

News, Travel & Events

Magical Palau with Scuba Symphony

14-21 Dec 2012



How do we describe a place that has everything and more?

Blue Corner and Blue Hole are the more frequent dive sites. Blue Hole is like diving into a cave with 3 holes representing spotlights in a stadium. Blue Corner offers the best seat to watch sharks in action. Ulong Channel, Sias Channel and German Channel are so unique with its condominium shaped coral formation, swim thru and resident pelagic.

Wall, drift and plane and ship wrecks are also in abundance.

Swimming in the jelly fish lake and diving in Chandelier's cave are experiences that will last a lifetime. Our favourite is playing with the Nautilus, a creature brought up 200 meters from the ocean floor and safely released back to the depths.

Join us! We're photographers and go really slow on the dives!

www.scubasympphony.com

Cary Yanny Photography Workshops

South Africa & Mozambique, February/March 2013

Accomplished photography instructor Cary Yanny will lead three tours, during which she will teach photographic principles & techniques, animal & fish behaviour, in order to improve the guests' results in wildlife photography. Cary will personally teach all photographic topics.

With twenty years' experience of arranging dive holidays behind her, Cary will not just be the Guest Lecturer on these trips - she will also be the responsible Tour Leader,

smoothing all logistical elements of the trips in order to ensure that the guests are able to forget about everything but photography and having a great time.

The maximum will be just eight participants, to ensure that personalised attention is given to each participant.



www.simplyscuba.co.za/safrica/index.php/speciality-tours

Swim with Whale Sharks

Isla Mujeres, Mexico

July 19 - 22 & 24 - 27 2013



Sailfish & Sardine Run

Jan 2013 in Isla Mujeres, Mexico



www.GregorySweeney.com

Photography Adventures

The secret side of the Caribbean

The wrecks, reefs and turtles of 'Statia'
with Nick and Caroline Robertson Brown
21st - 31st May 2013

The Caribbean is by no means over-dived and over-visited...if you know where to look! The Netherlands Antilles Island of Saint Eustatius (known affectionately by locals and lovers of the island as 'Statia') represents one of the Caribbean's unspoiled gems, with easily some of the best diving in this part of the world. Also referred to as 'Golden Rock', a visit to Statia proves that life without Starbucks, Macdonalds and high rise hotels really does still exist!

Let Nick and Caroline show you their favourite spots in a destination they have spent a great many months. This tour will take in 10 nights on Statia, giving you plenty of opportunity to shoot above and below the waves, as this island is as picturesque on t.

Nick has been shortlisted for Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2012 and also won the BSoUP / Diver Advanced Overseas competition.

Caroline has a BSc in Biology and an MSc in Animal Behaviour and writes a monthly column in Sport Diver magazine on some aspect of marine life behaviour. Caroline will be on hand to give short talks and question and answer sessions on this



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to greater explain how knowledge of such behaviour can lead to better photographs. The couple are a very friendly and approachable pair with an infectious zest for life, adventure, and of course, underwater photography!

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DiveQuest

THE ULTIMATE IN DIVE TRAVEL & UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY TOURS

Photo: Martin Edge



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The Cayman Photoquest with Martin Edge 5-15th May 2012

Bali: The Art of Underwater Photography with Shannon Conway 21 November - 1st December 2012

Sharks & Dolphins of The Bahamas with Charles Hood 19 - 26 April 2013

Galapagos: The Art of Underwater Photography with Shannon Conway 11-24th June 2013

Ultimate Papua New Guinea with Michele Westmorland 19-30th October 2013

Truk: The Art of Underwater Photography with Shannon Conway 4-11th May 2014



Photo Adventure: Philippines, Dec 1-15 with Chris Parsons & Phil Rudin



Join Chris Parsons from Nauticam and Phil Rudin this December for an amazing two week adventure in the Philippines. We've arranged a best-of-both-worlds itinerary, with one week at the fabulous Atlantis resort in Dumaguete, following by a week on the luxurious Azores liveaboard. After a week at the resort, no need for getting on a plane or bus to get to the liveaboard - the boat will pick up us right at the beach.

The Philippines is at the heart of the most biodiverse area in all of the ocean - an ideal place to capture the beauty of the underwater world. Our trip will feature amazing wide angle opportunities and astonishing macro. Bring your laptop - there's plenty of space both at the resort and on the

boat to work on images, and Chris will be available to assist.

Don't have time for a full two weeks? No problem, you can optionally do either the liveaboard or the resort.

Space is limited - reserve your spot now!



Beneath the Sea 2013 Imaging Competition

Each year, Beneath the Sea is pleased to give underwater photographers and videographers a chance to compete with their peers from across the World.

Best-In-Show Prize (Video): The Stan Waterman Award for Excellence in Underwater Videography.

Best-In-Show Prize (Photo): The David Doubilet Award for Excellence in Underwater Photography.

Best In Show Prize (Creative): The Jim Church Award for Excellence in Underwater Creative Photography.

And new for this year: The Dick Anderson Award for Excellence in Photographic Humor.

There are many other prizes, including equipment from premier manufacturers. So start looking for your best work to enter. But don't wait too long the deadline of December 31, 2012 is closer than you think!

The BTS International Imaging Competition is open to underwater photographers and videographers throughout the world. Beneath The Sea, Inc. is a federally tax-exempt (501(c)(3)) organization incorporated as not-for-profit in the State of New York and all proceeds from the Imaging Competition go to further BTS's goals of (1) providing continuing education to the recreational diver community, (2) educating the public to the benefits of protecting the ocean environment and (3) supporting oceanic and environmental related projects and charities.

www.beneaththesea.org

www.nauticamusa.com/nusa-events-journal/philippines-nov-30-dec-15-2012.html

The 2013 Wetpixel Raja Ampat Entrance Tag competition winner



Many congratulations to Nicholas Samaras from Greece who achieved the most votes in a very hotly contested result. His design will be worn on every diver's BCD that visits Raja Ampat in 2013, and he can chose his prize of a minimum 8 day trip to Raja Ampat with one of the contest's sponsors.

The contest was extremely close this year with less than 300 votes between the first three ranked tags. In fact, all the shortlisted entries proved very popular with the public vote. Many congratulations to all the entrants, and especially of course to Nicholas.

www.wetpixel.com

Gulrukh Khan award

Gulrukh Khan received the award for 'Best Documentary Feature' at the 2012 Moondance Film Festival



in New York for the series she made on the love story between a solitary dolphin and a man, with renowned Ric O'Barry, Oscar © winner for Best Documentary Film 'THE COVE'.

"Ric has tirelessly campaigned for the rights of dolphins internationally and has assisted with anti-captivity and dolphin rehabilitation programmes, working with major NGO's and governments. He is unable to attend the awards as he is currently in Fukushima (Japan) where he reports the huge devastation after the nuclear explosion earlier this year. He reports that the waters are very badly polluted and has major concerns about the health of the oceans as well as the local population. He is about to have an audience with the President of The Philippines to discuss the country's protection of dolphins," announces Khan.

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Celebrate the Sea Call for Entries 2012



If you are shooting underwater then you must compete in 'Celebrate the Sea Festival' - the most prestigious underwater imagery competition in the Asia Pacific.

Until 10 November 2012 we invite you to take part in this prominent event by entering the numerous international competitions. There is over \$50 000 in prizes;

Finalists will be displayed at the brand new Marine Life Park, Resorts World Sentosa, Singapore.

The International Underwater Imagery Competitions is the centerpiece of Celebrate the Sea Festival; we view the importance of celebrating the beauty of our seas by awarding recognitions to image makers that has spend time and effort to produce the best imagery.

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Amazing Diving Stories: By John Bantin

Enjoy classic tales, from wreck discoveries to encounters with the bizarre and the beautiful. There are stories of death and disaster, as well as bravery and triumph. Tales of the exciting and the extreme rub shoulders with more poetic pieces about the people and places that make up the folklore of this fascinating sport.

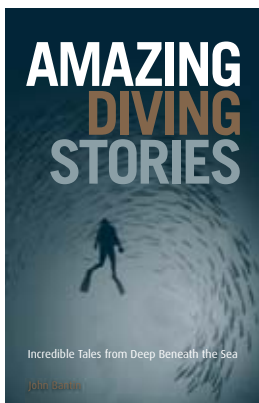
Amazing Diving Stories takes you everywhere, from Indonesia to the Caribbean, and from the chill waters of Northern Europe to the reefs of the Pacific. Every ocean of the world is explored, making this essential reading – or a wonderful gift – for divers everywhere.

Author John Bantin is the technical editor for Diver magazine. He has spent more than 20 years travelling the world and diving in all the best places.

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Diving & Snorkelling Guide to Thailand by Frank Schneider

Thailand has a wealth of dive sites for both beginners and experienced divers. Its mixture of corals and rocky reefs promise exciting experiences whatever your level of expertise and some sites, such as Richelieu Rock, Shark Point or Hin Daeng are recognised as being among the best in Asia due to the abundance of fish.

This complete and fully up-to-date guide to all the dive sites of Thailand, from Koh Similan to Koh Lanta, gives full details of the marine fauna and flora to be seen, how to get to the site as well as information on the diving conditions to be expected.

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Telegraph Adventure Travel Show 26-27 January 2013 Olympia, London

The Telegraph Adventure Travel Show returns to London's Olympia in January! Discover a wonderful world of extraordinary discoveries, and all under one roof at UK's foremost adventure travel event.

From activity-based breaks, safaris and adventure cruises to walking holidays, expedition and extreme sports, people are increasingly shunning the beach in favour of a break that pushes the boundaries.

For some adventure is all about reaching for new horizons with treks

to Everest Basecamp, 4x4 excursions through the Rockies, rafting down the Zambezi or expedition cruises to Antarctica. For others the emphasis is on unusual cultural interactions – spending time with the Saami in Lapland or the Masaai Mara in Kenya – while many more look to activity sports, off-the-beaten-track experiences, or exceptional wildlife encounters as their definition of the word 'adventure'.

www.adventureshow.com





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Sea of Cortez with Alex Tattersall 28th Sept - 5th Oct 2013

Reaching down into the Pacific Ocean, the unspoilt peninsula of Baja California curls protectively around the Sea of Cortez. The wonderful secrets of Baja are as yet known to relatively few people.

The Sea of Cortez, studded with rugged islands surrounded by stunning, almost deserted white sand beaches, is one of the biologically richest bodies of water on our planet and has over 800 vertebrate species and 2,000 invertebrates. Here hammerhead sharks school in groups of up to 200 or even an amazing 2,000, colonies of sealions live undisturbed and Grey Whales come to mate, give birth and make their winter home. This unique destination provides excellent opportunities for those interested in marine wildlife, underwater photography or simply the chance to be amongst the first divers to explore a new destination.

Alex Tattersall has much experience in leading photo trips and prides himself on promoting a relaxed, non-competitive and creative environment for all in order to learn through maximum hands-on underwater photographic opportunities and the sharing of ideas



and experiences between the group whilst not under the water.

Through his principals of creativity and simplicity in underwater photography, you will learn many insights into the thought and technique behind the award-winning photos for which Alex is becoming increasingly well-known.

The focus of this trip is to maximize our time underwater where the real practical learning can take place.

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