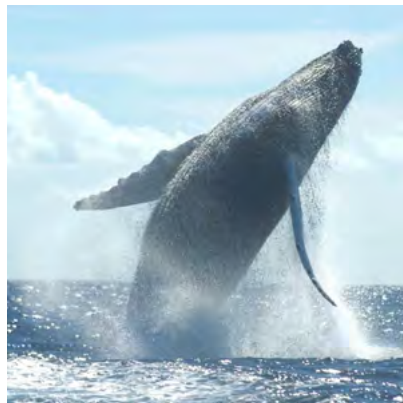
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Silver Bank Trip 2020 March 28 - April 4, 2020



Join us and the Turks & Caicos Aggressor II to snorkel with Humpback Whales. See them spin and play, and sense the power and grace of some of the most intelligent mammals on earth. It's a life-changing experience!

Designated as a Marine Sanctuary, the Silver Bank provides a safe wintering haven for the entire North Atlantic Humpback Whale population who gather here from January through April by the thousands to court, mate, calve, and rear their young.

This sanctuary, also known as the "Sanctuary for the Marine Mammals of the Dominican Republic" is one of three places in the world where humans can swim and snorkel among the whales.

www.bluewaterphotostore.com

Lembeh Photo Workshop with Doug Sloss, Mike Veitch and Luca Vaime July 25- August 1 2020

For the 8th consecutive year, Doug Sloss, Mike Veitch and Luca Vaime are teaming up to announce another awesome workshop at the best photo resort in Lembeh Strait, NAD Lembeh.

The package includes seven days of incredible diving, 2:1 guest to guide ratio, one-on-one underwater instruction to help improve your shooting techniques and informative lectures throughout the day to hone your photo skills and post processing prowess. A limited number of participants gives you plenty of personalized attention above and underwater, as our instructors do not take their cameras underwater.

Our workshops are for everyone! Each year we have a mix of brand new photographers and people who have been shooting for years. With three coaches on hand, we are able to customize the learning experience for everyone. We work individually with



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PHOTO WORKSHOP 2020
WITH THE UNDERWATER TRIBE AND DOUG SLOSS
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- 7 nights / 17 dives
- 2:1 Guest to Guide ratio
- One-on-one underwater instruction

Looking for more diving?
Join us for an additional Photo Fun Week with no official instruction but a whole lot of fun and diving starting on July 20th.
We have packages available from the 7 night workshop up to a 12 night/32 dive package

Prices start at \$ 1,875 per person based on double/twin share poolside room. Seaview bungalows and single accommodation available as well as trip extensions.

Package includes:

- 7 nights/17 dives
- 17 Nitrox tanks
- Return airport transfers
- 3 meals a day, coffee, tea, snacks
- In-water tuition, photo tuition and digital copies of presentations

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each participant underwater in order to master new skills. The friendly and relaxed atmosphere throughout the week is full of laughter and new friends. We have many repeat guests who return to join us in Lembeh.

NAD is one of the top photography resorts in the world. With incredible guides who understand photography, a large camera room, and a maximum of 2 guests per dive guide, NAD is truly a photographers resort.

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

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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.



Sealife Collection is a collaborative internet project which collects, organizes and shares photos and videos of all the underwater species of the world.

It is a project set up by Alive Fundació in partnership with the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS).

Alive Fundació is a private foundation whose aim is to promote and disseminate knowledge and awareness of the environmental sciences in order to contribute to the conservation of the natural world for future generations. To achieve this vision Alive Fundació is developing the Sealife Collection, uniting the underwater photography community

and the wider scientific world, exploiting the synergies generated by collaboration. Alive Fundació is an official non-profit organization under supervision of the Catalan government, which ensures its future not-for-profit status and management.

WoRMS is an organization based in the UK, formed by a highly qualified and methodical group of taxonomists that keeps the only up-to-date and reliable database of marine species.

The Sealife Collection is a not-for-profit project, and does not sell any form of merchandise or image rights. The project is funded entirely by private donation.

<https://sealifecollection.org/about>

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Dive Guangzhou 2020

🕒 May 10th-12th, 2020

📍 China Import and Export Fair Complex

2019 Ocean Art Underwater Photo Competition

The Underwater Photography Guide is proud to announce that it is accepting entries for the 8th annual Ocean Art Underwater Photo Competition.

Ocean Art is one of the most prestigious underwater photo competitions in the world. A long list of prizes valued at over \$80,000 also makes it one of the best endowed, attracting amateur to pro photographers across the globe.

This year we are making some very exciting category changes! Due to recent advances in mirrorless technology, we have decided to merge the mirrorless and “open” categories, while expanding our novice categories and adding two new specialty categories - Blackwater and Underwater Conservation.

Ocean Art 2019 consists of 16 categories total, including Novice Wide-Angle, Novice Macro, and 3 compact camera categories, giving underwater photographers of all levels a chance to win a great prize. Unique categories include Supermacro, Cold/Temperate Water, Blackwater, Underwater Conservation, and



Nudibranchs, while the more traditional categories include Wide-Angle, Macro, Marine Life Portraits and Marine Life Behavior. The Underwater Art category encourages creativity in post-processing.

Winners from each category will be able to rank the prizes they would like to receive, making it more likely that each winner will receive a prize they desire.

Judges include world-renowned underwater photographers Tony Wu, Martin Edge, Marty Snyderman and Scott Gietler.

Photos must be submitted before the deadline of 23:59PM PST on November 30, 2019.

We look forward to your participation.

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Included in price

Including tax, transfer from Nadi airport (NAN) and hotels within the Nadi area to the boat and back to Nadi after the charter, all meals and

accommodation onboard, all non-alcoholic beverages, complimentary wine served with dinner, tanks, NITROX (will be included on this trip, weights and unlimited diving. We will also include trekking and village tour to experience the Fiji culture.

Excluded in price

Gratuities, alcoholic beverages (other than the house wine served at dinner), gear or camera rentals, and sundry personal purchases from the ship's store.

www.diving4images.com

Ikelite Ambassador Brandi Mueller



Ambassador Brandi Mueller has a hard time keeping her feet on the ground, but in a good way. She has been constantly indulging her travel obsession over her 16 years as a scuba instructor and underwater photographer, visiting and working in over 65 countries and counting.

Brandi also caught the wreck diving bug which has resulted in a regular gig captaining the Truk Odyssey and literally writing the book on the sunken WWII warbirds of Kwajalein Atoll.

She also manages to head up the annual Roatan Photo Fest, run photo workshop expeditions, write for

numerous dive publications, and relax in the occasional hammock.

Brandi has used Nikon cameras and lenses in Ikelite housings from the beginning. Starting with a D90 and working her way through pretty much each and every new release. Currently she is shooting a Nikon D850 and D500 in Ikelite's dry lock housing with dual Ikelite DS161 strobes. Her lens collection includes a 16-35mm, 10.5mm fisheye, 105mm, and 60mm. For super macro she loves the ReefNet Subsea diopters and she also occasionally experiments with fluorescent lights and filters.

Try to keep up with her travels on Instagram.

https://www.instagram.com/brandi_underwater/



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Sea Shepherd's Operation Virus Hunter



Operation Virus Hunter is Sea Shepherd's science-based campaign aimed at revealing the impacts of open net-pen salmon farms on wild salmon and marine ecology in the uncaded waters of British Columbia, Canada.

The RV Martin Sheen supports independent and university-based scientists studying the viruses, pathogens and parasites spilling from these farms and the correlated decline of wild salmon populations. This campaign simultaneously recognizes the leadership and voices of the First Nations peoples of this area, offering the boat as a tool for research, activism and media.

By eating farmed salmon, we hurt ourselves, other animals, and the ocean.

Salmon farms are not contained systems, which means they get all their water "free" from the ocean and all waste generated by the farmed fish and the farm itself runs directly into the surrounding marine environment.

This "free" water and waste disposal means these farms can claim "low environmental" running costs, but at an unthinkable cost to the health and diversity of the whole marine environment.

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Sea Shepherd Operation Jairo 5

Sea Shepherd Conservation Society is proud to announce the return of Operation Jairo-Nicaragua. returned to Padre Ramos, Nicaragua. They will spend the next three months protecting nesting sea turtles and their eggs from poachers.

Operation Jairo is named after Jairo Mora Sandoval, a Costa Rican turtle defender who was brutally murdered on May 31, 2013, while attempting to protect leatherback turtle nests. Our work continues his legacy, as we continue to defend sea turtles around the world.

This is our second campaign in Nicaragua. Last fall our crew worked along-side Sea Turtle Rescue, a local organization, for three months rescuing Olive Ridley sea turtles. Sea Shepherd relocated 3,906 eggs to a local hatchery where the hatchlings safely incubated until their release date, resulting in thousands of lives saved.

According to the IUCN Red List of threatened species, six of the seven species of sea turtles are listed as threatened or endangered. Sea turtles are threatened by human actions and lifestyles including ocean pollution, global warming, entanglement in fishing gear, coastal development, consumption, and illegal trade.

Operation Jairo 5 will focus on



multiple species including hawksbill, olive ridley, and green sea turtles. Each night, our crew of ten volunteers will conduct nightly patrols looking for nesting mothers, as we continue to relocate nests to the hatchery where they can incubate safely. We have a biologist on staff from the Sea Shepherd Science department that will be assisting in the hatchery and on patrols to ensure the highest level of care for the sea turtles.

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