

News, Travel & Events

Sali Bay Resort, South Halmahera



South Halmahera as part of the Moluccas is truly a diving paradise off the beaten track. Sali Bay Resort, being the first dive resort in the South Halmahera made us more knowledgeable of the area and gave us the advantage of discovering new dive sites.

The brand new 3-Stars Plus resort is located in a protected bay in the Northern part of Maluku (Moluccas), in the Sea of Halmahera – Indonesia.

Sali Bay is a unique resort in this part of Indonesia. It has been built in

two years, in order to offer our guests an unforgettable scuba diving holiday experience in North Maluku.

Enticing diving spots are within a stone's throw by boat and many more are still to be explored.

The 600 metres house reef offers amazing snorkeling and diving adventures. The world highest marine biodiversity is here in South Halmahera to reveal its pristine and unspoiled beauty.

www.salibayresort.com

Finding threshers in the Philippines 2nd-9th June 2022

Photojournalist Simon Rogerson is hosting a dive trip in search of thresher sharks this June. The trip, supported by Dive Worldwide, will focus on the island of Malapascua in the Philippines, from 2 June and offering 20 dives over seven days.

The group will stay at the informal Tepanee Beach Resort, diving with Thresher Shark Divers. The nearby Monad Shoal is widely regarded as the best place in the world for sightings of pelagic thresher sharks, and there are more world class dives to be found at Gato Island.

“The star of the show is the mysterious oceanic thresher shark, but there are beautiful reefs, coral walls, and some excellent critter sites to explore,” says Simon. “This is a mainstream escorted trip rather than a photographers’ workshop, but I will be available to advise and collaborate on anyone’s photographic needs. Everyone will receive a set of bespoke photographs at the end of the trip, to use as they wish.

“The idea is to choose a variety of sites and tailor the trip as closely as possible to the group’s needs, so everyone can make the most of their holiday. Recent news from Malapascua is that thresher sightings are through the roof, and the seamount has also acquired a resident tiger shark. There’s no better time to visit.”

The trip is priced from £2,345, including flights from UK airports, eight nights b&b accommodation and up to 20 boat dives, covering a range of marine habitats.



www.diveworldwide.com/group-tours/malapascua-dive-adventure

Engbretson Underwater Photography

Unlike many of our native animals, we rarely see fish in their natural state. We can go outside and observe birds, deer, squirrels and other wildlife going about their day and doing the things animals do: Eating, mating and raising their young. But fish live in a world that's largely invisible to us, so when we do see them, it's usually when they're far removed from their natural environment and behavior.

Because we only see fish at the end of our fishing lines or on our dinner plates, we tend to view fish only for the utilitarian value they offer us instead of appreciating them for their ecological and intrinsic value.

By photographing them in their natural habitat, our goal is to communicate to the world the inherent natural beauty of freshwater fish and the uniqueness of the freshwater environments where they live. By documenting fish and their world, we hope to inspire you to join us in protecting the freshwater ecosystems that we love.

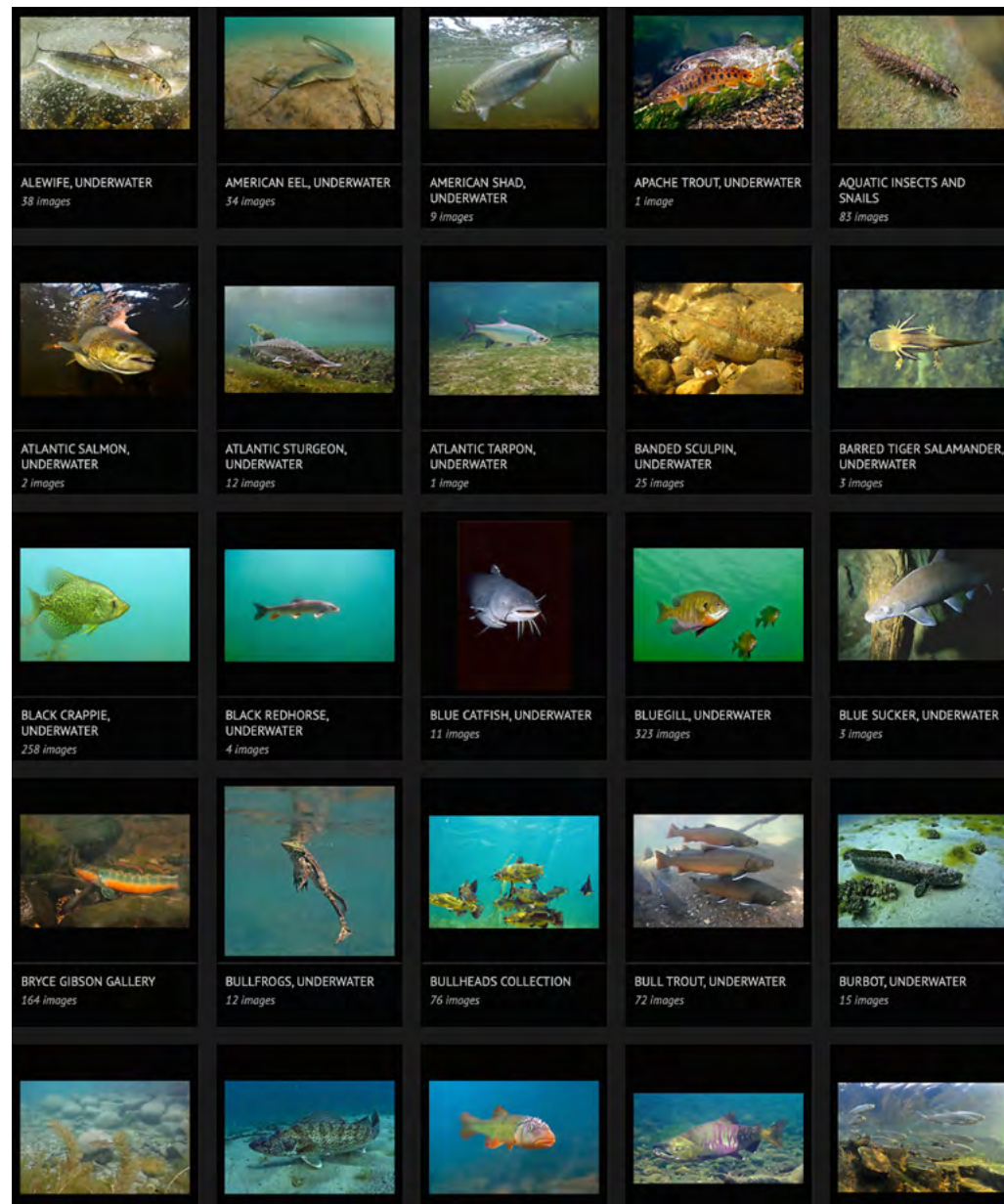
Engbretson Underwater Photography licenses professional photography and video for editorial, publishing, advertising, corporate and other uses. We've been supplying quality stock photography to industry

professionals since 1993.

Known in the business for our exceptional underwater fish photography, our images can be licensed for a wide variety of applications. We're eager to work with your company or agency to supply you with the unique kind of fish imagery you simply won't find anywhere else. No other stock photo agency can provide you with the variety and depth of coverage in this niche that we offer.

Our specialty is freshwater game fish native to North America, but we also have a growing library of non-game species. We're continually adding to an image library of thousands of pictures of largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, northern pike, musky, panfish (perch, crappie, bluegill), catfish, trout, salmon and many other species.

Please feel free to browse the fish galleries of selected images and phone or email with any questions and let us know about your specific photo needs. We have over 7,500 images on this website available for high-resolution download. We have over 12,000 additional photos in our stock files. If you don't see what you need here, we may have additional images in our files.



www.underwaterfishphotos.com

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GregorySweeney.com Photography Adventures

Baja, Mexico
Striped Marlin

Isla Mujeres, Mexico
Whale Sharks

Magdalena Bay, La Paz, and Cabo Pulmo Park

November 2022 July 2022



USPS Eugenie Clark stamp

The United States Postal Service (USPS) has announced the release of a “Forever Stamp” celebrating the life of Eugenie Clark. The stamp features an image by David Doubilet. There will be a first day of issue event at the Mote Marine Laboratory, Florida on 4 May 2022.

Affectionately known as the “Shark Lady,” pioneering marine biologist Eugenie Clark (1922-2015) spent her career working tirelessly to change public perception about sharks as well as to preserve marine environments around the world.



www.usps.com

Underwater Tribe Advanced Photo Course, Bali



For those familiar with the basics we offer an Advanced Photo course that introduces many of the secrets of the Pros!

“Taking it to the Next Level” is a two day, 4 dive advanced photo course that concentrates on a variety of techniques such as: Over/Unders, Playing with Light, Using Filters, Diving with a Model, and Super Macro (depending on the student and equipment).

For this class we work with you via email before your arrival in order to learn what subjects you would like to improve on and tailor the course to fit your needs. Once again we keep the class to a maximum of three participants in order to spend individual time with each student.

In order to maximize your time

and learning, we suggest students stay on location at one of our beautiful partner resorts in the Tulamben area. This cuts out the drive to and from south Bali each day and will allow students the opportunity to do late afternoon dives and/or night dives as well as spend more time with the instructor.

If you would like to continue diving before or after your photo class we are more than happy to create a tailored itinerary for you with a private guide for your group. This is a great way to continue practicing your photography techniques while exploring and experiencing one of the best diving locations in the world.

www.underwatertribe.com

Learn to create incredible Underwater Pictures Online!

Hi, I'm Romina and I will be your underwater photography instructor.

I know from experience how hard it is to create great underwater images! For years I have struggled! But it doesn't have to be that hard.

I have created "The Secrets of Underwater Photography" to share my learnings with you and teach you exactly what you need to know, so you can start creating stunning underwater pictures on your next dive trip!

In this online course I am sharing my insights with you, give you clear guidance, hands-on tips, and specific exercises that will help you create underwater images that you are proud of!

Learn how to take stunning underwater images on your next dives!

With this online course, you will be ready for your next dive trip & come back with amazing images. Contents of the course:

Module 1: Getting started with underwater photography

Module 2: Lighting Underwater

Module 3: Macro Photography

Module 4: Wide-angle Photography

Module 5: Post-Processing with Adobe Lightroom

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What's included in the course?

Free consultation before the course- you can book it right here: <https://calendly.com/oceansnaps/15min>

Unlimited access to the online course, including 5 modules with more than 5 hours of video content plus additional learning materials

Practical assignments + downloadable PDFs so you can get into the action with your own camera on your next dives

Certification upon graduation

Donation (10% of all profits) towards two amazing marine conservation organizations: Manta Trust and Utila Coral Restoration.

All this for just €249.

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Reef Photo Blue Heron Bridge workshops 2022

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.

In addition to photo instruction, this class includes a dive guide for every 2-3 divers. 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!

Classroom topics will start with macro camera settings, focus strategies, and exposure tips. Once you've got a grasp on the basics, more advanced lighting, composition, and creative effects can be explored.

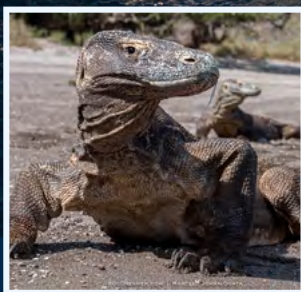
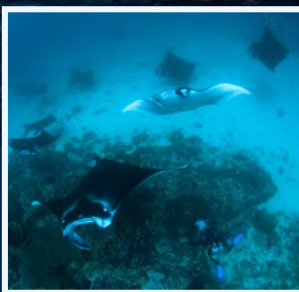


Our staff uses Adobe Photoshop Lightroom for image cataloging and editing, and a thorough digital workflow introduction is included.

<https://reefphoto.com/collections/workshops/products/blue-heron-bridge-photo-workshop-choose-dates>



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Call for Entries: SDUFEX 2022

The San Diego Undersea Film Exhibition (SDUFEX) is accepting entries for its 2022 film festival. The event will be held in person on 1 October at the Qualcomm Hall in San Diego. Submission must have been received by the organizers no later than June 15.

For the first time in three years, we plan to hold an “in-person” film exhibition again! The film festival will be held Saturday, October 1, 2022, at Qualcomm Hall in San Diego. The festival will also be a hybrid event with some films available online.

All Films Must Contain at Least 50% Underwater Footage Films must be submitted via FilmFreeway no later than June 15, 2022

A maximum of two films (total) per filmmaker can be submitted. Films can be submitted in two categories:

- Up to 5 Minutes | No more than 5 minutes in length with at least 50% of the footage filmed underwater. The majority of films selected for SDUFEX will be in this category. We encourage filmmakers to submit the best version of their film, even if it's well under 5 min. Many of our best films are only 2-3 minutes long – longer does not always mean better.

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For submission info, awards, prizes, rules and terms, visit
filmfreeway.com/SanDiegoUnderSeaFilmExhibition

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- Up to 10 Minutes | 5 to 10 minutes in length with at least 50% of the footage filmed underwater. In this category, we are looking for films that tell a story. Films will only be selected for this category if they are narrated. Please note that a maximum of three films in this category may be selected.

For full details and to submit films please visit:

<https://filmfreeway.com/SanDiegoUnderSeaFilmExhibition>

www.uwpmag.com

Baja Mexico Dive Safari including Magdalena Bay for Striped Marlin

Magdalena Bay at Port San Carlos in Baja Mexico is a hot destination during November to see the striped marlin and other ocean predators such as sea lions in action as they prey on the sardine migration. While Mag Bay is dream trip for photographers and action junkies, Baja has epic diving all over the peninsula that should not to be missed. After an offshore adventure snorkeling with the marlin and sea lions on the Pacific side of Baja, divers are rewarded with unique diving on the eastern side in La Paz and expansive natural beauty underwater in the pristine Cabo Pulmo National Park.

In November 2022 Photographer Gregory Sweeney will be leading this peak season photography trip to dive and photograph the best locations in Baja, Mexico.

We start in Port San Carlos where Magdalena Bay is host to the largest striped marlin migration in the world. Early starts on our own boat with excellent experienced crew rewards us with epic hunting action going on underwater. The sign to look for is dive bombing sea birds and a boiling of the surface as the sardine

bait ball is trapped at shallow depth. The marlins hunt in coordinated attacks as do the sharks and seals. Under the surface will be a frenzy of action as marlin maneuver the bait balls until one by one they attack and take their meal. We often get a static bait ball and stay in the water for over half an hour.

After the action and surprises (we might see humpbacked whales) in Mag Bay, We transfer to La Paz where we do a dive unique to La Paz: a night dive with mobula rays. Plankton are drawn like a magnet to our lights and schools of rays come swooping in to dive down to feed in the sand. It is non-stop swirling action at night. We also dive at a sealion colony where these friendly mammals swirl around us and interact.

We end in Cabo Pulmo National Park where protected marine habitat and pristine coral draws an enormous amount of tropical fish, seals, turtles, and more. Large schools of jacks are an awesome sight as the formation



pulses and morphs before us. We do dives specifically for bull sharks who lurk and patrol on the scattered remains of ship wrecks.

This unique and action packed trip showcases the best of Baja Mexico and has plenty of marine wildlife encounters and photo opportunities.

Contact Gregory Sweeney for more information

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Solomon Islands - Bilikiki Sept 17 - Oct 1, 2022



Join Backscatter's Berkley White and Adobe Lightroom expert Erin Quigley on a unique photo expedition to the Solomon Islands aboard the luxury live aboard dive boat Bilikiki. The Solomon Islands offer a stunning variety of marine life and plentiful wide-angle and macro photo opportunities. Erin and Jim will be on hand to assist with UW photo techniques, offer technical support, and teach post production workflow in Adobe Lightroom.

MV Bilikiki sailed as the first full service luxury live aboard dive vessel in the Solomon Islands in 1989 and has been exploring the region for over 25 years. She is 125 ft long, and has a 24 ft beam, making for a very large and stable ship with an immense sundeck, plenty of covered areas and air conditioned accommodations.

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