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Greetings everyone! I'm back from Peru, keeping busy giving seminars and judging photo contests. Karl is on his way to Washington D.C. for an annual conference for humanitarian aid organizations, and will then go on to Nicaragua on a photo assignment. Many of his photos from Cambodia were published in the June issue of Town and Country Magazine (see details below).



Peru 2009

Jim Cline Upcoming Photography Seminars:

Wednesday, July 1 (Tomorrow!) at 7:30 p.m. at the **Darkroomers Photographic Club** at the Photo Arts Building in Balboa Park, I'll be giving my presentation on the *Secrets to Successful Travel Photography*. The public is welcome <http://www.darkroomers.com>

Saturday, July 25 from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. at **Calumet Photo** in Escondido, CA I will be giving a 3-hour travel photography workshop. Space is very limited – only 20 people can attend, and the price is only \$35, so you will need to sign up early to reserve a space. All of the info can be found at <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/info/summary.aspx?e=8ce6aa88-dae7-4dad-91e4-99b80c15f3e4> **It will be informative and fun!**

Tour Participants Win Awards!

Two of our trip participants won awards at the San Diego Fair Photo Exhibit, for photos they took while on our tours:

Julia Knoke won 2nd Place in the Scenics/Landscapes division and 4th Place in the People/Portraits division with images she made on Karl's 2008 Myanmar tour.

Marietta Baginsky won 3rd Place in the Photojournalism Documentary category with an image she made on Karl's 2007 Thailand, Laos & Cambodia tour.

Others with photographs which were made on our tours, accepted in the exhibit include **Sing Baker** (India 2008), **Lin Craft** (Guatemala 2008), and **Richard Schoettger** (Thailand Laos & Cambodia 2007 & Baja Whales 2008).

Also **Mitch Spence** won 2nd Place in a BetterPhoto.com contest with her image captured on my 2008 Guatemala tour:

<http://www.betterphoto.com/forms/discussionDetail.asp?threadID=1133941>

In more participant news **Lee & Sequoia Zook** (Colonial Mexico 05, Ensenada Sep 05, Baja Whales 06, Peru 06, Guatemala 07, India 08) have each begun photography websites: www.leezook.com and www.sequoiazook.com

Also **Lew Grinnan** (Ensenada Oct 06, Oaxaca 07) is having his Artist's Reception for his exhibit, *Colors of India* at Calumet Photo in Escondido – it happens to take place right after my workshop there (see above) on Saturday, July 25, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. The exhibit runs from July 24 – August 27.

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

Tours Fall of 2009

[Amazing Myanmar \(Burma\)](#)

September 7 - 21, 2009, with Karl Grobl – 2 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

[Ensenada / Tecate 3 Days](#) September 12 – 14, 2009



To see my gallery from my recent September 2008 tour go to www.jimcline.com/ensenadasep08 There are a great variety of photographic subjects on this trip for just 3 days – the colorful fish market, sea-lions, mariachis, seascapes, vendors and their products, local people, the beautiful Riviera Cultural Center - formerly a casino owned by boxer Jack Dempsey and (allegedly) financed by Al Capone, a boat trip in the morning light in the working harbor, wineries with wine-tasting, the Old Russian Cemetery, and finally the tranquil town of Tecate with its typical Mexican plaza.

[Day of the Dead in Oaxaca](#), Oct 28 – Nov 5, 2009 – *Trip full, Waitlist available*



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](#) with Karl Grobl Oct 19 – Nov 3, 2009

Trip full – Waitlist available



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 11 - 20, 2009, with Jim Cline



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, 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

Trip leader Karl Grobl

Karl was recently featured in the June issue of Town & Country Magazine. June is Town & Country's annual philanthropy issue and this year the magazine was highlighting Angkor Hospital for Children in Siem Reap Cambodia, one of Karl's NGO clients. Karl has shot projects for Angkor Hospital for Children since 2001 and was contacted by Town & Country to shoot the story. Interestingly, the Angkor Hospital for Children was founded by a Japanese photographer named Kenro Izu, who, while photographing the temples of Angkor Wat (one of the stops on our Southeast Asia tour). Kenro was shocked to find a total lack of healthcare in the area and although Kenro knew nothing about building a hospital, he felt compelled to do something. With the help of friends and donors Kenro embarked on an amazing personal quest and today his hospital is one of the best facilities in Cambodia. See the story illustrated with Karl's picture by picking up a copy of Town & Country Magazine or see it here on Karl's website. <http://www.karlgrobl.com/TownAndCountryAHCarticle/Index.htm>

Here is Karl's slide show video from his 2009 *Thailand, Laos & Cambodia* tour:

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

his 2008 *Amazing Myanmar* tour: www.karlgrobl.com/Burma2008/index.html

and his 2008 *India: Pushkar Camel Fair & the Taj Mahal* tour:

www.karlgrobl.com/India2008/index.html

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

Tours Winter/Spring 2010

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

[Guatemala, the Living Maya](#), February 5 – 14, 2010

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>

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

Jan 20 – Feb 4, 2010, Space available

February 6 – 21, 2010, Trip full, Waitlist available

From Thailand' 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 Moon Handbooks Baja guidebook! (p 173)

[Baja Gray Whales](#), March 2 – 8, 2010

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

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.

Cuba !

February or March, 2010

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. I have made 5 trips to Cuba to photograph, each of 2 weeks or more. Karl has been there on at least 3 trips as well. 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!)*

Peru, Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley of the Inca

May 5 – 15, 2010 with Jim Cline 2 spaces available

To see Karl's new slide show video of the recent 2008 tour go to
<http://karlgrobl.com/Peru2008/index2.html>

Other Recent Image Galleries

In October 2008 I worked on assignment in Mexico for the NGO, *Freedom From Hunger*. It was a truly inspiring experience – here are some images from two of the days with the proud Mayan people in Chiapas on that trip: www.jimcline.com/chiapasoct08

Baja Whales, March 2008

To view the gallery, go to www.jimcline.com/whales2008. I'm running this trip again in March, it's an experience of a lifetime – see above!

Guatemala February, 2008

To view the gallery, click on www.jimcline.com/guatemala2008. I'm running this trip again in February, it's a great trip – see above!

Day of the Dead in Oaxaca, November 2007

To view the gallery, go to www.jimcline.com/oaxaca07. I'm running this trip again in Oct/Nov, it's booked full, but Waitlist is available – 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>

Photography Book – *Tresors de la Terre, Joyaux de l'Humanity (Treasures of the Earth, Jewels of Humanity)*

Some of my photographs of Machu Picchu in Peru and Teotihuacan in Mexico are featured in this beautiful coffee table book published by a French publisher. I'm one of many photographers represented from around the globe, including Frans Lanting, Art Wolf, David Muench, Norbert Wu, Jim Zuckerman, MacDuff Everton, and Tim Fitzharris.

<http://www.jimcline.com/TearSheetTresorsdeLaTerre08.htm>

Chickenbus.org !

One of our Guatemala participants, Steve Philips created a website from our tour there in February, 2008. Many of the group members terrific photos are in the gallery section - check it out at www.ChickenBus.org
That trip is being offered again in 2010 (see above)!

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