

News, Travel & Events

Mayotte International Underwater Image Festival

Registration for the 28th edition of the Mayotte International Underwater Image Festival is open!

The Mayotte FISM is expanding to new aquatic destinations to become the INTERNATIONAL Underwater Image Festival.

We look forward to meeting you from May 25th to 28th for this new edition at Place de la République!

As every year, the competition is open to amateurs and professionals. You will find the 4 main categories: still images, films, music and drawings.

New this year: School screenings on May 22/23 and public screenings on May 26/27 will take place at the cultural center of Chirongui.

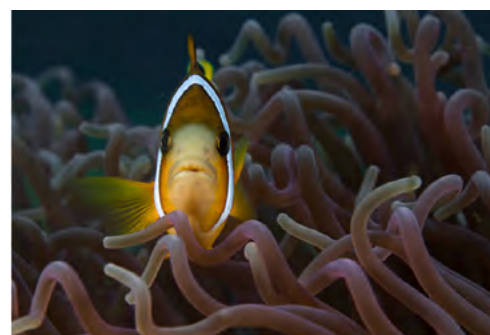
It will be an opportunity to come and watch the films selected by the jury.

We look forward to meeting you for this 28th edition alongside our new president of the jury Nicolas Barraqué, whose portrait you can find by clicking here.

Please note: All competition registrations close on April 14, 2023



<https://soireesdelimagesousmarine.fr>



Underwater Photography Workshop Marsa Shagra, Egypt 4th - 11th November 2023

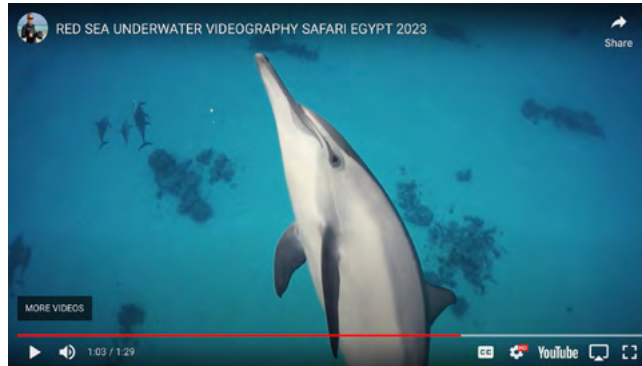
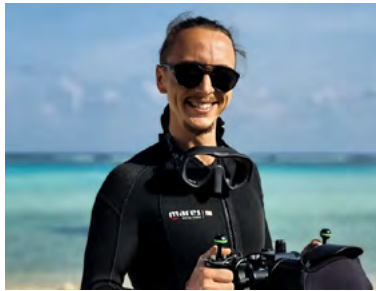
The goal of this workshop is to help you make the most of the photographic possibilities of Marsa Shagra. We achieve this by doing photography and film focused dives (time of day dives, dive site reviews, etc.), by giving you the necessary photo tips and information before the dives and by having group meetings where you can get advice, inspiration

and get feedback from the rest of the group.

Our workshops are characterized by the fact that you can learn from us as well as from the other participants. We have the best shots and also the best time when everyone has fun developing ideas together and implementing them!

<https://www.panoceanphoto.com/workshop-marsa-shagra>

Underwater Videography Red Sea Safari & Boot Camp 9 - 16th Dec 2023



Ever wanted to explore the Red Sea and learn how to capture your favorite moments?

Whilst visiting some of the Red Sea's most iconic and abundant dive spots, you will have the opportunity to develop and refine your underwater videography skills.

Theoretical and practical sessions, including aspects of conservation, safety, and wildlife protection, will allow you to apply your newly acquired knowledge on

underwater videography directly in the field, or should we say "directly underwater".

4 Days at the "Dolphin House"

The main focus of this Safari is to get you into the water to combine knowledge with hands-on practice in the wild.

Our goal is to motivate and encourage more people to get below the surface and record the wonders beneath for our generation and generations to come in order to create more visual awareness of a threatened ecosystem.

We are welcoming videographers of all levels of experience, so we customize the content of the course and adapt it to your profile.

www.uwlunatic.art



South Sulawesi with Roland Conrad March 22nd to April 5th 2024



From March 22nd to April 5th 2024 you can enjoy the reefs overgrown with soft and hard corals, gorgonians and sponges on the photo and film expedition to South Sulawesi. Together with tour guide Roland Conrad you can explore one of the greatest biodiversity of marine fauna.

Hours of driving to dive sites are not necessary at the Selayar Dive Resort, because the resort is not on the marine park, but in the middle of it. Fast boats take us to more distant diving sites in a maximum of half an hour.

The sea around the Indonesian island of Sulawesi is home to the greatest biodiversity of marine fauna under water. Diving in Sulawesi makes your heart beat faster. The reefs of Sulawesi are almost entirely



*Your tour guide: Roland Conrad
Photo Expert & Tour Guide*

covered with soft and hard corals, gorgonians and sponges. Diving there brings with it a very large variety of small fish species, but encounters with sea snakes, turtles, Napoleon fish, eagle rays and reef sharks are not uncommon. The water temperature is between 27° and 30°. A 3 or 5 mm suit is usually sufficient.

<https://www.panoceanphoto.com/sued-sulawesi-2024>



SDUFEX Underwater Film Festival Open for Submissions March 1 - June 15, 2023

The San Diego Undersea Film Exhibition (SDUFEX) is proud to announce plans for their 24th Annual Underwater Film Festival on October 6 & 7, 2023. The in-person event will be held at San Diego's state of the art Qualcomm Auditorium. Each evening, upwards of 500 attendees will enjoy a completely different lineup of films.

Films may be submitted in either the 5 Minute Maximum or 10 Minute Maximum categories but each

filmmaker is only allowed to submit 2 films in total.

The audiences' choice each night and judges' top pick will be awarded prizes of \$250 each! The festival will also be a hybrid event with films available on-line, so there are plenty of opportunities to see your film screened.

www.sdufex.com

MantaFest 2023 August 26 through September 9, 2023



Since 2006, our MantaFest program has brought underwater photographers, both amateur and professional, to this small island and its protected reef to compete for prizes, attend workshops, take tours of the island, and experience the unique culture of Yap, which is considered to be among the best preserved in the Pacific region.

Workshops are led by experts providing their knowledge of all things related to taking better pictures including, but not limited to composition, lighting, and photoshop. They also offer advice during sessions

with local models in settings that include the island's unique stone money banks and traditional dance performances.

Daily dive trips provide opportunities to dive with and photograph the manta rays, sharks, and the plethora of small, colorful tropicals such as the brightly colored mandarin fish and many more wonders of Yap's underwater world.

During the 16th MantaFest event, we will be joined by top U/W photographers like Andy Schumacher, David Fleetham, Frank Schneider, Ray Bullion, Steve Miller, and Tim Rock.

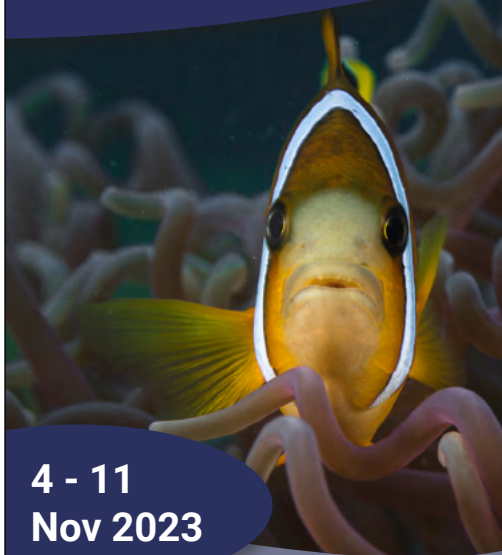
<https://www.mantaray.com/the-manta-ray-bay-resort/special-events-regional-partners/mantafest-2023/>



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Beneath the Sea® Meadowlands Exposition Center Secaucus, New Jersey March 25 - 26, 2023

Every year Beneath the Sea delivers more than 200 booths and over 70 seminars and workshops on all aspects of scuba: equipment, destinations, medical issues, expedition planning, wreck plotting, conservation, fish behavior, environmental issues, exploration, leadership, dive safety, a marine careers day, underwater digital photography, and videography.

There will be a drawing for a grand prize - a trip to Fiji for two staying at Voli Voli Resort, travel on Fiji Airways LAX gateway -- and a silent auction filled with personal gear, dive trips to exotic places, and

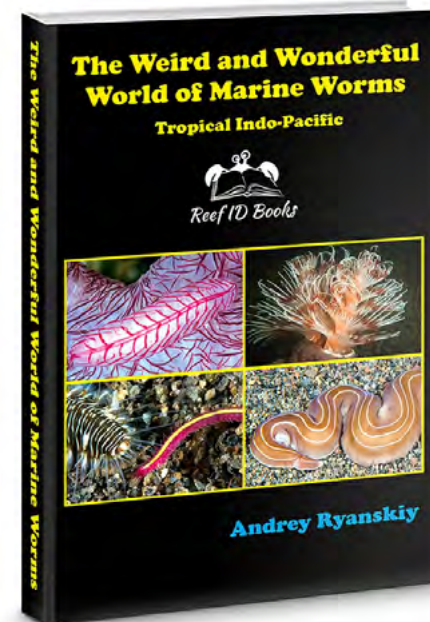
much more. Indeed, as of this writing, there is talk of bringing mermaids to the show.

Come and see all of it for yourself, be a part of the fun, festivities, and fellowship when Beneath the Sea 2023 convenes its 44th Exposition

March 25, 26, 2023 at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey -- only 8 minutes from New York City.

Be there, make yourself a part of today's diving history, and a part of diving's future. Between now and then, keep your eye on our website:

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Niue Island

Photo trip with PanOcean Photo & Travel

14th – 28th August 2023

The only way to get to Alofi, the capital of Niue, is via a 3 hour direct flight from Auckland in New Zealand twice a week every Tuesday and Saturday. As you cross the international date line, you arrive in Alofi a day earlier. This means you have to take the Air New Zealand flight around 9am on Tuesday 15th August 2023 and arrive back in Auckland on Tuesday 29th August 2023. We will accordingly spend 14 nights on the island from Monday to Monday. (14th – 28th August 2023)

Meeting point for the trip will be in Auckland International Airport at the latest. Due to most flight connections, your guide will likely spend the night at a hotel near AKL Airport before flying to Alofi. Of course we can also organize your trip from your front door to the island including all flights and necessary overnight stays. A combination with New Zealand or at least Auckland would also be conceivable. However, at this time of the year it is winter there.

Upon arrival on the island, a minivan will be ready for the group and your guide will drive to the accommodation.



*Your tour guide: Roland Conrad
Photo Expert & Tour Guide*

Daily schedule:

A 25 minute drive along the coast brings us to our local partner: Niue Blue Island Adventures. For our whale watching trips and dives, a private boat will be available for the group with a maximum of 5 divers plus your guide, crew and captain from Niue Blue.

The whale trips take place either in the morning or in the afternoon and last up to 4 hours. Depending on the weather conditions and the decision



of the participants and the guide. You really can't say which time is better or worse. Nature is unpredictable here. Theoretically, diving would also be possible on the same day, but experience has shown that the snorkeling trips are very strenuous. 6 trips are planned and included. A double dive is planned for 3 days each. A guided island tour by Niue Blue will take place on one of the days off. So you still have 3 free days for further dives or your own activities.

Explore the island on an e-bike or hike along the beautiful coast.

Please note that all shops and companies are closed on Sundays. This is a traditional Tonga-like rest day. This local tradition must also be respected so please keep this in mind if you head out to explore the island on Sunday.

A maximum of 5 freedivers and your guide are allowed per boat. This ensures a maximum nature experience!

<https://behind-the-mask.com/dive-travel/groups/2023-08-niue-island-panocean/>

Mobulas & Orca, Baja, Mexico Nautilus Galant Lady With Aerial Support April 29-May 6, 2023



From April to July, hundreds of thousands of mobula rays gather in dense schools in the Sea of Cortez Mexico. Where there are mobulas, there are orcas! Join us on the luxury diving yacht Nautilus Galant Lady as we head out in search of this amazing natural event. We use dedicated aircraft support to maximize our encounters by quickly locating the mobulas and orcas along with whale sharks, blue and fin whales, dolphins, and much more!

This trip is predominately focused on snorkeling and freediving, but there will also be some scuba opportunities. The underwater photography will be mostly wide angle ambient light photo and video. There are also great topside photo opportunities of the orcas, leaping mobula rays, dolphins, birds, and other wildlife in the area. Be sure to bring your telephoto lenses as well.

Orcas (*Orcinus orca*) are commonly known as killer whales, but these large apex predators are actually giant dolphins by definition. Males can grow up to 30 feet in

length and swim over 35 mph, but the grandmas are the real bosses of the family. These fascinating and highly intelligent “resident” and “oceanic” whales often stay in tight family groups for their entire lives. “Transient” orcas are a little different and travel individually or in small groups of two or three animals maximum. The orcas that we hope to encounter are individuals from the Eastern Tropical Pacific population that is known to travel between Baja and Costa Rica.

MARSA NAKARI AND WADI LAHAMI WITH ALEX TATTERSALL

15 SEPTEMBER 2023



Award winning photographer Dr Alex Tattersall teamed with Oonasdivers back in 2010. We have hosted multiple workshops in Egypt, Indonesia & Philippines and the Gulf of California.

Alex's boundless enthusiasm for creatively capturing the underwater world and sharing these ideas and techniques with others has become the signature of his Oonasdivers workshops. He also has possibly the most extensive bag of underwater toys for all to play with including fluo filters, close up lenses, light shaping devices, laser snoots, and if you are nice to him he may even allow you to have a go on his magic ball!

ABOUT THE TRIP

I've been enchanted by Marsa Nakari since I first went all the way back in 2009. The resort has a very intimate and relaxed feeling, we are always well looked after, and the diving is so relaxed and exotic. This part of the trip will take us all on relaxed a journey together into the photographic marvels residing just below the waves. We will mostly be shore diving from the resort, jumping into the azure bay and local fringing reef (with its resident Indian mackerel schools) with the option of a couple of excursions (paid for locally) to some of the jewels in the crown of this beautiful area. Photo instruction will be a combination of group talks on aspects such as lighting, composition, creativity and art, exposures, subject selection, finding and approaching subjects, and more along with individual tutorial time and image critiques.



WADI LAHAMI EXTENSION

Our adventure will continue further south to Wadi Lahimi where we will apply many of the skills we have learnt in the Marsa Nakari section of the trip. This part of the trip is an optional extra and does require a level of adventurousness/physical fitness but the photographic rewards and diving experience from visiting the Fury Shoals reef system are endless.

Nakari Workshop 7 nights from £1395 – Lahami Extension from £725 – Flights £POA

Based on twin share deluxe chalets, 7 nights Nakari, 4 nights Lahami, 6 days diving Nakari, 3 days RIB Lahami, full board & selected soft drinks.

For full itinerary details contact Lydia at Oonasdivers - lydia@oonasdivers.com or call 01323648924

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Seaview bungalows and single accommodation available as well as trip extensions.

Package includes:

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

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9th Hugycup, NAD Lembbeh Resort December 2023 and January 2024

Finally we are almost all the way through the Covid Pandemie.

Traveling is possible again without too many restrictions.

It is finally possible ,after 4 years, to organize the Hugycup again.

The Hugycup is an underwater photo & video shoot-out with fantastic prizes.

But it's not just a competition.

Those who want to learn a bit more about underwater photography and/or videography will be at the right spot.

It is a place where experiences are shared, tips and ideas are passed on !

If you do not photograph yourself but you want to enjoy the fantastic wealth of the Lembbeh Strait, North

Sulawesi, Indonesia, then that is also perfectly possible.

The 9th Hugycup will take place in the NAD Lembbeh Resort in December 2023 and January 2024.

Everyone who comes to NAD Lembbeh in December or January can participate.

In the NAD Lembbeh Resort there is one diving guide per 2 divers. Super luxurious.

The camera room is marvelous and you'll have your own spot and charging station !

All info about the Hugycup, what can be won, what it costs for your stay (you can decide yourself how long you would like to stay there).... on

www.hugycup.com

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