

Travel Photography Presentation Thursday Aug 21!

Journeys in Latin America

A slide presentation by Jim Cline

Join award winning travel photographer Jim Cline on his recent journeys through the fascinating and beautiful countries of Mexico, Guatemala and Peru. Jim's presentation features the very best from his recent travels on many trips to these countries, both traveling solo and while leading groups on photo tours: The show will be for the Sierra Club Photo Section on Thursday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley Palms in Pacific Beach, located at 2404 Loring St. San Diego 92109.

For directions go to <http://www.wesleypalms.org/directions.asp>

The public is welcome and admission is free.

We'll head south down the Baja Peninsula, photographing the incredible gray whales getting up close and friendly to our small boat. After cruising the islands in the turquoise Sea of Cortez where we'll encounter dolphins, whales, sea lion colonies and numerous seabirds, we'll explore desert oasis towns, historic missions, seascapes and the desert.

We'll continue the journey on the mainland of Mexico where we'll visit colonial cities and Aztec ruins. We'll experience the mystical Day of the Dead celebrations in Oaxaca, and visit Chiapas, the most beautiful and less-traveled state in Mexico. There we'll visit ancient Mayan ruins and indigenous people still clinging to centuries-old traditions.

Continuing south we'll explore Guatemala. We'll visit traditional families and photograph them in exquisite light. We'll meet a local saint who drinks rum non-stop. Then we'll explore magical Tikal, home to ancient Mayan temples amid a jungle teeming with monkeys, toucans, and other wildlife.

Finally we'll head to South America and venture high in the Andes in Peru where we'll go to villages situated high in the Andes and photograph the colorful inhabitants who still carry on many of the traditions of their Inca ancestors. We'll finish our journey at the spectacular Inca citadel of Machu Picchu, one of the New 7 Wonders of the World.

Jim's wanderlust and search for compelling images has brought him to 30 countries around the globe, but his area of special interest is in the countries of Latin America. He especially enjoys exploring less-traveled areas, photographing the indigenous peoples and traditional cultures found in the developing world. He always strives to transcend ordinary travel pictures, and to convey a strong sense of place, and the spirit of the people in his photographs. His work has been displayed in galleries and the San Diego History Museum, and published in numerous books, magazines, websites, brochures & CD covers. Jim leads photographic tours to various locations in Mexico, Guatemala and Peru. For information on the tours and to see some of Jim's images go to www.JimCline.com. For more information call 858-350-1314.