

News, Travel & Events

Bunaken Oasis special offer: Stay for 7 nights only paying for 5 in June



Bunaken Oasis redefines diving in Bunaken. Positioned very much at the luxury end of the spectrum, our aim is to provide a 5-star luxury diving experience whilst keeping our ecological footprint to a minimum.

The resort offers 12 large, traditionally-built villas, including one family villa with two bedrooms, and one villa near the Long House for those who may have difficulty walking.

With easy access to over 90 superb dive sites, the variety of diving Bunaken offers is amazing: vertical walls with the sea bed 1500 metres

beneath your fins, gentle walls with sandy bottoms, stunning reef tops, and muck diving on the mainland. Bunaken has it all. But what happens beneath the waves is only one part of the diving experience. At Bunaken Oasis we firmly believe that every aspect of the diving experience should reflect our focus on luxury.

Visit us in June and stay for 7 nights only paying for 5. This offer works across all packages.

www.bunakenoasis.com



UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2023

Underwater Photographer of the Year (UPY) is the world's most prestigious annual competition for underwater photography and will be hosted at Gosport Gallery for the very first time. With its roots as far back as 1965, this respected competition celebrates the extraordinary realm hidden beneath the surface of oceans, lakes, rivers and even swimming pools. Visitors can expect to see captivating images of the highest technical and creative brilliance, drawing our attention to the beauty of planet Earth's waters, yet often depicting thought-provoking and challenging stories.

The 2023 competition attracted over 6000 entries from 72 countries and the winning photograph features a playful, pink Amazonian dolphin. This exhibition will showcase further winning photographs and an edited selection from the finalists in the competition's 13 categories. These include themes such as Macro, Wide Angle, Behaviour and Wreck photography, as well as four categories for photographs taken in the British waters. This year's judges are experienced underwater photographer's Peter Rowlands, Tobias Friedrich and Dr Alex Mustard MBE.

From the poles to the tropics, embark on a journey of underwater discovery in this fascinating exhibition.

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EVENT INFORMATION

Date: 1 Apr 2023 - 15 Jul 2023

Venue: Gosport Museum and Gallery

EXHIBITION

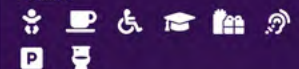


Event address:
Walpole Road, Gosport, PO12 1NS

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Opening times:
Fri 21st Apr: 10:00 - 21:00
Sat 22nd Apr: 10:00 - 16:00
Sun 23rd Apr: Closed
Mon 24th Apr: Closed
Tue 25th Apr: 10:00 - 16:00
Wed 26th Apr: 10:00 - 16:00
Thu 27th Apr: 10:00 - 16:00

Facilities:



www.gosportmuseumandgallery.org.uk/event/underwater-photographer-year-2023

Online Underwater Photography courses: The Underwater Club is live!

The Underwater Club, a first-of-its-kind online underwater photography school, is now live, and offers a unique learning experience for underwater photography enthusiasts:

- Comprehensive curriculum: members have access to 7 courses, 40 lessons, 46 quizzes, and a total of 16 hours of online videos.
- Bite-sized topics: the learning experience is mobile-friendly, with lessons broken down into shorter topics for learning on-the-go.
- Monthly webinars: beginners and experienced members can exchange ideas and explore other ways to develop their artistry during monthly webinars.

Visit The Underwater Club to start your free 7-days trial, and continue learning underwater photography anytime, anywhere!

TESTIMONIAL 1:

PT Hirschfield, Pink Tank Scuba

I've just commenced The Underwater Club course. From my own background as an underwater

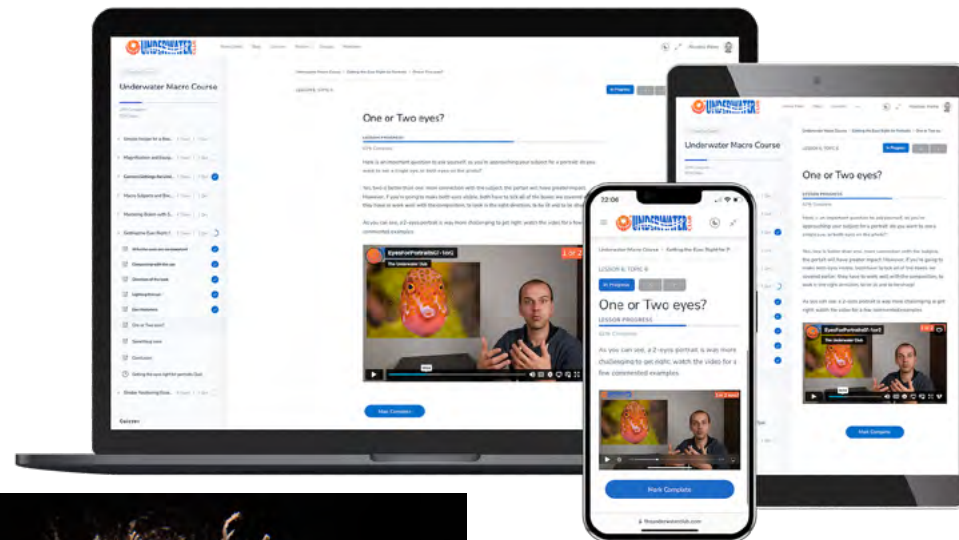


photographer and classroom teacher for over 20 years, I'm impressed from the outset with the way this course has been structured and delivered. It's self-paced, allowing photographers to commence wherever their greatest need or interest lies. The course offers scaffolding of skills that helps photographers to upskill their understanding and proficiency steadily, irrespective of their initial starting point.

The video components of his course are 'bite sized', clear and engaging. Nicolas is articulate in his explanation of concepts, supporting the delivery of each idea



with visual examples. Images (often supplemented by diagrams) are used as illustrations of both successes and challenges, in conjunction with the finer details of how they were created and how various technical and creative decisions may have led to alternative outcomes.



TESTIMONIAL 2:

Matt Waters, ScubaGoat Podcast

Nicolas' tutorials are comprehensive and the community forums provide a great platform to connect with other photographers and get feedback on your work. I've only just joined the club, however it has already helped me improve my photography skills tremendously, and at such an affordable price, it's a no-brainer. I highly recommend it, see you in TUC's forums!

www.nicolaslenaremy.com

www.theunderwaterclub.com



Learn Underwater Photography at Crystal Blue Resort

Private one-on-one or semi private instruction (2-4 guests) for half day or full day instruction and is conducted by our in-house photo pro, Mike Bartick. Each session covers skills and techniques that are used to create stunning photos and memories.

Topics include:
 Macro photography
 Super macro photography
 Wide angle photography
 Animal behavior photography
 Lighting
 Snooting and backlighting
 Each half-day course is a



3-phased approach:
 Theory discussion
 In-Water instruction
 Follow up photo review and critique
 Each style of shooting requires a special skillset. Mike will assist you

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in developing a method and the skills needed to shoot like a pro and to shorten your learning curve. Learn the latest techniques for using strobes, snoots, backlighting, adding color to your images and more.

For more information please contact

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Dive Galapagos with Josef Litt 22-29 September 2024



If you are looking for the perfect diving trip, look no more. Welcome to Darwin and Wolf in the Galapagos Islands, the ultimate destination for awe-inspiring underwater adventures! Dive into waters teeming with hammerhead sharks, whale sharks, sea turtles, marine iguanas and more while exploring stunning underwater landscapes.

- Whale shark high season -
- Diving with marine iguanas
- Dive with Hammerhead and Galapagos sharks.
- Luxurious liveaboard - En-suite twin cabins. Gourmet-style dining. Wine, beer, liquor and spirits included. NITROX included.

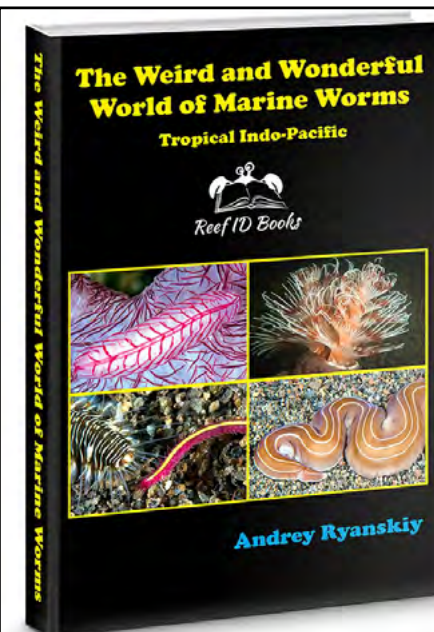
This trip is led by Josef Litt, underwater photographer and author of GALÁPAGOS, the most comprehensive guide to the islands. Josef will share intriguing stories, interesting facts and his photographs on a handful of talks to add something a little special to this cruise. Seven



nights aboard included. Three days diving on Darwin and Wolf islands and a dive with marine iguanas on Fernandina.

Price USD 7,395 in Deluxe Cabin
Based on a single person sharing.
Flights excluded. Upgrade to Master Cabin for USD 300.

<https://litt.cz/diving-galapagos-aboard-galapagos-sky/>



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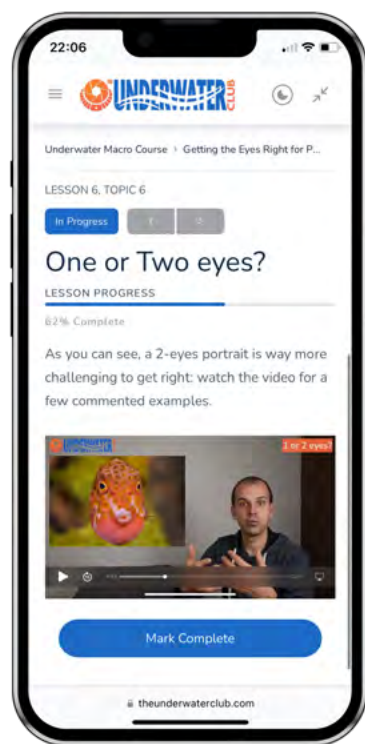


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7 Courses
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Macro Mania in Lembeh with PanOcean Photo June 29th - 10th July 2024

The Critter Capital of the World, a Muck Diving Mecca and the Twilight Zone are just a few of the names Lembeh has been given over the years for its high density and diversity of rare and unusual marine life. Diving in Lembeh is unlike anywhere else as every dive reveals myriad species of creatures that have made their home on Lembeh's famous muck diving slopes. Hardly anywhere else is it so easy to realize breathtaking and creative macro shots!

Lembeh Resort is nestled in a private bay with an abundance of exotic flora and fauna in central Lembeh Island. The resort's secluded location guarantees a peaceful and tranquil holiday experience, while the warm team offers service with a smile to ensure your experience of Lembeh is the best it can be.

The special highlight: In the Lembeh Resort we will do several Bonfire boat dives - Blackwater Dives in a protected bay. This gives us the opportunity to calmly portray the most impressive creatures of the open sea. The travel date is therefore also favorable to the new moon time.

The Lembeh Resort enjoys an excellent reputation among photographers and filmmakers: Air-conditioned camera room, dive boats with enough space for the equipment and a crew that knows the needs of us recording maniacs leave almost nothing to be desired.



Underwater Photography Basics – Perth Workshop with Emma Burdett



This Perth based workshop will teach you about the equipment and techniques needed to take great photos with any type of camera!

This workshop is classroom based and over the 4 hours Emma will cover:

Basics of photography composition and exposure.

Choosing the right camera for your needs.

Underwater photography equipment and accessories.

Tips, tricks and settings for taking photos below the surface.

Introduction to Adobe Lightroom & post-production editing techniques.

Caring for your underwater equipment.

Resources and next steps for your photography.

Tickets \$179 per person and include tea, coffee and light snacks for lunch.

www.panoceanphoto.com/en/behindthemask-lembeh-2024

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NAD-Lembbeh Blackwater Diving

Here at NAD-Lembbeh we truly love Blackwater Diving it is exciting, fascinating and something new to many divers. If you've never done a Blackwater Dive before keep on reading as we'll take you through the basics.

Blackwater diving can be described as dropping in the water at night and looking for planktonic/larval forms of marine creatures that migrate from the depths of the ocean to the surface. The two different ways we do this is through "Bonfire" diving or "Blackwater" drift diving.

Bonfire dives are great if you are new to the concept. We put a large light source on the sand in a relatively shallow area (maybe two if we have a bigger group). The lights attract plankton and in turn other marine life. During this dive you will be able to see the bottom at all times usually diving at a maximum depth of 12-15m...but spending most of our time in the top 5m.

Blackwater drift diving is done a bit differently. We attach lights to a hangline and drift through deep water. All going well you will not see the bottom on this dive, unless we choose a location close to a reef wall in hopes of finding a particular critter. The hangline sits at around 10-12m



depth and it's in those top 10 metres where you will see most activity.

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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

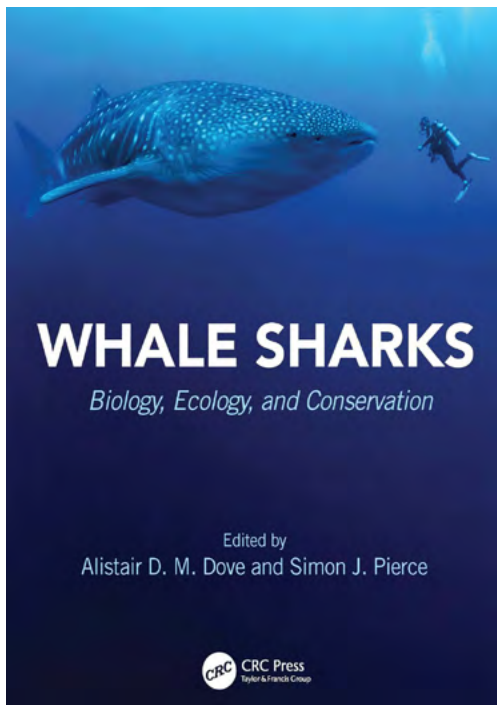
Our adventure will continue further south to Wadi Lahami where we will apply many of the skills we have learnt in the Marsa Nakari section of the trip. This part of the trip is an optional extra and does require a level of adventurousness/physical fitness but the photographic rewards and diving experience 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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Dove and Pierce have brought together the world's leading scientists to review this shark's fascinating biology and its elusive ecology. More than a collection of scientific facts, it is a roadmap for the conservation actions needed to ensure humanity continues to benefit from this "utterly extraordinary species". Whether you are an inquisitive citizen scientist or a trained expert, you will find awe aplenty within its pages.

DR. GEORGE LEONARD
CHIEF SCIENTIST, OCEAN CONSERVANCY

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Photographing Crocodiles at Banco Chinchorro, Mexico July 2023

Travel with us to the remote Chichorro Atoll Marine Reserve and Xcalak, Mexico to get in the water with the American Crocodiles and dive pristine reefs full of corals, tarpon, fish, and manatees. This is a rare opportunity to get close to a misunderstood, rare, and dangerous marine animal in a situation as safe as possible. Getting to them is a pleasant adventure to a remote location few are allowed to visit.

The journey begins with an arrival in Cancun then traveling south almost to the Belize border to the town of Xcalak. We make our base here and enjoy a day of diving on their pristine reefs where we see schools of resting tarpons, pristine reefs, large schools of fish, and a passing manatee.

Our 2nd day we transfer to the Banco Chinchorro Marine Park where the American Crocodile population lives among the shallow islands and sea grass beds. We are 3 hours out to sea and have packed everything we need with us. Our base will be a rustic fishing hut standing over the shallow water and near to other huts housing working fishermen. We will have no signal, a small generator, hammocks, and only what we brought with us



for the next two nights. This is what makes a great adventure: a departure from everyday habits and the opportunity to tune into something different and concentrate just on the moment and what is new around you: the crocodiles and the life at the atoll.

Access to the Atoll is restricted to protect the Marine Reserve and every possible step goes into ensuring human and animal safety while with the crocs. One or two guests plus at least one guide/handler are in the water at a time. The handlers have learned to read the croc behavior and recognize individuals. The older crocs look fierce and threatening with their

scars and missing teeth but are not aggressive and behave much calmer in this situation. It is believed that the crocs are curious but wary because a guest holding a camera and big dome port is the biggest and strangest thing they have seen in the water. They want to investigate but stay cautious.

This is an adventure for diver or photographer who will enjoy this remote location, camping at the fishing hut over the water, and getting face to face with the American crocodiles. Our group size is limited to 6 guests in order to provide quality.

www.gregorysweeney.com