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Hello everyone!

I am just back from Guatemala and the Mayan World. Meanwhile Karl has just finished leading his Amazing Myanmar trip, and will be continuing on to Vietnam for his tour there.

Featured Trip of the Month!

The [Philippines](#) with Karl Grobl, June 16 – 30, 2012

There are still some open spaces on this amazing trip. Though the Philippines are not as famous as other locations for photography, this trip has turned out to be one of our most well-liked trips.

We have compiled some testimonials from last year's trip here:

<http://www.jimclinephotoworkshops.com/tours/philippines-photo-tour> - then go to the "Testimonials" tab.

To see the video Karl produced from this past year's tour go to <http://www.jimclinephotoworkshops.com/2010/01/philippines-photo-tour> and click on "Multimedia".

To see a gallery of some of Karl's images from this trip click on http://karlgrobl.com/blog/?gallery=philippines_gallery



Photo by Karl Grobl

The Philippines isn't really on the photography map....yet! As the word gets out you can be sure it will. In the meantime take this opportunity to go ahead of the crowds with Karl Grobl, who knows the best locations to photograph there.

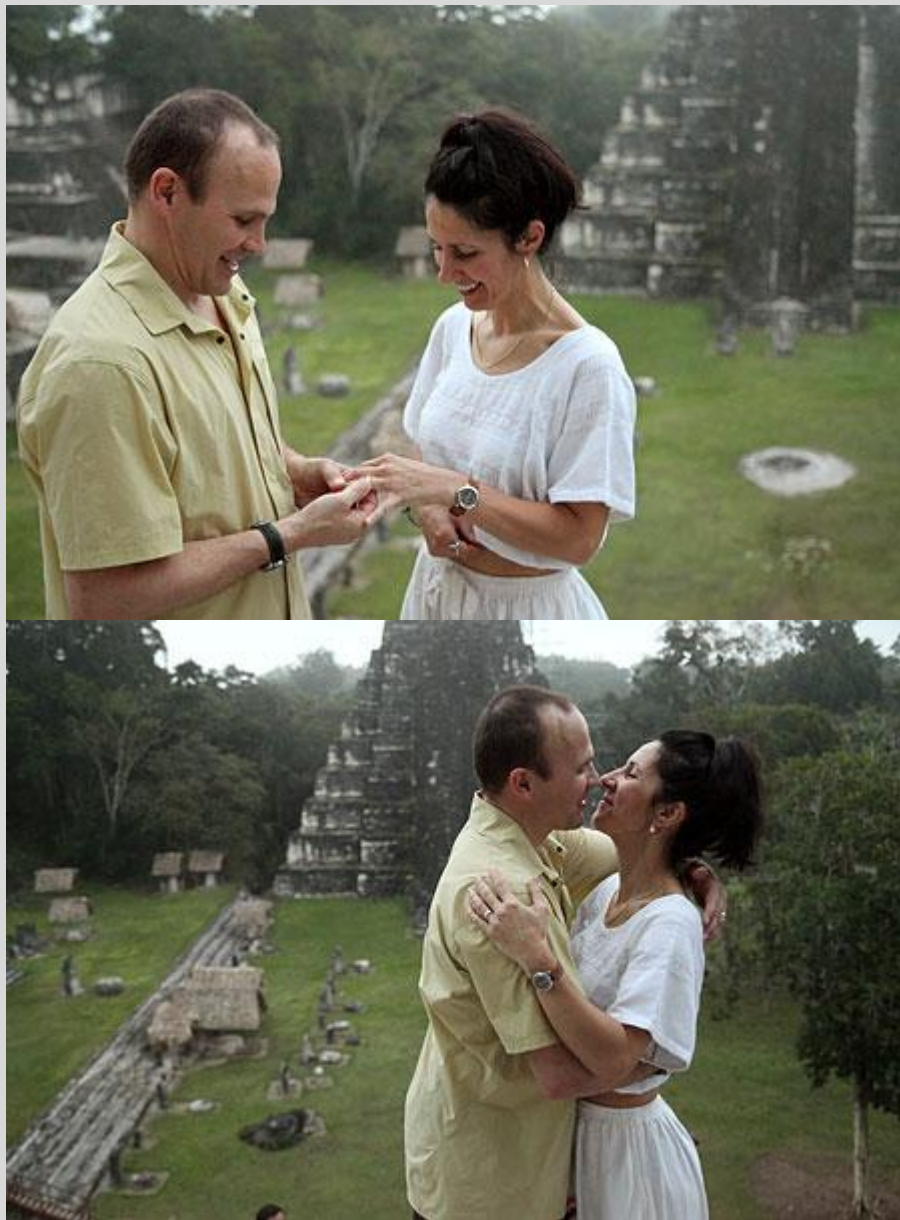


Photo by Karl Grobl

To see all the info and to sign up for the trip go to
<http://www.jimclinephotoworkshops.com/tours/philippines-photo-tour>

A Very Special Event

I had the great honor of being the wedding photographer for Michel Sirois & Caroline Villeneuve (*India 2009, Myanmar 2010*) from New Brunswick, Canada, as they renewed their wedding vows in Tikal, Guatemala. In 1993, when Michel & Caroline were on an extended trip through Mexico and Central America, they decided to get married when they reached the magnificent Mayan ruins at Tikal. Then earlier this month they returned to Guatemala on my tour and renewed their vows on top of Temple 2, the same spot where they were married 19 years earlier. Caroline even brought along her wedding dress and wore it for the ceremony. At 6:20 a.m. on February 15 they renewed their vows and I snapped some photos of them. Here are a couple:



Here is the bride with her Canons loaded, only moments after her wedding:
We then all tromped through the jungle in search of wildlife and Mayan temples. It is times like this that I am so glad that I have the job that I have – I wouldn't trade it for anything else.....



Here is the story of their original trip and a photograph from their original wedding:

"We traveled about 9 months and during those 9 months, we left Canada in November 1992 in a Westfalia, crossed the USA via the southern states, travelled to Mexico via Baja, took the ferry to the Mainland and parked our Westfalia in Mexico. We then travelled via "Chicken Busses through Merida and Yucatan Peninsula crossed the Border to Belize and after to Guatemala where we got married. After our wedding we went to Costa Rica by air and back to Mexico where we got our Westfalia back and came back to USA via Texas and ultimately back to Canada at the end of the summer 1993."



More Cuba Pics

I've put together another gallery of my images from Cuba last year. This 2nd in a series of 3 galleries is from Trinidad and the surrounding area, including an image from Santa Clara. Click on the image below or go to www.jimcline.com/trinidad2011



Trinidad 2011

Tours & Workshops Late Spring / Summer of 2012

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

May 2 – 12, 2012 with Jim Cline – *Trip full*

May 16 – 26, 2012 with Jim Cline – *4 spaces available*

The first trip booked up so early, I've added a second trip. May is the best time to visit the highlands of Peru.



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. I know this area very well and have many friends to photograph, as I've been there 12 times in the past 8 years!

**To see the testimonials from the recent 2011 trip [click here](#).
To see images from this trip go to www.jimcline.com/peru2011**

Philippines June 16 – 30, 2012 with Karl Grobl
Spaces available



Karl discovered wonderful scenic areas with beautiful rice paddies, old Spanish colonial cities, picturesque beaches, and the wonderful photo-friendly people. Additionally, he uncovered some wonderful photo opportunities in the bustling Philippines capital, Manila.

To see the video Karl produced from this past year's tour go to <http://www.jimclinephotoworkshops.com/2010/01/philippines-photo-tour> and click on "Multimedia".

To see a beautiful book produced by participant Ruti Alon, which contains images from all of the participants, go to <http://www.blurb.com/books/2435827> .

To see some great testimonials from the 2011 tour go to <http://www.jimclinephotoworkshops.com/philippines-testimonials>

Angkor Photo Workshop July 16 – 30, 2012 with Karl Grobl, Matt Brandon, Gavin Gough & Marco Ryan
Spaces Available



The hybrid "Workshop / photo tour" is a combination of a workshop and photo tour experience, aimed at those of you who want more of an intensive classroom type experience, in a setting that allows for fantastic photo opportunities. This past year's workshop was a big success, and the instructors are excited to run it again in 2012!

To see testimonials from the 2011 workshop [click here](#) .

To see a write-up in an online travel magazine on this workshop [click here](#) .

Karl Grobl
Video – Come Along for the Ride!

Karl has produced his first *Come Along for the Ride* video, and it is terrific on many levels. It is both informative and inspiring, so [check it out here](#) .

He has been busy adding many terrific blogs to his site – check them out at www.karlgrobl.com/blog

Tours – Fall of 2011

[Amazing Myanmar \(Burma\)](#), Sep 11 – 25, 2012, with Karl Grobl

Trip full, waitlist available (2013 Interest List Forming)

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](#)

[Mexico's Copper Canyon](#) Just Released! Oct 12 – 21, 2012 with Ralph Velasco

Spaces available



Ralph Velasco will be leading a trip to Mexico's magical Copper Canyon. The Copper Canyon train is considered one of the great train rides of the world. Ride the train as it winds from the Pacific Coast to the Copper Canyon, located in the Sierra Madre Mountains, passing over 37 bridges and 86 tunnels along the way! We'll explore and photograph the areas around the rim of the canyon in the towns of Creel and Divisadero, and photograph the famous Tarahumara Indians who inhabit the area, and document their way of life. We'll also journey down inside the Canyon to the charming town of Batopilas located 6,000 feet below the rim of the canyon on the Batopilas River. We'll have the opportunity to explore the area at the Bottom of the canyon as well!

Trip Leader Ralph Velasco!

Ralph is an excellent photographer, has extensive teaching experience, and speaks fluent Spanish. For information on Ralph go to <http://www.jimclinephotoworkshops.com/tours/mexicos-copper-canyon> For more information on Ralph go to www.RalphVelasco.com (Be sure to read his testimonials).

[Bhutan & Nepal](#), Oct 22 – Nov 4, 2012, with Karl Grobl

Trip full, waitlist available (2013 Interest List Forming)

The Kingdom of Bhutan, the "Land of the Thunder Dragon", remains one of the last places on earth where you can experience true Himalayan culture, seemingly unchanged for centuries. Nepal is a land of yaks and yetis, stupas and Sherpas and the home of 3 great mini-kingdoms of the Kathmandu Valley. The tour has been timed to coincide with a prime festival season in Bhutan.

[Day of the Dead in Oaxaca](#), Oct 28 – Nov 5, 2012, with Jim Cline

Trip full, waitlist available (2013 Interest List Forming)

This trip is a personal favorite – this will be my 14th straight year photographing in Oaxaca during the Day of the Dead celebrations!!! Many other companies have now jumped on the bandwagon, bringing large groups, but I have a more intimate knowledge of this amazing celebration, and now how to find the action and chase the light there like no one else – and I keep my group size small. 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 2011 tour go to www.jimcline.com/oaxaca11

To see testimonials from this trip [click here](#).

We have had several people attend this trip, who liked it so much they came back on it again another year.

Chiapas, Mexico: The Mayan World November 10 – 19, 2012, with Jim Cline
Trip full, waitlist available (2013 Interest List Forming)

I will be leading this trip again to my favorite area in Mexico. We'll photograph Mayan pyramids, the current day descendants of the Mayans with their weaving traditions, 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

India: Pushkar & Rajasthan November 14 – 28, 2012, with Karl Grobl
Trip full, waitlist available (2013 Interest List Forming)

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

Tours – Winter / Early Spring of 2013

As Recommended in the 2009 Frommer's *Central America* guidebook (p 177)

Guatemala, the Living Maya, with Jim Cline February, 2013

Interest List forming

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, and several less-visited villages outside of Quetzaltenango, 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>

Amazing Myanmar (Burma), February, 2013, with Karl Grobl

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As Recommended in the 2010 Moon Handbooks *Baja* guidebook!

Baja Gray Whales, 8-day trip with Jim Cline Feb/Mar 2013

Interest List forming

One more day added – now 8 days! We'll spend 3 days whale watching, as well as two days photographing the beautiful desert scenery in Catavina and 2 days in the quaint town of San Ignacio, home to one of Baja's most beautiful missions and friendly people. The last few years, almost every trip into the lagoon we've had friendly whales come right up to our boat. To see a gallery from the 2008 trip go to www.jimcline.com/whales2008

[Vietnam Explorer](#) with Karl Grobl, March, 2013

Interest List forming

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.

Facebook

We now have a Jim Cline Photo Tours Facebook Group Page – check it out! [Our Facebook Group Page](#)

We're in Rough Guides!

We are already listed in ***Moon Handbooks*** and ***Frommer's guidebooks***. Now we have been written up in ***Rough Guides*** as well!
[See our write-up here](#)

More Published Work

I have created a webpage with links to some of my published work (and a couple of articles about me): www.jimcline.com/Tearsheets.htm
I'm about 2 years behind, I'll try to update it soon!

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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