

News, Travel & Events

Baja Mexico Sardine Run & Diving Cabo Pulmo November 2024



In November 2024 Photographer Gregory Sweeney will be leading this peak season trip to dive and snorkel in Baja, Mexico.

Port San Carlos and Magdalena Bay host the largest striped marlin migration in the world. We will be on our own boat for full days looking for sea birds who will point us to the epic hunting action going on underwater. The marlins hunt the sardines as do the sharks and seals. Under the surface will be a frenzy of action as marlin hunt in cooperation maneuvering the bait balls until one by one they attack and take their meal. We often get a static bait ball and stay in for over half an hour.

Our 2023 season surprised us with more whale encounters on Magdalena Bay and many static



schools of sardines. Under the water we were surprised by brilliant shiny gold dorado / mahi-mahi fish joining the attack on the sardines. With marlin, sea lions, dorado, a whale, and dolphins all joining the frenzy, it was a dream to photograph.

After the sardine run action, we go to 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. Bull sharks lurk and patrol on the scattered remains of ship wrecks and abundant sea life lives on the pristine reefs of the protected area.

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Bali Workshop With Alex Tattersall September 2024

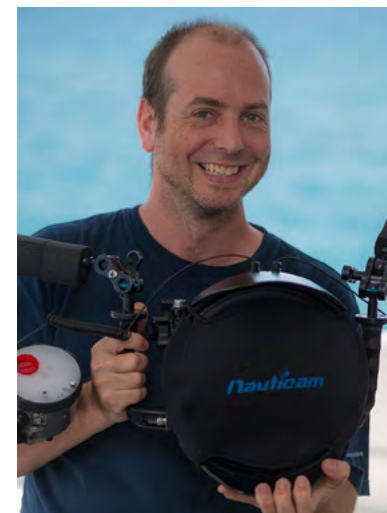


Bali, Indonesia, an exotic island of dreams which can't fail to conjure up the promise of glorious adventures and unforgettable experiences. I for one am so excited to be able to throw myself into all the wonders being offered to us. Bali is one of the epicentres of the coral triangle and as such offers a wealth of underwater opportunities to see, species endemic to the region along with more widely dispersed underwater wildlife, but with some Bali particularities (Shaun the sheep nudis here are substantially bigger than their Lembbeh cousins).

Our base will be in the town of Tulumben, continually cited as among the best and most varied diving experiences in the world. It is certainly a macro and supermacro hotspot, but is also moments away from the USS Liberty Wreck, a world class wreck site in shallow water home to more than 400 species of fish and countless other critters.

We will be accompanied by some of the areas best dive guides, who are used to photographers, to assist in you achieving photos of which you will be proud.

This will be the 12 year of running workshops for me, but I really can't wait for this one which promises to be outstanding. I do hope we can enjoy it together. Please feel free to email me about the photography side of things (info@uwvisions.com) and the amazing Lydia for all the logistic elements of the trip which will keep us as far as possible on the straight and narrow!



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Are you an underwater portrait photographer looking to hone your skills, or maybe a land photographer looking to move into underwater?

The underwater studio photography workshop will help you to learn and up-skill in this amazingly creative niche genre.

Underwater studio photography is the process of treating a swimming pool like a photography studio and creating work like you would in a dry studio, but utilising all the amazing traits that water can provide. It's an approach that creates a mindset which looks at all aspects of the

pool as potential backdrops for the photoshoot.

To make the most of your time I've broken the workshop down in to 3 Days/Sections: Underwater Photography Techniques, Studio Lighting, and Retouch/Post-production.

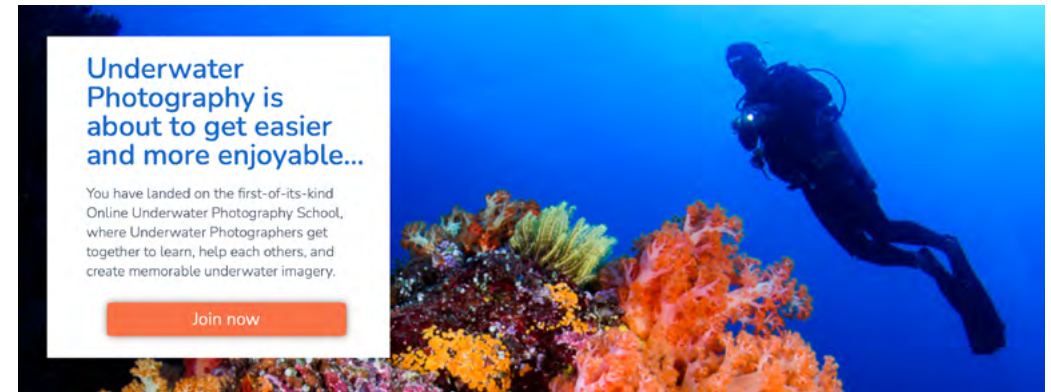
Days 1 & 2 are 10am – 6pm, with an hour lunch break, Day 3 is 10am-2pm.

Class numbers are limited to 5 people, so that everyone gets a decent amount of attention and time with the models during the workshop.

www.underwater-photographer.com



The Underwater Club Monthly Membership Plan



Sydney-based photo pro Nicolas Remy's online underwater photography school, The Underwater Club, is one year old—and to celebrate its first anniversary, it has launched a handy monthly membership plan. Previously, membership was limited to a year-long plan.

For an introductory offer price of just AU\$39 per month—which is around US\$26/EUR24/GBP21 per month (at current exchange rates)—you have access to the comprehensive self-paced underwater photography curriculum and receive a complimentary invitation to the Club's monthly webinars. The curriculum, shown above, features seven courses in 40 lessons across 16 hours of videos, as well as 46 quizzes to test your knowledge along the way.

Moreover, members have access to the Club's last 12 webinar recordings, which include masterclasses on Snoot Photography, Creative Motion Blurs, Taking Award-Winning Photos with the Olympus TG-6, and Selecting Photos for Competitions. Members also have access to their very own photo coach: Nicolas is available multiple times a week to answer any underwater photography questions and provide image feedback, via the Club's private forums.

If you subscribe before June 1st, you can lock in this awesome introductory offer before the price goes up to AU\$49. The annual membership plan is also currently on sale—AU\$399 (or about US\$263).

www.theunderwaterclub.com

Raja Ampat Underwater Photography Workshop with Tim Laman and Zafer Kizilkaya 11-21. August 2024

The workshop at Papua Explorers is built around the standard diving program of three boat dives a day, and optional additional house reef or night dives. We will make use of the afternoon break and evening times for our on-land instruction. The instructors will also go out diving and shooting with you, and while underwater instruction isn't very practical (except perhaps pointing you toward some potential subjects) we will be there on the boats and during surface interval breaks to answer questions, suggest shooting possibilities at different dive sites, and help in any way we can.

During afternoon breaks between diving and during evening sessions, your instructors will present illustrated talks on a variety of relevant topics. Since we expect our participants to have a range of experience levels, we will cover the basics but also offer insights and ideas to inspire veteran photographers.

A few examples of topics we will cover include:



Optimising exposure, including balancing ambient and strobe lighting.
Lighting techniques, strobe placement, and avoiding backscatter, for both wide angle and macro subjects.
Focus techniques for stationary and moving subjects.
Wide-angle closeups
And a lot more...

In addition to these technical aspects of underwater photography, we will also explore the artistic side. What makes an interesting composition? Should you follow rules or break them and surprise your viewer? Our goal will be to stimulate your creativity and help you take your photography to the next level.

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