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Hello everyone! A lot has been happening with us at Jim Cline Photo Tours. I've recently returned from Baja, and this past Sunday had a lot of fun helping judge the terrific *International Photography Exhibit* at the San Diego Fair. I highly recommend for those of you in Southern Cal to pay a visit to the exhibit June 12 – July 5 (closed June 15 & 22). Karl returned from Asia and is now in South America leading our Peru trip, before he continues on to photo assignments in the region. See below – *the previously sold out India tour now has 2 openings. Also we are planning our Cuba trips and the waitlist is growing.*

I have a new gallery to share from a few days I spent in Southern Baja in April of 2008 – enjoy the photos!

Baja California 2008



To view the gallery, click on one of the images or go to www.jimcline.com/baja2008

Jim Cline Upcoming Photography Seminars:

Saturday, June 27 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the **International Photography Exhibition at the San Diego (Del Mar) Fair**, I'll be giving my seminar on the *Secrets to Successful Travel Photography*. You can time your visit to see the outstanding photo exhibit and see my workshop all in one visit!

Saturday, July 25 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at **Calumet Photo** in Escondido, CA I will be giving a 3-hour travel photography seminar. 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://quest.cvent.com/EVENTS/info/summary.aspx?e=8ce6aa88-dae7-4dad-91e4-99b80c15f3e4> **It will be informative and fun!**

Karl Grobl Upcoming Photography Seminars:

Saturday, June 20 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. at the **International Photography Exhibition at the San Diego (Del Mar) Fair**, Karl will be giving his seminar on *Humanitarian Photojournalism*.

Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 p.m. **North County Photographic Society meeting in Encinitas at Quail Gardens** http://www.nc-photo.org/general_info/agenda.html, Karl will be giving his presentation on *Humanitarian Photojournalism*.

More published work

My images were used for a few different advertising campaigns in the last year or so. Click on the links to see the finished products:

www.jimcline.com/TearSheetDesertInn.htm
www.jimcline.com/TearSheetLuxuryAvenue.htm
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www.jimcline.com/TearSheetClotop.htm

Tours Fall of 2009

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

September 7 - 21, 2009, 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

[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.

"Hi Jim, I had a wonderful time on the trip to Ensenada/Tecate. It was beyond my expectations in several ways – more learning, more different kinds of settings to photograph, and more of an opportunity to experience northern Baja culture than I could have imagined for a weekend trip. I appreciated your knowledge of the area and the people, and the atmosphere of learning and creativity that you encouraged in the group. I will definitely sign up for a future excursion, and I would recommend your trips to anyone who loves photography and travel," Bette Jo Garrett, San Diego, CA

[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
This trip was full – we had a cancellation, now there are 2 spaces 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 Grobl is in South America now, leading our Peru trip, before he goes on to Colombia on photo assignments. Karl's photos appear on EDC's website and in printed materials including an updated photos to augment 2007's feature article entitled "[Learning in the midst of Armed Conflict](#)".

Karl also documented two of [The Asia Foundation's](#) programs: "Eliminating Barriers to Business", a program that work to help small business owners in Cambodia, and with The Task Force Against Human Trafficking" a multinational team of NGOs working to fight human trafficking.

Here is Karl's slide show video from his recent 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

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>

[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!)*

[Wonders of Baja](#), April 20 - 29, 2010

It doesn't get much better than this! Southern Baja - Seascapes and beautiful beaches on the turquoise **Sea of Cortez**; boat trips to the nearby islands to photograph sea lion colonies, birds, and desert scenes, missions, the picturesque towns of **La Paz, Mulege, Loreto, and Todos Santos**; and excellent seafood and margaritas. I've added one extra day to this trip to allow more time in each location, and some time for image-sharing and instruction.

To see images from the April, 2007 trip go to www.jimcline.com/baja2007

Note: The recent problems of violence between drug gangs in the border region of Mexico has absolutely no effect in the areas we are visiting on this trip, in an entirely different region. Please contact me if you have any concerns about this.

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

May 5 – 15, 2010 with Karl Grobl

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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