

News, Travel & Events



Backscatter Wakatobi Expedition September 21 - October 2, 2014

Join Backscatter Underwater Video & Photo's Jim Decker for an unforgettable diving holiday at the world-renowned Wakatobi Resort!

Situated on a beautiful tropical island in the remote and peaceful Wakatobi archipelago in the Banda Sea, Wakatobi Dive Resort offers what many consider to be the best reef diving in the world.

Blessed with a house reef where you can begin your dive only 60 feet from the dive center, Wakatobi is often described as a live aboard with a built-in beach! In addition to the spectacular house reef, there are several dozens of easily accessible dive sites offering incredible marine life diversity, color and natural splendor.

In addition to excellent diving on pristine reefs, certified Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom teaching pro, Erin Quigley, AKA: GoAskErin, will be co-leading this trip. She'll be available for one-on-one and small group sessions, based on interest, covering popular Lightroom and Photoshop topics to best edit and share your underwater images.

Standard Package Includes:

- 11 nights accommodations at Wakatobi resort
 - Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner daily
 - 3 boat dives per day
 - Unlimited shore diving
 - Tanks and weights
 - Taxes and service charges
 - Access to Backscatter pro photo instructors for imaging and technical support
- Price: Palm Bungalow \$4,999

Ocean Bungalow \$5,599
One Bedroom Villa \$7,999
(Based on double occupancy).

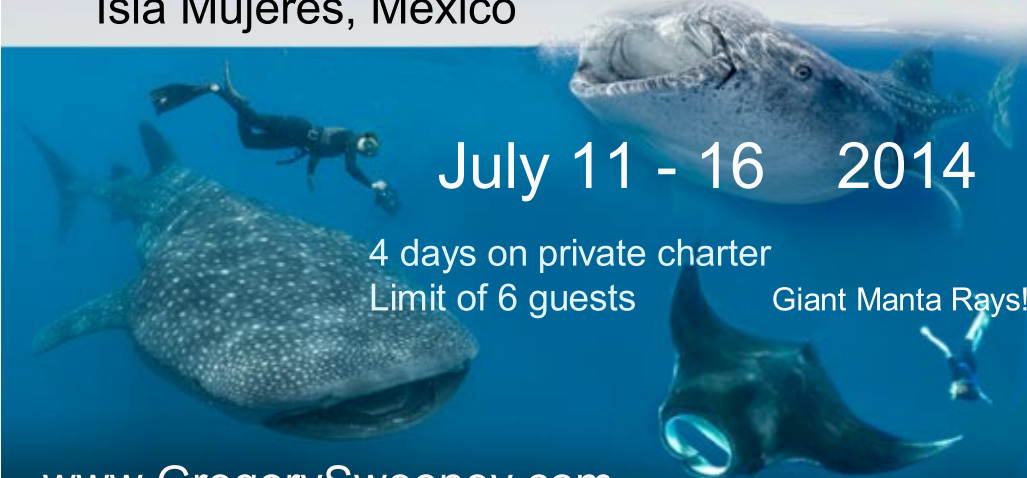
As the CEO of Backscatter, Jim is one of the top experts in the world on underwater photo and video equipment and shooting technique. From SLRs to compacts and handycams to broadcast video, Jim has shot video and photo systems from all the major underwater manufacturers and has been a consultant on many of the designs seen in the water today.

Erin Quigley is a Adobe ACE certified digital imaging consultant specializing in customized workflows and editing strategies using Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom. She is an award-winning underwater photographer and video editor, and creator of GoAskErin.com, which provides one-on-one instruction, custom video tutorials, and Photoshop and Lightroom resources specifically developed for underwater shooters.

www.backscatter.com/learn/trips-and-classes/trips.php?ID=164

Swim with Whale Sharks

Isla Mujeres, Mexico

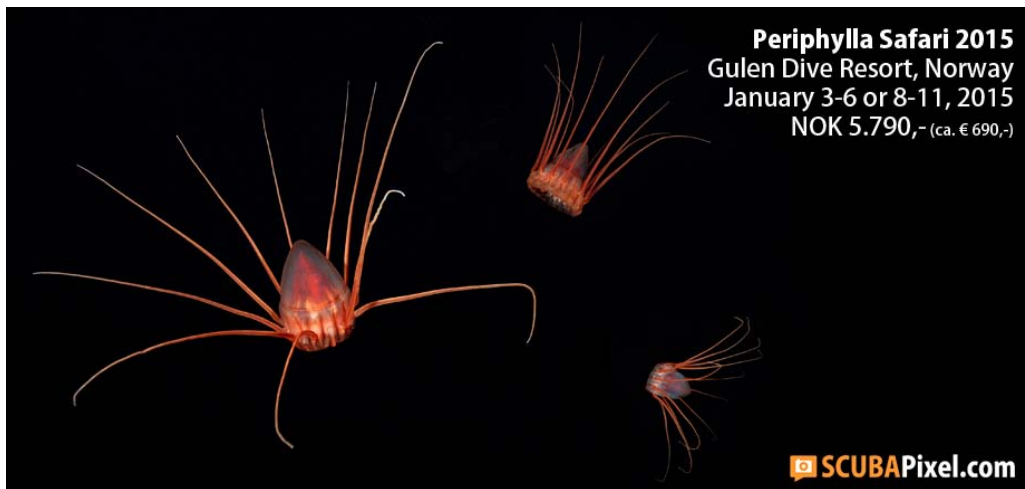


July 11 - 16 2014

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Limit of 6 guests

Giant Manta Rays!

www.GregorySweeney.com
Photography Adventures



Periphylla Safari Gulen Dive Resort , January 03-06 and 08-11, 2015

You still haven't been in the water with the Periphylla periphylla deep-sea jellyfish? In January 2015 we offer two new chances to experience this rare encounter at Gulen Dive Resort on the Norwegian west coast.

The Periphylla jellyfish is unlike anything else above or below the surface, and organized Periphylla diving is only offered by Gulen Dive Resort on the Norwegian west coast.

The Periphylla normally lives from 700 to 3.000 meters deep, but during the winter months it can be encountered close to the surface on spectacular night dives.

PRICE: NOK 5.790,- (ca. € 690,-) incl. diving, lectures and accommodation

The Periphylla Safari gives you a great opportunity to experience this awesome deep-sea creature up close - and the wreck diving is also spectacular this time of the year! If you're interested in a longer stay it is possible to book two extra days between the two safaris.

WARNING: The Periphylla Safari is only for experienced divers. Diving with the Periphylla takes place in water 300 meters deep, in the middle of the night and in the middle of the winter - far from land.

Good buoyancy control and diving skills is a must, for obvious reasons. If you think you're up for it, join us for a truly one-of-a-kind diving experience!

www.scubapixel.com/blog/20644-periphylla-safari-2015



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Nudibranch Photo Competition 2014!

The Nudibranch Photo Competition 2014, sponsored by Nauticam UK, has been founded to celebrate nudibranchs and their allies.

There are just two categories in this inaugural contest: 'British Nudibranchs' and 'Nudibranchs of the Rest of the World'. The prizes have been specially selected to appeal to nudibranch photographers; the winner of each category will receive the brand new Super Macro Converter from Nauticam.

Photographers can enter up to 10 images in total, split between the two categories. To enter the NPC, you first need to register and then pay the £5 GBP entry fee.

This is our first competition and we're starting small with just



two categories. If the competition is a success we intend to expand the competition for 2015 with more categories and prizes. But we feel for this first competition we've got prizes and judges that will appeal to all entrants; and nudi-lovers don't need convincing that the best things in life are small!

The aim of the NPC is to celebrate nudibranchs and their kin, by raising awareness and interest in this group. The judges are looking for striking images that showcase these species. The images can be macro or wide angle, and can simply show a beautiful nudibranch, or include behaviour, environment and even divers. Nudibranchs in unnatural conditions, or which the judges feel have been "moved for the shot" are unlikely to be successful. Although there are no restrictions on post processing, images that are clearly



manipulated in Photoshop are also unlikely to win.

The Prizes

The winner of each category will receive a brand new Super Macro Converter from Nauticam, generously supplied by Nauticam UK, we'll even pay the postage!

Runner Up in each category will receive a copy of the new iBook "Photographic Guide To Nudibranchs Of South West England" by Dan Bolt, Terry Griffiths & Bernard Picton.

Prize winning images and a selection of finalists images will be put on display at a nudibranch exhibition at the Ulster Museum in Belfast later in the year.



The Judges are Alex Mustard, Bernard Picton and Constantinos Petrinou.

The competition will be held over just a few short weeks so for the exact opening and closing dates please see the website.

www.nudibranchphotocomp.com

Nauticam Uk
www.uwvisions.com

Nudibranchs Of South West England
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DEEP Indonesia 2014 Competition



Image by Mark van Coller - Gold - Animal Behavior - DEEP Indonesia 2013

The prestigious DEEP Indonesia International Underwater Photo Competition is part of a unique series hosted by DivePhotoGuide & Wetpixel, in association with DEEP Indonesia, Indonesia's first-ever diving, adventure travel and extreme sports expo.

Photographers will compete in seven themed categories to win over \$40,000 in prizes, including underwater photo equipment and premium dive travel packages to some of the top photo destinations in the world.

The DEEP Indonesia competition is part of a unique series, that together with the Our World Underwater competition, has a prize pool of over \$90,000. The prestige of these

contests means that winners also achieve the glory of being named among some of the world's best underwater photographers. Esteemed judges include leading professional underwater photographers and magazine editors from around the world.

Deadline for submissions March 10th, 2014

Winners will be announced online, published by our media partners worldwide and exhibited during the DEEP Indonesia Expo.

The fee to enter is \$10 per image. As with all UnderwaterCompetition.com events, 15% of entry proceeds will be donated to marine conservation efforts.

www.underwatercompetition.com/Competitions/deep-indonesia-2014

www.uwpmag.com



www.divequest-diving-holidays.co.uk

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

Lembeh: Critters of the Black Sand with Graham Abbott 4-14 November 2014

Raja Ampat: Including the Blue Water Mangroves with Graham Abbott and Shannon Conway
14-25 November 2014 (FULLY BOOKED)

Ultimate Manado: Underwater and Topside with Nick and Caroline Robertson-Brown
6-20 September 2015

EMAIL: divers@divequest-diving-holidays.co.uk

WORLD SHOOTOUT Underwater Photo Grand Prix

January 1-July 31, 2014



WORLD SHOOTOUT 2014 IS ON from January-July, 2014!

You're invited to take part in the world's leading global underwater photo competition, the WORLD SHOOTOUT .

This is the 4th year in a row that the World ShootOut global underwater photo competition takes place worldwide.

Introducing new categories and glorious prizes, we are proud to invite all divers, underwater photographers, diving centers, live aboards and media partners to take part in one of the most innovative, creative, international and festive events ever produced!

During January 1st to July 31st, 2014, the whole underwater world will be performing as a huge underwater festival, hosting young, amateur and professional photographers from all over the world, competing with each other for some very worthy prizes, including cash prizes, luxurious diving trips, diving equipment, photo gear and more.

Producer David Pilosof initiated

the first World ShootOut competition in 2011, breaking all boundaries and introducing an international competition as never featured before.

Submit your best and most impressive underwater images, taken anytime and anywhere in the world, and win some of the most valuable prizes ever awarded to underwater photographers, including a \$5,000 check for the 1st prize!

If you haven't registered yet, you can do so on our website. Please note that registration can be carried out until July 31st, 2014.

Images and videos can be submitted to the competition by uploading them to the competition website.

The deadline for submitting images to the competition is July 31st, 2014 . Images submitted later than July 31st, 2014, will not be accepted.

www.worldshootout.org

ND AWARDS

Neutral Density Photography Awards 2014

ND Awards 2014 is now accepting entries. Select your best work, submit your photos and have a chance at over \$5,000 in cash prizes.

Participants can compete for the title: ND Photographer of the Year Award in 6 main categories: Advertising, Architecture, Fine Art, Nature, People, Special.

All images will be viewed and judged by a prestigious international jury.

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the world's premier photographic contest.

www.ndawards.net

Dive the Solitary Islands 16th - 23rd April 2014

South Australian underwater photographer Paul Macdonald of downunderpix will be running an underwater photography focused dive trip to the beautiful Solitary Islands on the 16th - 23rd April 2014. The cost of \$1245 per person includes 7 nights at Mullaway, 12 dives with Dive Quest, tanks/ weights/airfills, return airport transfers (if required).

It will be a fun time full of diving and underwater photography. For those who have not dived here before, you will be pleasantly surprised by the diversity of diving around the five islands located within the Solitary Islands Marine Park. The Northern Solitary Islands in particular boast excellent subtropical diving, with approximately 80 different types of hard corals, soft corals and abundant tropical and pelagic fish life. Expect to see Manta Rays, Spotted Eagle Rays, Grey Nurse Sharks and boat encounters with playful Humpback Whales and friendly pods of Dolphins.

A spectacular feature of North Solitary Island is it's extensive Clown Fish and Anemone beds that carpet



the floors of many dive sites. You will also have the pleasure of encountering many beautiful species of marine life, including Turtles, Spanish Dancers, many colorful tropical fish, nudibranchs and much more.

These islands provide fantastic opportunities for underwater photographers and divers of all levels of certification.

Paul will conduct workshops in relation to general underwater photography, lighting, composition and post production.

The offer is limited to the first six paid divers.

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