

News, Travel & events

Divequest photo trips 2004

2004 will see Divequest offering more unique photography orientated group trips.

In January, Martin Edge will lead a group of underwater photographers to Dominica for a Photoquest in search of the perfect image. Dominica's warm waters and the opportunity for unlimited shore diving as well as boat diving makes for maximum photo-shooting under the guidance of mastercraftsman Martin Edge.

Jeremy Stafford-Deitsch returns to Walker's Cay in late January to interact with the Bull Sharks at close quarters. Film crews, videographers and top underwater photographers make the pilgrimage to this world-famous Bull Shark site for some close encounters with these fascinating and much-misunderstood animals.

If big animals shots appeal, then Gavin Anderson's trip to the waters of southern Mozambique in May should be high on your list. Whale Sharks, herds of Devil Rays, Manta Rays and dolphins are the subjects in question.

Alex Mustard wants underwater photographers to get 'Up Close and Personal' on his trip to Grand Cayman's reefs in September. Alex has spent a great deal of time in Cayman waters, and has scheduled this trip to coincide with the coral spawning.

Early September will see photo-journalist Charles Hood return (by popular demand) to the Channel Islands of Southern California to check out the Blue Sharks and the kelp forests.

In mid September Malcolm Hey will lead a second trip to the seriously remote and mega fishy reefs of West Papua's Raja Ampat Archipelago. A spirit of adventure and loads of film are all you need to enjoy this trip.

October will see Martin Edge in Wakatobi, one of Indonesia's finest island locations where the emphasis is on underwater photography. E-6 processing and unlimited diving, along with Martin's input and prolific reefs, makes this a great choice for a winter break.

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London Universities U/w Photography Competition

Imperial College Underwater Club welcomes entries from divers under the age of 25, full time students or members of any London University or youth diving for the 1st London Universities Underwater Photography Competition.

The entry categories are as follows:

"Macro" – 1:4 or smaller shot in the British Isles; "Wide-Angle/Normal" – any image larger than 1:4 shot in the British Isles; "Conservation" – any image from above or below the water with a marine conservation theme; "Foreign Depths" – any image from around the world and "Creative" – artistic, abstract images.

The closing date is 20th February 2004.

Prizes include Underwater strobes from Sea & Sea, wet-suits from O'Three, diving equipment from Mikes Waterfront Warehouse and regulators from Apeks and more. All proceeds from the event will go to the Marine Conservation Society.

Further details can be found on our web site www.londonuwphoto.org.

Mark Webster Bonaire Photo Workshop January 2004

Join Mark on this exciting location and enjoy a rare opportunity to capture the fascinating underwater life of Bonaire.

Minimum group size: 12 divers. £1895 per diver based on 3 people sharing a two bedroom apartment.

Price includes scheduled flights from Heathrow. 9 nights accommodation – room only. 7 days diving – 2 boat dives per day + unlimited shore diving. 1 x roll of E6 processing per day [additional rolls \$10 each]

Contact Mark Webster for more information on 01326 318307 or by e-mailing markwebster@photec.co.uk. Web: www.photec.co.uk

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