

# cocos island photo expeditions

Pack your dive gear, photography equipment and sense of adventure as Reef & Rainforest takes you to Cocos Island. Choose from 3 different trips in 2011 where you can get side-by-side instruction from experienced charismatic professional photographers. July 9-19 with Ofer Ketter, August 25-Sep 4 with Ethan Daniels or May 29-June 8 with Andy Murch

**Cocos Island offers an endless stream of unforgettable dives punctuated by dramatic topside opportunities**

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- large pelagic predators
- silky and galapagos sharks
- whale sharks
- marbled stingrays & manta rays
- schools of scalloped hammerheads

## impressive assortment of dive sites

- swarming moray eels
- shallow reefsapes filled with prowling whitetip sharks
- clouds of scalloped hammerheads

## for divers looking for

- big animal encounters
- especially with sharks
- unparalleled photography opportunities

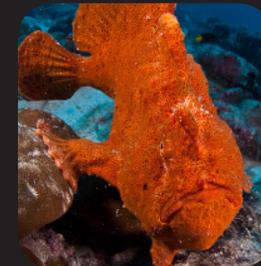
## chance encounters possible

- transiting whale
- whale shark
- fast moving bait ball

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Legendary Cocos Island is a remote pinnacle that climbs out of the Eastern Pacific like a modern day **Jurassic Park**. Its thick terrestrial canopy is mirrored below the waves by a kaleidoscopic variety of corals, invertebrates and brightly colored fish species. Acting like an offshore pantry in an otherwise empty ocean, it is not surprising that Cocos attracts an abundant supply of large pelagic predators including enormous aggregations of silky and galapagos **sharks**, visiting whale sharks, squadrons of marbled stingrays, manta rays and some of the biggest schools of scalloped hammerheads in the world.

## May 29-June 8 with Andy Murch



A freelance Photojournalist, Andy specializes in sharks and rays. He is the creator of the Elasmdiver Shark and Ray Field Guide, Staff Photographer at Shark Diver magazine and a Submersible Pilot for

Seamagine Hydrospace.

Andy Murch is an authority on sharks and rays and has built one of the largest shark image databases in existence. He is also an accomplished submersible pilot and the original instructor of the pilots that operate the submarine in Cocos.

Andy will be coaching shooters on composition and camera settings to help them get the most out of each photographic opportunity. He will also offer presentations on Adobe Bridge and Photoshop to give photographers a better understanding of post dive workflow and Photoshop techniques and adjustments.

"Join me, Andy Murch, on the diving adventure of a life time around the fabled Island of the Sharks: Cocos Island".

## July 9-19 with Ofer Ketter



Ofer has a wide variety of experience working with underwater film productions, including the BBC, Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, National Geographic and more.

Ofer spent close to 5 years as the Cruise Director for the Undersea Hunter and Sea Hunter in Cocos. During that time he has done over 1000 dives in Cocos and led hundreds of divers to view the wonders of this unique island. It's safe to say Ofer is one of the most experienced Cocos Islands diver in the world.

Ofer believes it's important for an underwater photographer to completely understand animal wildlife behavior. Know the animals; read them, and act on your observations. Ofer can help you to become "one" with the environment – so you can take the perfect shot.

"Cocos Island is the best big animal action diving on the planet, no doubt about it. And I will use all my years of experience to show you Cocos at its best!"

## Aug 25-Sep 4 with Ethan Daniels



Ethan Daniels is a freelance marine photojournalist fascinated with bizarre underwater marine life. He's studied biology and completed his graduate work at the University of Guam Marine Laboratory. He currently

combines his passions for natural history and photography to guide, write, and create unique award-winning images.

Discover Cocos with Ethan as his expertise will elevate even the most seasoned diver's experiences, both in and out of the water. Each day, Ethan will cover topics explaining why Cocos is a one-of-a-kind oasis. Daily presentations will address marine and island biogeography, fish behavior, and much more, including photo tips and workflow suggestions for your digital photography.

"Of all the places I've spent significant time in the water across the planet, Cocos is probably the most desirable in terms of witnessing unusual beasts and behaviors. Without doubt, we will have the time of our lives as we delve into a wet world where people are the distinct minority and where wildlife still rules."

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