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Happy Holidays!

I hope you are all healthy and happy and have a prosperous 2009!

We've recently had cancellations on 2 different tours that were previously full – the [Baja Gray Whales](#) trip, and the [Vietnam](#) trip, both in March 2010, so there is now one space available on each of these great photo tours – see below! Also, Karl Grobl has finally returned from his extended travels, and has lots of great news – also see below!



My old friend Paco, a Cuban Tobacco Farmer Nov 2009. I hadn't seen him for almost 7 years, but managed to find him again on my recent visit.

Tour Participant News!

Lou Montrose (*Day of the Dead in Oaxaca 2005, India 2007*) won first prize in the single image contest of the 2009 Travel Photography of the Year awards in London for an image shot on the 2005 Oaxaca tour. (<http://www.tpoty.com/2009/winners/gallerytpoty2009.html>)

The same image was a finalist in the 2009 Worldwide Photography Gala Awards. (<http://www.wonderpick.com/#/gallery/9/41>)

One of his images from the 2007 India tour with Karl was also a finalist in the WPGA, and also won a Bronze Award in the 2009 B&W Single Image Contest and was published in *Black & White*.

Another image from the India tour has just won a Merit Award in the 2010 B&W Single Image Contest and is published in the current issue of *Black & White*.

Congratulations Lou!!!

Michele Zousmer (*Peru 2005, India 2006, Guatemala 2008*) has her photography site up on the web – be sure to check it out at www.michelezphotography.com

Cover Shot

I was pleased to see that the humanitarian organization *Freedom From Hunger*, used one of my images taken in Chiapas while on assignment, as the cover shot for their 2009 Annual Report, as well as other images inside. See the link to the Annual Report 2009 on their homepage:

<http://www.freedomfromhunger.org>

To see an image gallery from my assignment there go to www.jimcline.com/chiapasoct08

Tours Winter/Spring 2010

Thailand, Laos & Cambodia with Karl Grobl

Jan 14 – 29, 2010, 3 spaces available

February 6 – 21, 2010, *Trip full, waitlist available*



From Thailand's beautiful temples, bustling floating markets, and fascinating hill tribes, to the authentic traditional cultures of **Luang Prabang** in Laos, an extended boat trip down the **Mekong River** with an overnight stay along its banks, and the mystical **Angkor Wat** in Cambodia, this trip has it all.

To see Karl's slide show video of the 2009 tour go to

<http://www.karlgrobl.com/SoutheastAsia2009/index.html>

As Recommended in the 2007 Frommer's Guatemala guidebook! (pp 56-57)

Guatemala, the Living Maya, February 5 – 14, 2010 *Trip full, waitlist available*



This trip is not to be missed; it's one of the most beautiful areas to photograph (and one of my personal favorites). We'll visit the colonial gem of Antigua, the beautiful Lake Atitlan ringed by traditional villages, the famous Mayan market at Chichicastenango, several less-visited villages outside of Quetzaltenango, and the incredible Mayan ruins at Tikal, with howler monkeys and toucans in the surrounding jungle canopy. I have many friends in the Mayan villages and we will have photo opportunities that other tourists never have.

To view a gallery of Jim's images from the 2007 tour go to

<http://www.jimcline.com/guatemala2007/index.htm>

As Recommended in the 2009 Moon Handbooks Baja guidebook! (p 138)

Baja Gray Whales, with Jim Cline March 2 – 8, 2010 *Cancellation – one space now available!*



We'll spend 3 days whale watching, as well as two days photographing the beautiful desert scenery in Catavina and a day in the quaint town of San Ignacio, home to one of Baja's most beautiful missions. The last few years, almost every trip into the lagoon we've had friendly whales come right up to our boat – the 2008 trip was the best ever! To see a gallery from the 2008 trip go to www.jimcline.com/whales2008

[Vietnam Explorer](#) with Karl Grobl

March 2 – 16, 2010 **Cancellation – one space now available!**



Vietnam is truly one of the few "authentic" destinations left in this modern ever-homogenizing world. With its amazing diversity and rich cultural history, Vietnam offers the adventurous traveler a unique opportunity to experience and photograph an exciting mix of landscapes, people, places, philosophies, cuisines, crafts, and religions.

[Peru, Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley of the Inca](#)

May 5 – 15, 2010 with Jim Cline **Trip full, Waitlist available**

May 19 – 29, 2010 with Jim Cline **4 spaces available**



Peru is truly an amazing photography destination with colonial cities and mystical Inca ruins situated high in the Andes, with friendly people in their colorful markets with traditional clothing. To see images from this trip go to <http://www.jimcline.com/perumay2006/index.htm> or <http://www.jimcline.com/peru04/index.htm>

Trip leader Karl Grobl

Karl was on the road from late July until mid November on assignments for NGO's, and photo tours in both Burma and India, and he lots of great news! Earlier this year, you might remember that many of Karl's images appeared in an article in Town and Country Magazine's June edition <http://www.karlgrobl.com/TownAndCountryAHCarticle/Index.htm> . The story was about Angkor Hospital for Children, one of Karl's favorite NGO clients. In November, the article won honorable mention in New York's, Min's Editorial and Design Awards <http://karlgrobl.blogspot.com/2009/11/back-in-california.html> .

In more news, Karl was featured in *VisionMongers*, David Duchemin's newest book about Making a Life and Living in Photography. *VisionMongers* is a kind of "how to" book, peppered with inspirational and real-world case studies from photographers from various disciplines, including: Chase Jarvis, Kevin Clark, Gavin Gough, Zack Arias, Dave Delnea and, Karl. For more info click <http://karlgrobl.blogspot.com/2009/11/david-duchemins-visionmongers-book.html> . The book is available at Barnes and Noble locations nationwide and on-line at Amazon.

Also we want to announce Karl's new blog! One of his first posts included a newspaper clipping and photo which appeared in a local Rajasthan newspaper highlighting members of our tour group! http://karlgrobl.blogspot.com/2009/11/india-pushkar-fair-photo-tour_5102.html Later in the blog Karl started posting tour participant's photos and commenting on technique. It was so much fun that Karl says he's going to try to blog on all of his upcoming trips! Karl got so many blog comments and traffic that he decided to work on a new and improved blog which is still under construction. You can be among the first to see it.....have a sneak peek by logging on to <http://www.karlgrobl.com/blog/>

To see more of Karl's work go to www.KarlGrobl.com

Tours Fall of 2010

[Amazing Myanmar \(Burma\)](#) October 2 – 16, 2010 with Karl Grobl *3 spaces remaining*

Join Humanitarian Photojournalist Karl Grobl and discover the Golden Land, perhaps the least discovered country in Southeast Asia. This journey includes visits to Yangon's Schwedegon Pagoda, the ancient city of Bagan where the landscape is dotted with more than one thousand temples, Inle Lake where we will photograph local fishermen, bustling local markets and lakeside life seemingly unchanged for centuries.

To see Karl's slide show video of the 2008 tour go to www.karlgrobl.com/Burma2008/index.html
To see testimonials from Karl's recent 2009 tour [click here](#)

[Day of the Dead in Oaxaca](#), Oct 28 – Nov 5, 2010, with Jim Cline *2 spaces remaining*

This trip is a personal favorite (and my most popular – you need to reserve a space a year in advance). The Day of the Dead celebration is the best time of year to visit Oaxaca. We'll be photographing the parties in several village cemeteries, as well as colorful

parades, spectacular colonial architecture, Zapotec pyramids, indigenous markets, traditional dance performances, and the daily life of Oaxaca.

To see a gallery of Jim's images from the 2007 tour go to www.jimcline.com/oaxaca07

India: Pushkar & The Taj Mahal November, 2010 with Karl Grobl
4 spaces remaining

This is a trip of a lifetime to one of the most photo friendly locations on earth – one not to be missed!

To see Karl's terrific slide show video of the 2008 tour go to www.karlgrobl.com/India2008/index.html

Chiapas, Mexico: El Mundo Maya November 10 - 19, 2010, with Jim Cline

I will be leading this trip again to my favorite area in Mexico. We'll photograph Mayan pyramids, the current day descendents of the Mayans, turquoise rivers and wildlife (hopefully crocodiles), waterfalls, and the beautiful colonial city of San Cristobal de las Casas. To

see a gallery of my images from there go to www.jimcline.com/chiapas

To see a gallery of images from the 2008 tour go to www.jimcline.com/chiapasnov08

Cuba! February, 2011? with Jim Cline



We are anticipating the relaxing of travel restrictions for U.S. citizens in the coming months, but of course there are no guarantees for when this will happen. We have an Interest List forming. This is an amazing area to photograph – **let me know if you want to be added to the Interest List!**

[Click here](#) to read my *Ode to Havana (best to sip a Mojito while you read it!)*

To see some of Jim's images of Cuba go to www.jimcline.com/cuba

More Published Work

I have finally created a webpage with links to some of my published work (and a couple of articles about me): www.jimcline.com/Tearsheets.htm

Recent Image Galleries

Chiapas: El Mundo Maya, November 2008

To view the gallery, go to www.jimcline.com/chiapasnov08. I'm running this trip again this November – see above!

Testimonials!

Karl and I are very proud of the testimonials we've received – I hope you'll take a look at what some of our participants have had to say about our tours. I still have a lot more to add to the list: <http://www.jimcline.com/PhotoTours/testimonials1.html>

To see a partial list of our testimonials from 2008 go to
<http://www.jimcline.com/Testimonials%202008.pdf>

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