

CLOSE-UP / SWEET LIGHT EXPEDITIONS / PHOTO TOURS

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IT'S A NEW YEAR—upward and onward at Close-Up Expeditions!

Janet Denninger, CUE's amazingly competent Operations Manager for the past 18 years has moved to Redwood Valley, a wonderfully bucolic setting 100 miles north of Oakland. She takes most of the CUE's led by Tom Johnson, Jed Manwaring, Mike Matlach, and Doug Steakley with her. Contact Janet for those trips flagged below as "SL," for Sweet Light Photo Tours, at the e-mail and toll free number above on the right.

Donald Lyon, chief guide and owner of CUE since 1979 will continue to operate his favorites under the Close-Up Expeditions name. Don also plans to relocate to a rural setting within the next year and develop a site for photographic retreats. Contact him for the non-SL flagged trips at the addresses on the upper left.

Despite the name changes you can count on having the same exceptional photographic experience with Sweet Light and CUE that you have come to expect of Close-Up Expeditions for over 25 years. Janet and Don will be working closely together to ensure a smooth transition. We both wish you the best of health and happiness for the New Year and hope you will join us on future photo expeditions, whether Sweet Light or Close-Up, to the most fascinating corners of planet Earth.



Faces of Burma

© Don Lyon

The Legacy of Travel:

Once again we are reminded that this planet we call home is capable of great violence and that life and security are very tenuous. A natural disaster has killed thousands of people in Asia, and because we travel to these usually tranquil and beautiful places, we feel we know them. Not the individuals, but their families, friends and countrymen. We cherish images and memories of those we have met on our journeys. It makes the pain of their losses deeply felt. That's what makes us all human, and perhaps the lesson is, that travel connects us all, and while there is time, we should reach out in friendship and embrace our common humanity.

2005 EXPEDITIONS

March

San Francisco & Wine Country

March 4 - 10 (7 days)

California dreaming at balmy time of year -- picnic in the vineyards. Local guide Don Lyon helps you capture your unique vision of everyone's favorite city--Golden Gate Bridge, cable cars, colorful neighborhoods and lifestyles.

Land Price: \$1852. Meal Budget: \$315.

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GREAT PHOTO ADVENTURES IN THE USA AND AROUND THE WORLD

Sonoran Desert in Bloom[∞] • (SL)

March 22- April 2 (12 days)

From Tucson to Las Vegas --the desert at it's best. Jed Manwaring helps you find secret gardens of blooming cacti and carpets of spring flowers. Land Price: \$3113 Meal Budget: \$420.

April

Faces of Viet Nam (SL)

March 28 - April 10 (14 days)

Saigon, Hanoi, Hoi An, Sa Pa hill tribes, Hue, and overnight Junk cruise in Halong Bay. Capture the people and spirit of Viet Nam with Pro Mike Matlach.

Land & internal air - \$ 3711. Meal Budget \$300.

Pre-Tour extension to Angkor Wat, Cambodia

March 25 - 28 (4 days)

Land Price: \$992.

Death Valley Designs [∞] (SL)

April 2 -8 (7 days)

The stark beauty of a unique landscape at a cool time of year. Jed Manwaring interprets the Geology and finds the shy Spring blossoms as well as nature's designs. Land Price: \$1792. Meal Budget: \$280.

Nature Of Provence

April 9 - 17 (9 days)

Galloping white horses splashing through the Camargue, hundreds of flamingos close-up, cherry blossoms in the hill villages of the Luberon, festival recreating village 19th C. life. Photograph running with the bulls and enjoy authentic village life with Don Lyon

Land Price: \$2325 Meal Budget: \$360.

Bhutan [∞] • (SL)

April 15 - 26 (11 days)

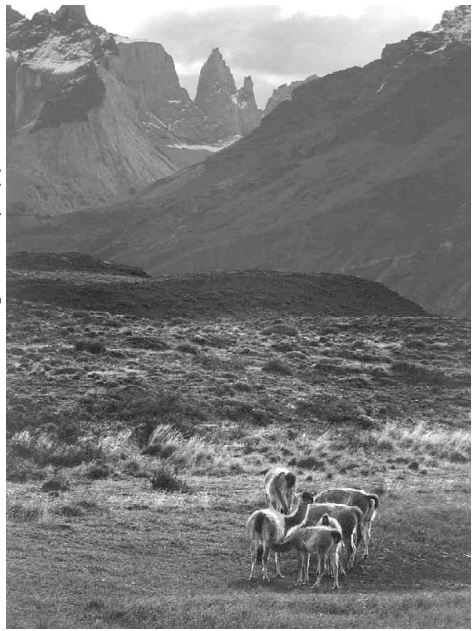
A hidden and serene mountain Shangri-la--fantastic scenery and architecture and a gentle, traditional people - the Ura Yakchoe festival is a highlight. Capture the magic with pro Mike Matlach.

Land Price: \$3875. includes meals.



Palouse Country © Thomas M. Johnson

Argentina's Wild Places © Don Lyon



Nepal Extension [∞] (SL)

April 27 - May 2 (6 days)

In contrast to Bhutan, a colorful mix of sahdus, festivals and scenery in the Kathmandu Valley.

Land Price: \$1072. Meal Budget: \$120.

Classical Greece •

April 19 - May 3 (16 days)

Off-season quiet and pleasant weather. Classical temple ruins sprinkled with red poppies, medieval monasteries perched on craggy peaks--friendly people share traditional village life. One of Don Lyon's favorites. Limited to 5.

Slot Canyons & Lake Powell [∞] (SL)

April 10 - 17 (8 days)

Red rock monuments, cool blue grottoes, and sublime Antelope Canyon with pro Tom Johnson

Land Price \$1636. Meal Budget \$315.

Monument Valley & Grand Canyon • (SL)

April 17 - 24 (8 days)

The best photographic icons of the Southwest, at the best time of year and day. Join pro Tom Johnson.

Land Price: \$ 1715. Meal Budget \$315.

May

California's Central Coast (SL)

May 14 - 21 (8 days)

South from San Francisco, the famous Big Sur coast, historical Monterey, Carmel, sublime Pt. Lobos, Hearst Castle, Morro Rock, and more with Doug Steakley.

[∞] Trips scheduled to be taken back to back.

• Trip times for Full Moon

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Palouse Country Spring (SL)

May 28 - June 4

Patterns on the landscape, dotted with Spring blooms, old barns and farmsteads, and quintessentially American towns. Join Tom Johnson..

Land Price: \$ 1685. Meal Budget: \$280.

July

Provence: Colors of Van Gogh

July 1 - 10 (10 days)

Lavender, sunflowers, and dramatic costume festival at Arles. Photograph (or participate) in running with the bulls, and enjoy small traditional hotels and village life with Don Lyon. Great images -- lots of fun!

Land Price: \$2392. Meal Budget \$400.

Canadian Rockies (SL)

July 23 - 31 (9 days)

Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper -- the grandeur of mountains, lakes & rivers, plus elk, moose, sheep and alpine flowers. Join nature pro Tom Johnson

August

Palouse Harvest • (SL)

August 14 - 20 (7 days)

Rolling hills covered in ripe wheat or patterns of ploughed fields and mown grain, combines, farms, barns and small town Americana. Join Tom Johnson

Land Price: \$1685. Meal Budget \$280.

Most Expeditions are limited to 7 photographers plus the guide, unless otherwise noted.



Mekong Delta, Faces of Viet Nam © Mike Matlach



Canadian Rockies

© Thomas M. Johnson

September

Utah's Grand Circle

September 4 - 17 (14 days)

or Half Circle Sept. 4 - 9 (6 days)

Icons of Red Rock country-- Capitol Reef, Escalante, Bryce & Zion Canyons, Slot Canyons at Lake Powell, Monument Valley, Arches, and Canyonlands. Tom Johnson and Don Lyon know the Southwest's secrets.

Land Price: \$3271. (14 days) Meals: \$448.

Land Price \$ 1169. (6 days) Meals: \$192.

Tuscany In Depth•

September 14 - 23 (10 days)

Meet in Florence to explore the Chianti and Crete regions of historic and fertile Tuscany. Hill towns, cobblestone streets and great food. Join Don Lyon.

Land Price: \$2759. Meal Budget: \$400.

Venice Reflections

September 23 - 29 (6 days)

The pelucid light of Autumn on an ancient city -- find your muse in the back alleys, small canals, and islands of this lively Medieval wonder with Don Lyon.

Land Price: \$2108. Meal Budget: \$ 300.

Turkish Harvest

September 22 - October 7 (16 days)

Enjoy the harvest with the hospitable people in this historical and ancient culture, with Turkish guide Mehmet Ozbalci. Land Price: \$3675. incl. Breakfast & Dinner.

Internal Airfare: \$349.

October

Indochine: Viet Nam, Laos & Cambodia (SL)

October 7 - 27 • (21 days)

Join people photographer Mike Matlach exploring the rich heritage and ancient cultures of three Asian gems. *Short of time? Take just Viet Nam or just Laos & Cambodia.

Some overseas trips are priced on foreign currency at the time of brochure printing. Any significant fluctuation in the rate of exchange may affect the final cost.

Mexico: Day of the Dead (SL)

October 26 - November 6 (12 days)

Doug Steakley knows all the best places. Join him in Morelia, San Miguel de Allende, and the lively tribute to the beloved dead in Patzcuaro.

Indonesia

October 11 - 24 (14 days)

Backroads of Heavenly Bali, ancient Java, unique Bugi and Toraja cultures of Celebes -- the most varied and exotically colorful region on earth. Join Don Lyon.

Land Price: \$3540. Internal Air: \$ 265.

Galapagos Islands (SL)

October 31 - November 10 (12 days)

Nature photographers dream! "Tame" birds and animals and a unique island ecosystem. Join wildlife pro Tom Johnson aboard the perfectly sized MV Coral.

November

Argentina's Patagonia

November 12 - 30 (19 days)

Stunning scenery at Mt. Fitzroy and Torres del Paine glaciers, gaucho life, the vast panoramas of Patagonia and unique birds and animals. Includes the Ibarra Marshlands for missions, rancheros, and incomperable Iguazu Falls. Guides Alejandro Ronchetti & Don Lyon. 19 Day land Cost: \$5210. incl. meals. Internal Air - \$424.

Death Valley & Mt. Charleston (SL)

November (10 days)

Amazing graphic landscapes and ancient bristlecone pines with Jed Manwaring.

Rajasthan & the Pushkar Fair (SL)

November 4 - 20 (17 days)

Traditional lifestyles, monuments, Pushkar Camel Fair and the Taj Mahal -- capture the color and enigma of vibrant India with people pro Mike Matlach

Thai Hill Tribes (SL)

November 20 - December 1 (12 days)

Colorful ethnic costumes and cultures. Photograph the people with Mike Matlach & Charin Silphasuth.

December

Burma (SL)

December 1 - 15 (15 days)

Beautiful, welcoming people and a rich culture with Mike Matlach & Sai Woon Sone. Limited to 9 photographers.

Bosque del Apache & White Sands N.M. (SL)

December 4 - 10 (7 days)

Sandhill cranes, Snow geese and nature of Bosque -- one of the great migration gatherings! Plus the sensual dunes of White Sands National Monument. Join Tom Johnson.



Colonial Mexico, Day of the Dead © Douglas Steakley



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