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## E-MAIL NEWSLETTER June 30, 2011

Greetings everyone! I'm back from Peru and Machu Picchu, and it was truly amazing there. To see testimonials from the trip [click here](#). We've scheduled another trip I'll be running there for May 2012 (see below). We always run that trip in May because it is the best time of year to visit the highlands of Peru. Here is an excerpt from a testimonial from last month's trip:

*"For me, this trip was not only perfect, but probably the best photo experience I have ever had. The trip was a great value, I would recommend it to anyone. This was the perfect photographic workshop. Jim, you were first class. As good as I have ever experienced. You ought to be very proud of yourself. I try to go on a lot of these trips, and yours was so far ahead of anything I have experienced before that there is no second place. The planning and execution were flawless, and each day seemed to be better than the previous one." Aaron Teitel, Potomac, MD*

We are the busiest we have ever been – we have released 11 trips in the past couple of months and we now have 120 people signed up for our tours in the coming year!!! I have rarely emerged from my office since I returned home from my travels last month! We have also scheduled trips for Karl to *Thailand, Laos & Cambodia, Myanmar, and Vietnam* in early 2012 – they are filling up very fast – see the details below. To see the latest on Karl, go to his blog at [www.karlgrobl.com/blog](http://www.karlgrobl.com/blog)

Also – this is the first year that there are spaces remaining on my *Day of the Dead in Oaxaca* trip this late in the year. It is really an incredible opportunity to be there to experience and photograph these celebrations. This will be my 13<sup>th</sup> straight year there for the Day of the Dead, so I know the idiosyncrasies and photo possibilities of this very Mexican celebration very well.....

**Here are a couple of my Peru images from last month:**



## Shepherd Peruvian Andes



Pisac market – kids from the nearby village of Amaru

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### “The Coolest Tours on Earth”- Could be true? ☺

There was recently a write-up on our tours, and specifically Karl's upcoming *Angkor Photo Workshop* in the latest edition of the online magazine, *Argophilia Travel News*. Here's the story, check it out! : <http://www.argophilia.com/news/angkor-photo-workshop/22623>

“*The Sum of All Coolness*”, you gotta love it !!!

Since this article went up, I've found it on various other travel websites as well!

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### Tour Participant News

Congratulations to **Lou Montrose** (*Day of the Dead in Oaxaca, 2005 & 2010, India: Pushkar Fair & Rajasthan 2007*). He just won the 2010 Pollux Award and has been named Professional Photographer of the Year by the World Photography Gala Awards. This was based on first place awards in three categories and honorable mentions in four others; one of the latter was for an image taken on the 2007 *India: Pushkar Fair* trip with Karl. There's a \$5K award, publication, and an exhibition opening in January in Buenos Aires. See <http://www.thegalaawards.net/announcements/2010-pollux-awards-awardees>

A Black & White Portfolio of **Lou's** images from the 2010 and 2005 *Day of the Dead in Oaxaca* trips with Jim was published in the current *Lenswork* #94 (May-June 2011); 13 images appear in the print edition and 25 images plus an audio interview in the DVD edition (*Lenswork Extended*).

A big thanks to Lou for mentioning Jim Cline Photo Tours in both. See <http://www.lenswork.com/previewpages/lw94/lw94preview.html> - I ordered a copy – the images are really terrific. It makes me very proud that we could help assist in this kind of success for a talented photographer like Lou. To see more of Lou's work go to [www.louismontrosephotography.com](http://www.louismontrosephotography.com)

I just finished reading **Anietra Hamper's** blog (*Philippines 2011, Vietnam 2010*) from Karl's recently completed Philippines tour. It is full of great observations and photos – she is truly a skilled and insightful writer – she really captured what it *feels* like to be there. Multi-talented Anietra is a former TV news anchor. Be sure to check out her blog at [www.threewordpress.com](http://www.threewordpress.com). On the home page...scroll down to the BLOG box.

Congratulations to our tour participants whose work was accepted into the Photography Exhibition at the San Diego County Fair. I saw various prints hanging from this year's Cuba trips, as well as some from Karl's trips – **Robbie Hamper, Claude LeTien & Dan Nougier** all won Honorable Mentions for images taken on our trips. **Claude's** Cuba image entered in the Black and White People category won a Special Award from the San Diego Museum of Photographic Arts (MoPA): <http://www.flickr.com/photos/17155385@N00/5499259935/in/set-72157626526284789>

You'd better go soon, as July 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day of the exhibit.

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## **Tours – Fall of 2011**

### **Amazing Myanmar (Burma) September 22 – October 6, 2011, with Karl Grobl**

#### ***Trip full, waitlist available (Sep 2012 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](http://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, 2011, with Jim Cline**

#### ***4 spaces available!***



**This trip is a personal favorite – this will be my 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2007 tour go to [www.jimcline.com/oaxaca07](http://www.jimcline.com/oaxaca07)  
This trip fills up every year, so you will need to book a space soon. We have had several people attend this trip, and they liked it so much they came back on it again another year.

### **India: Pushkar & Rajasthan October 27 – November 10, 2011, with Karl Grobl**

#### ***Trip full, waitlist available (2012 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](http://www.karlgrobl.com/India2008/index.html)

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## **New Trip Leader Ralph Velasco!**

We have been lucky to enlist the help of professional photographer Ralph Velasco to lead some trips in the coming months and years. He is an excellent photographer, and has extensive teaching experience. What is important to me, is he has the same dedication, enthusiasm, and love for what he does as Karl and I do. He's just released his first app for iPhone and iPod touch called [My Shot Lists for Travel](#) and is the author of: ["Ralph Velasco On Travel Photography:"](#)

[101 Tips for Developing Your Photographic Eye & More.](#)” For more information on Ralph go to [www.RalphVelasco.com](http://www.RalphVelasco.com) (Be sure to read his testimonials).

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### **Trip leader Karl Grobl**

Having just finished leading his *Philippines* tour, Karl is in Cambodia preparing for his [Angkor Photo Workshop](#) for July 11 - 25. That will be a fantastic learning opportunity to bring your photography up to the next level, combined with great shooting ops. To see the info see below or [click here](#).

To see Karl's fantastic blogs with images from his recent Philippines trip and much more, go to [www.karlgrobl.com/blog](http://www.karlgrobl.com/blog)

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### **Tours – Winter/Spring of 2012**

[Thailand, Laos & Cambodia](#) with Karl Grobl, February, 2012

**Space 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>

#### **Testimonial from Feb 2011 Thailand, Laos & Cambodia trip:**

*"I have been on several organized photo tours and workshops – this was by far the best experience I have had in terms of flow of activities, shooting time balanced with "tour" stuff, attention from/time with/assistance and overall organization of the trip. Karl's passion for photography and interaction with the local people – many of whom he clearly knows from his work there and from prior trips. I feel very fortunate to have had this experience and look forward to future trips with Jim and Karl." Lisa Brockman, San Diego, CA*

**Cuba Humanitarian Missions with Jim Cline or Ralph Velasco, March, 2012**

Send an email to [jim@jimcline.com](mailto:jim@jimcline.com) for information

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

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[Vietnam Explorer](#) with Karl Grobl, March 20 – April 3, 2012

## ***One Space Remaining***



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 Incas**

**May 2 – 12, 2012 with Jim Cline**

***Space 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. I know this area very well and have many friends to photograph, as I've been there 12 times in the past 7 years! To see images from this trip go to

<http://www.jimcline.com/perumay2006/index.htm> or <http://www.jimcline.com/peru04/index.htm>

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## **Upcoming Photography Seminar!**

I will be giving a 3-hour Travel Photography seminar on **Saturday, October 22 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** at **Calumet Photo** in Escondido, CA. Space is very limited – only 20 people can attend, and the price is only \$45. This always fills up, so you will need to sign up early to reserve a space.

For all the info [click here](#). **It will be informative and fun!**

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## **Our New Website!**

Our new website is up to speed now and going strong:

[www.JimClinephotoworkshops.com](http://www.JimClinephotoworkshops.com)

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## **Facebook**

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

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**Tours Summer of 2012**

## Philippines with Karl Grobl

### ***Interest List Forming***

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

## Angkor Workshops with Karl Grobl & Special Guests

### ***Interest List Forming***

The hybrid "Tour/Workshop" will be a combination of a photo tour and a workshop experience, aimed at those of you who want a little bit more of an intensive classroom type experience, in a setting that allows for fantastic photo opportunities.

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## **Later in 2012:**

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

### Guatemala, the Living Maya, November, 2012

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>

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## **NGO Work**

Both Karl's and my photos from separate assignments are featured prominently in the Skees Family Foundation website from work we have done for the Freedom From Hunger organization.

Go to [www.skees.org](http://www.skees.org) and to [http://skees.org/foundation\\_news/10-featured\\_grantee\\_freedom\\_from\\_hunger](http://skees.org/foundation_news/10-featured_grantee_freedom_from_hunger)

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## **Cover Shots**

For the second year in a row, one of my photos was selected for the cover of Humanitarian organization *Freedom From Hunger's* Annual Report. An image from my assignment with them in Ecuador in June was selected for the cover, as well as others inside. Many of Karl's images can also be seen in the report. Freedom from Hunger works tirelessly around the world helping those in need, I am proud to be associated with this great organization! Here is a link to see the report: <http://www.freedomfromhunger.org/report> Here is to their homepage:

[www.freedomfromhunger.org](http://www.freedomfromhunger.org)

One of my images was selected for the cover, (as well as a few images for various months) for Carlos Fiesta's annual Baja Calendar. This is especially meaningful due to Carlos' recent untimely passing.....: <http://www.bajacalendar.com>

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## **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](http://www.jimcline.com/Tearsheets.htm)

I'm about 2 years behind, I'll try to update it soon!

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## **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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*"The journey not the arrival matters" T.S. Eliot*

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