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Hello everyone! We are extremely busy here at Jim Cline Photo Tours. We now have 84 people booked for tours in 2010, and 40 of those are returning tour participants –we are very proud of this! Karl is in Laos now, in the middle of leading the first of 2 back-to-back Thailand, Laos & Cambodia tours and he is blogging while he goes. Check it out at <http://karlgrobl.blogspot.com/>. I'm locked in the office trying to wrap up all the details (7 tours in 7 countries the first 5 months of 2010!) before I hit the road to lead my Guatemala tour, and then soon after, the Baja Whales Experience. The only open spaces on our 2010 tours are in October/November, and those are filling up fast!



Tom Fraser Photographing a Gray Whale up close in Baja - March, 2009

Upcoming Photography Seminar

I will be giving a 3-hour travel photography seminar on **Saturday, April 24 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, so you will need to sign up early to reserve a space. The info will be posted later this month at <http://www.calumetphoto.com/p/events> - click on "select a city" as San Diego to go to the page. **It will be informative and fun!**

Tours Winter/Spring 2010

**As Recommended in the 2009 Frommers's [Central America](#) guidebook (p 177)
And 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>

Thailand, Laos & Cambodia with Karl Grobl
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 2009 Moon Handbooks Baja guidebook! (p 138)

Baja Gray Whales, with Jim Cline
March 2 – 8, 2010 Trip full, waitlist 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
Trip full, waitlist 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 *Trip full, Waitlist 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 is on the road again, he's currently leading the first of 2 back-to-back Thailand, Laos & Cambodia photo tours. **He's blogging as he goes – check out his blog at <http://karlgrobl.blogspot.com/>** ! When the 2nd tour finishes he continues on to Vietnam to lead our tour there, before he goes on to more photo assignments for humanitarian organizations in the region.

Karl was recently interviewed by LensFlare 35, and it's a fascinating interview. The interview is available at <http://www.lensflare35.com/episode-0034-interview-with-karl-grobl-humanitarian-photojournalist>

Near the top of the page is a slide show where he discusses some of his favorite images, and the link to the podcast of the interview is farther down the page.

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.

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

Trip full, waitlist available

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). 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 7 – 2, 2010 with Karl Grobl

3 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**

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

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

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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