

A nighttime photograph of a dense cityscape, likely Hong Kong, featuring numerous illuminated skyscrapers and a harbor in the background. The lights are primarily blue and white, creating a vibrant urban glow. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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ABOUT /ME



I was born in Vilnius, Lithuania and spend most of my life living and working in UK and United States. I finished my education receiving MBA in United States and after almost 15 years corporate career decided that working for large corporations is enough for me. So now almost for 5 years I am working as a freelance investment and finance consultant.

Together with my family I've spend more than 2 years living in South East Asia and doing freelance photography for a couple of years now. For me, photography is the perfect method to express and spread my passion for travel, exotic cultures, people and wildlife.

I'm excited to tell you my story, but the truth is that I just feel like a guy lucky enough to pick up a camera and find the beauty of the photography. My real trade is far from arts dealing with numbers in finance and investments projects. It's been a wild ride and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities that I've been given along the way.

In a nut shell being a freelance photographer gives me a chance to express my creativity mixing it with a passion for exotic cultures and destinations always searching for new perspectives.

Moreover, I am fortunate to be able to spend a good amount of time on consulting projects, traveling together with my family and meeting a great deal of people around the world. Currently I make my bed in Calpe, Spain and love assignments where I have the opportunity to travel.

When you don't find me dealing with numbers or a camera in my hand then you will be sure to see me kitesurfing somewhere around the world or spending as much time as I possibly can with my beautiful wife Vaiva and two precious daughters: Meta and Veja.

Never forget that the most wonderful things in life are the things you do, not the things you have.



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“Photography for me is not looking, it’s feeling.
If you can’t feel what you’re looking at,
then you’re never going to get others to feel
anything when they look at your pictures.”

Ao Nang, Krabi Province, Thailand

Loi Krathong festival, Thailand

During Loi Krathong festival candles are floated downriver on baskets made of banana leaves and wood, is held each year on the twelfth full moon (usually sometime in November).

It’s a must-see for any traveler in Southeast Asia.



“ Photography is about finding something interesting in an ordinary things ”

Hong Kong, SAR, China



Hong Kong welcomes with an iconic skyline, a legendary kitchen, and lush, protected nature where rare birds and colorful traditions thrive. Underneath the glass and steel of Hong Kong's commercial persona is a dynamic cultural landscape where its Chinese roots, colonial connections and the contributions of its home-grown talent become intertwined.





Hong Kong's enchanting neighborhoods and islands offer a sensory feast. You may find yourself swaying along on a historic double-decker tram, cheering with the crowd at the city-center horse races, or simply gazing out at the glorious harbor. What most visitors don't immediately realize is that over 70 percent of Hong Kong is mountains and sprawling country parks, some also home to geological and historical gems.



One of the world's top culinary capitals, the city that worships the God of Cookery has many a demon in the kitchen, whether the deliciousness in the pot is Cantonese, Sichuanese, Japanese or French. So deep is the city's love of food and so broad its culinary repertoire that whatever your gastronomic desires, Hong Kong will find a way to sate them.

“ The camera is an instrument that teaches people how to see without a camera. ”

Hong Kong, SAR, China

Standing at 552m, Victoria Peak is the highest point on Hong Kong Island. It is also one of the most visited spots by tourists, and it's not hard to see why. Sweeping views of the metropolis, verdant woods and easy but spectacular walks are all reachable in just eight minutes from Central via Hong Kong's 125-year-old, gravity-defying Peak Tram.

Some 500m to the northwest of the upper terminus, up steep Mt Austin Rd, is the site of the old governor's summer lodge, which was burned to the ground by Japanese soldiers during WWII. The beautiful gardens still remain, however, and have been refurbished with faux-Victorian gazebos, sundials, benches and stone pillars. They are open to the public; it takes about 30 minutes to get up here and your reward is that it's blissfully peaceful. Head past the gardens and you'll find a second lookout point with island and sea views.



Victoria Peak is a hill on the western half of Hong Kong Island. It is also known as Mount Austin, and locally as The Peak. With an elevation of 552 m it is the highest hill on Hong Kong island, ranked 31 in terms of elevation in Hong Kong (Tai Mo Shan is the highest point in Hong Kong with an elevation of 957 m.

“Photography for me is not looking, it’s feeling. If you can’t feel what you’re looking at, then you’re never going to get others to feel anything when they look at your pictures.”, that’s for sure

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Hong Kong, SAR, China



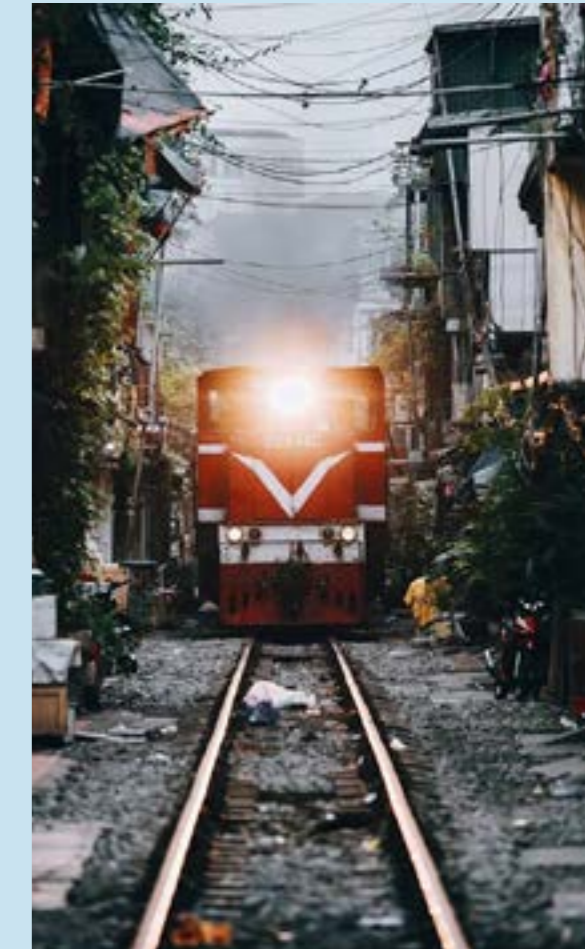
“ Taking pictures is savoring life intensely, every hundredth of a second... ”
Ha Noi, Vietnam

Vietnam's capital races to make up for time lost to the ravages of war and a government that as recently as the 1990s kept the outside world at bay. Its streets surge with scooters vying for right of way amid the din of constantly blaring horns, and all around layers of history reveal periods of French and Chinese occupation - offering a glimpse into the resilience of ambitious, proud Hanoians.

Negotiate a passage past the ubiquitous knock-off merchants and you'll find the original streets of the Old Quarter. Defiant

*real-deal farmers hawk their wares, while city folk breakfast on noodles, practise *t'ai chi* at dawn or play chess with goateed grandfathers.*

Dine on the wild and wonderful at every corner, sample market wares, uncover an evolving arts scene, then sleep soundly in luxury for very little cost. Meet the people, delve into the past and witness the awakening of a Hanoi on the move.



“Photography is the story
I fail to put into words.”

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Ho Chi Minh (Saigon), Vietnam

Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) is Vietnam at its most dizzying: a high-octane city of commerce and culture that has driven the country forward with its pulsating energy. A chaotic whirl, the city breathes life and vitality into all who settle here, and visitors cannot help but be hauled along for the ride.

From the finest of hotels to the cheapest of guesthouses, the classiest of restaurants to the tastiest of street stalls, the choicest of boutiques to the scrum of the markets, HCMC is a city of energy and discovery.

Wander through timeless alleys to incense-infused temples before negotiating chic designer malls beneath sleek 21st-century skyscrapers. The ghosts of the past live on in buildings that one generation ago witnessed a city in turmoil, but now the real beauty of the former Saigon's urban collage is the seamless blending of these two worlds into one exciting mass.



“ Taking an image, freezing a moment,
reveals how rich reality truly is. ”

Shi Lanka, India



You might say Sri Lanka has been hiding in plain sight. The country is moving forward quickly as more and more people discover its myriad charms.

Lying between the more trodden parts of India and Southeast Asia, Sri Lanka's history, culture and natural beauty are undeniably alluring. It's the place you haven't been to yet, that you should.

From spirit houses to temples and more, it is apparent how important the national religion, Theravada Buddhism, is to the Thai people. The religion in many ways affects the everyday life of Thais.



“ We are making photographs to understand what our lives mean to us ”

Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia



“ You don't take a photograph. You ask quietly to borrow it.

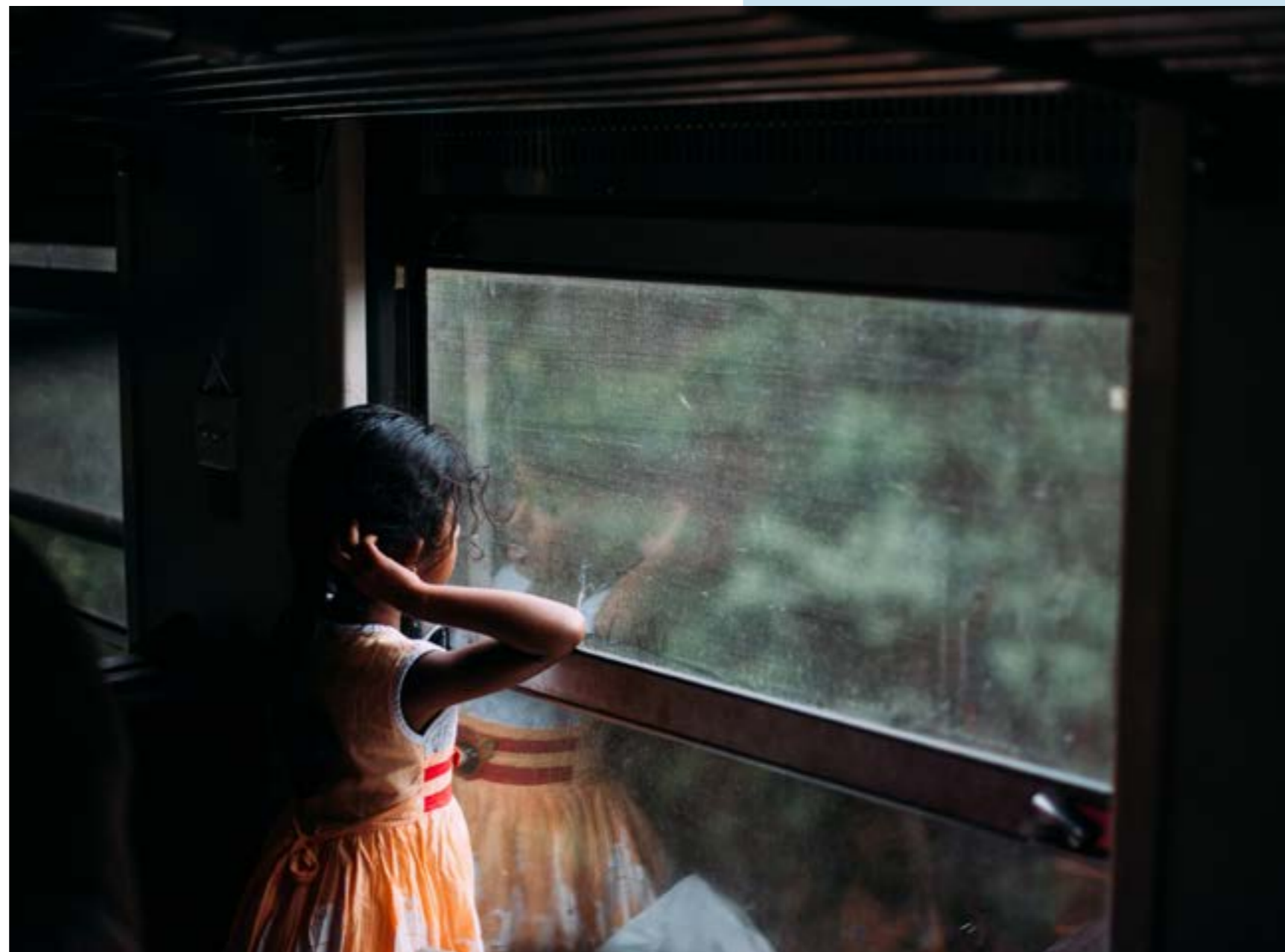
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Riding a train in Thailand

Friendly and food-obsessed, hedonistic and historic, cultured and curious, Thailand tempts visitors with a smile as golden as the country's glittering temples and tropical beaches.

Adored around the world, Thai cuisine expresses fundamental aspects of Thai culture: it is generous, warm, refreshing and relaxed. Thai dishes rely on fresh, local ingredients - pungent lemongrass, searing chillies and plump seafood. A varied national menu is built around the four fundamental flavours: spicy, sweet, salty and sour. Roving appetites go on

eating tours of Bangkok noodle shacks, seafood pavilions in Phuket, and Burmese market stalls in Mae Sot. Cooking classes reveal the simplicity behind the seemingly complicated dishes, and mastering the market is an important survival skill. Outside the cluttered cities and towns lies Thailand's rural heartland, a mix of rice paddies, tropical forests and villages where life is dominated by the rhythms of the agricultural clock. In the north, the forests and fields bump up against toothy blue mountains decorated with silvery waterfalls and honeycombed by deep caves.





It's one thing to make a picture of what a person looks like, it's another thing to make a portrait of who they are.

“ A portrait is not made in the camera but on either side of it.

Portraits

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White Hmong distinguished by the white dresses women wear on special occasions, and the Blue/Green Hmong by the blue batiked dresses that the women wear.



“ The best thing about a picture is that it never changes, even when the people in it do.”

Shri Lanka, India and Ha Giang, Vietnam

“ The picture that you took
with your camera is the
imagination you want to
create with reality ”

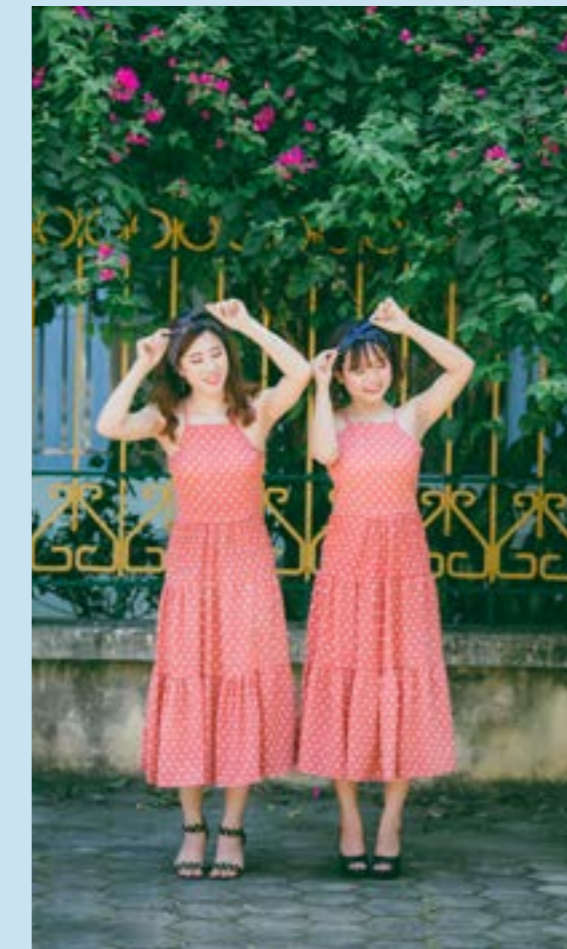
Central Thailand

This is considered the head as the most honorable part of the body. Therefore it is a great insult to touch a person's head, reach over it or point at a person's face. If you accidentally forget and do so, politely beg his or her pardon. If necessary to reach for something above someone's head, say "excuse me" first.

This place places a high priority on neatness and cleanliness and are rather sensitive to body odor. It is not uncommon to shower several times a day here.

The better you dress the more respect you will get in any level of society. One of the major differences between Thai culture and western culture is that long pants are worn in almost all settings.

Shorts are worn only to play sports. When doing ministry, you will need to be especially careful about your attire and make sure you are not "sloppy".



Nigerian woman with the head-tie known as gele (a Yoruba-language word), and can be rather large and elaborate. Left. Vietnamese man with traditional conical hat, commonly known as a rice hat. Right.



“Essentially what photography is is life lit up
Mekong Delta, Vietnam”

“ The camera is an instrument that teaches people how to see without a camera ”

Mekong Delta, Vietnam

Vietnamese woman bringing fish to the river market (Right).

The Mekong Delta (Vietnamese: Cửu Long river delta, also known as the Western Region in southwestern Vietnam where the Mekong River approaches and empties into the sea through a network of distributaries. The Mekong delta region encompasses a large portion of southwestern Vietnam of over 40,500 square kilometres.

The size of the area covered by water depends on the season. Its wet coastal geography, makes it an important source of

agriculture and aquaculture for the country.

Two portraits of Morocco bedouins while visiting Dhema Fna market in Marrakech (Top Right).

Bedouins traditionally live a nomadic lifestyle, spreading from the Persian Gulf to the Atlantic Ocean, and from the borders of Turkey to Yemen. The word 'bedouin' comes from the Arab word 'Bedou' that means "desert dweller." Estimates say nomadic Bedouins constitute about one-tenth of the population of the Middle East.



*Young Thai woman trying to catch Tuk Tuk in Bangkok street.
With so much of its daily life conducted on the street, there are few
cities in the world that reward exploration as Bangkok does.*



“ We are making photographs to understand what our lives mean to us. ”
Singapore



Sunrise in Bach Mā National Park is a protected area in central Vietnam, near the city of Hua.



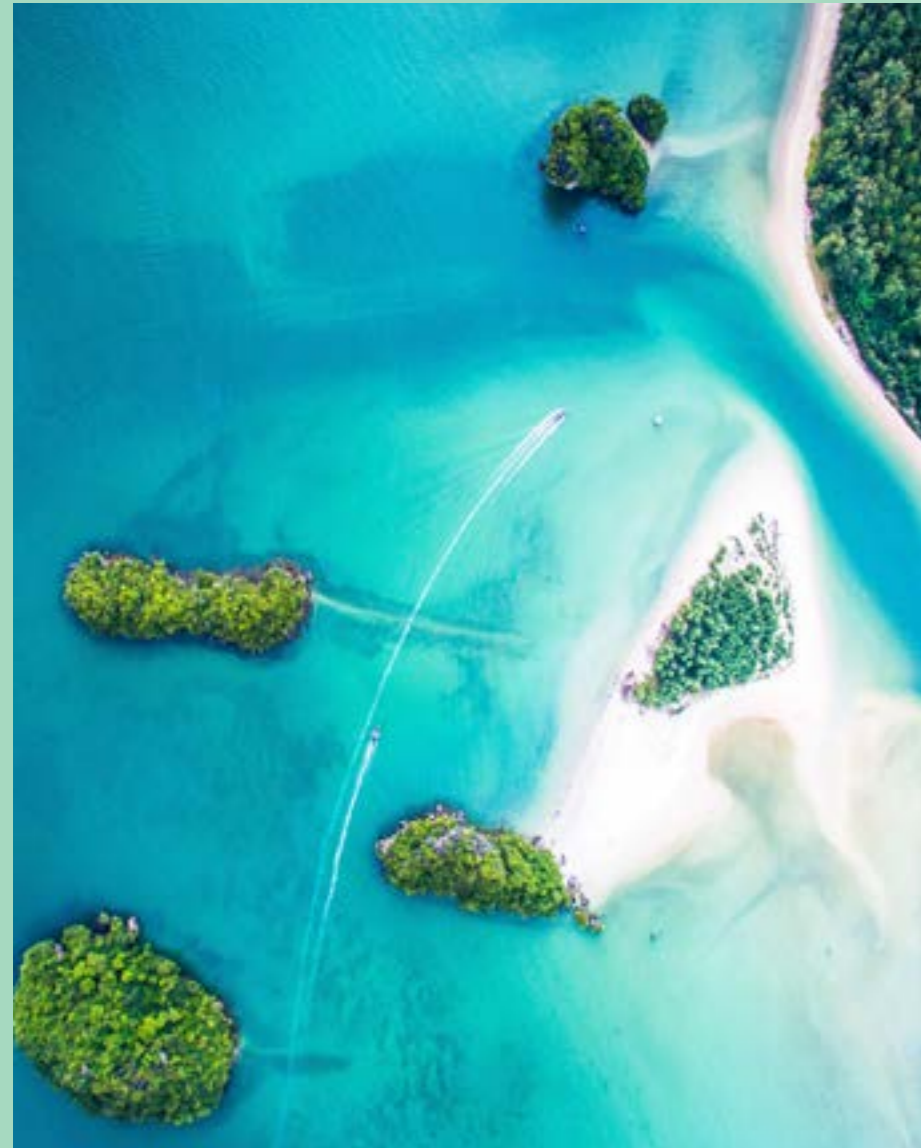
“ I don't trust words. I trust pictures ”

Bach Ma National Park, Vietnam

“ Photography is the truth

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Sunset in MuiNe, Vietnam



Koh Samui is an island off the east coast of Thailand. Geographically in the Chumphon Archipelago, it is part of Surat Thani Province. (Left)

Koh Samui, with an area of 228.7 square kilometres, is Thailand's second largest island after Phuket.

Mui Nè is a coastal fishing town in the south-central Binh Thuan Province of Vietnam. (Right)

“ A photograph is a secret about a secret. The more it tells you the less you know. ”

Rise paddies in Sapa, North Vietnam



Sapa town stands at the head of a deep valley of magnificent rice terraces that are still farmed today as they have been for centuries. Backdrops don't get much more spectacular. Enticing ribbons of road lead the eye down to the valley floor, while-water rivers rush among rice fields, and lush green mountains stretch into the distance as far as the eye can see. The highest peak in the region, Mount Fansipan, crowns the ragged ridge line high above town.

“ The whole
point of tak-
ing pictures
is so that you
don't have to
explain things
with words

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Krabi Province, Thailand

*Sunset in Khao Phanom Bencha National
Park. This is one of Krabi province lesser-
visited places.*

*The peaceful forests and cliffs are home to
an array of flora and fauna.*



“ What I like about photographs is that they capture a moment that’s gone forever. ”

Nusa Penida Beach, Bali, Indonesia



Sunset in Nusa Penida Kelingking Secret Point Beach. (Top Left)

Sunset at Nusa Dua Beach - a resort area built in the 1970s in the southern part of Bali, Indonesia. (Top Right)

Sunrise over Mount Agung (Indonesian: Gunung Agung) is an active volcano in Bali, Indonesia. It is the highest point on Bali, and dominates the surrounding area, influencing the climate, especially rainfall patterns. (Bottom Right)

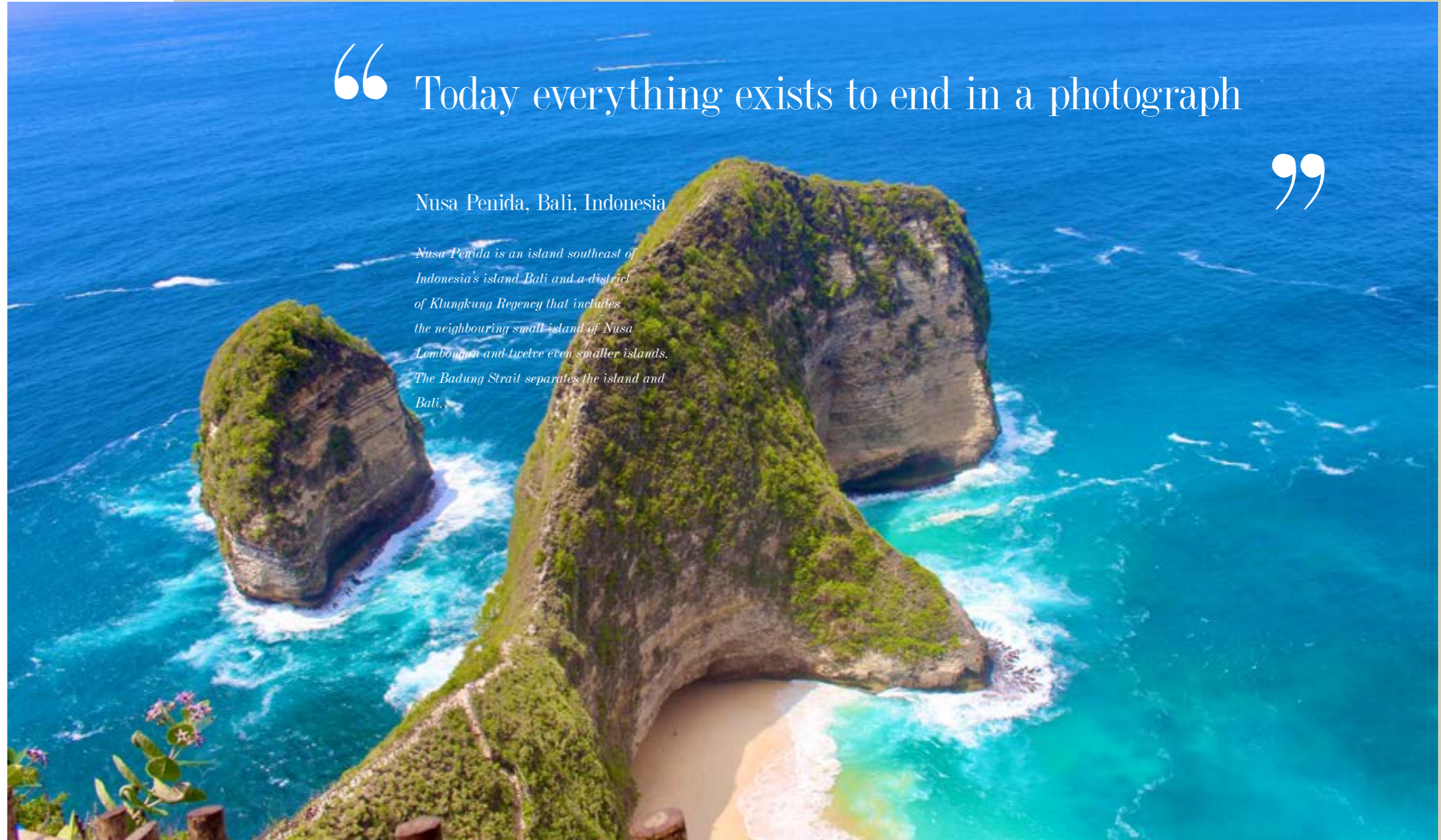




“ Today everything exists to end in a photograph ”

Nusa Penida, Bali, Indonesia

Nusa Penida is an island southeast of Indonesia's island Bali and a district of Klungkung Regency that includes the neighbouring small island of Nusa Lembongan and twelve even smaller islands. The Badung Strait separates the island and Bali.



“ My life is shaped by the urgent need to wander and observe, and my camera is my passport. ”
Mui Ne fishing village, Vietnam

Mui Nè is a coastal fishing town in the south-central Bình Thuận Province of Vietnam. The town, with approximately 25,000 residents, is a ward of the city of Phan Thiet.

Mui Nè ward has two beaches; Ganh Beach and Suoi Nuoc Beach. (Left)

French build lighthouse in Central Vietnam seashore (Right)

Rocky shore of Koh Samui island, Thailand. (Right)

Bamboo Island, Andaman sea, Thailand (Right bottom)

A visit to Thailand's best islands can be the highlight of any trip to the kingdom. It's an excellent way to unwind, with stunning beaches, nodding palms and accommodation within earshot of gently lapping waves. Thailand has hundreds of islands and it's true to say there's something for everyone along the miles of coastline, either in the Andaman Sea to the west or the Gulf of Thailand to the east.



“ Only photograph what you love.

Palm trees, Koh Samui

Koh Samui, Gulf of Thailand

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*Sunset in Koh Samui, Thailand. Sunsets are a time when the sky
boasts brilliancy in colours which are never the same.
Samui are always a sight for sore eyes.*



“ It is more important to click with people
than to click the shutter.”

Hoi An, Central Vietnam



Photographing children can be a joyful and rewarding process, but it's also uniquely challenging

*My Son Temple, Central Vietnam (Left)
Koh Samui, Thailand (Top Right)
Koh Samui, Thailand wild beach
(Bottom Right).*

“ I like to photograph anyone before they know what their best angles are. ”

Koh Samui, Gulf of Thailand



Koh Samui beaches have some of the finest white sands in Thailand. Add to that the azure waters of the Gulf of Thailand and the endless coconut trees lining up the shore, and you have the recipe for tropical heaven.

With over 50 km of coastline hosting something like 40 beaches, bays, and small coves, there's no shortage of choice..

“ Great photography is about depth of feeling, not depth of field.

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Koh Samui, Gulf of Thailand

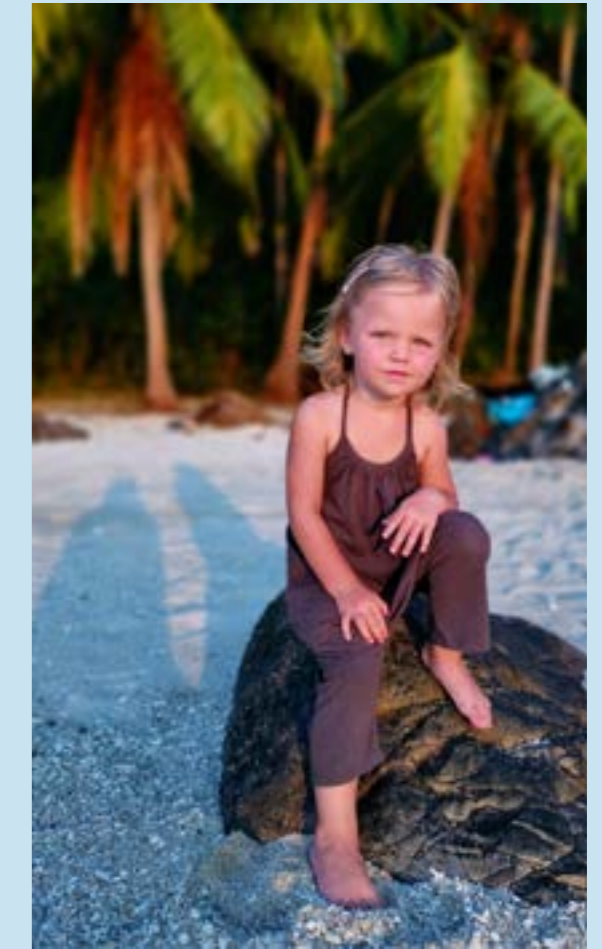
Children are both photogenic and notoriously difficult to photograph. During a posed photo shoot, they can sometimes be shy or behave differently than usual, making the portraits seem 'set up' or inauthentic, or at least hard to shoot.

That's why some families choose to have a lifestyle photo shoot instead, aiming for candid rather than posed shots. Getting a great candid portrait of a child can be challenging, but if you succeed, that photo may be treasured for years. To increase your chances of nailing that shot, here are

a handful of tips for your next photo shoot with kids.

Everything happens way too fast, making it extremely difficult for the photographer to capture the moment. Because of that, many of us end up with blurry and out-of-focus photographs and wonder how we can improve our photography skills to get better results

Children in Koh Samui, Thailand beaches.



“ Once photography enters your bloodstream, it is like a disease.

Koh Samui, Thailand

The best things to do with kids in Koh Samui naturally start with visiting the beaches. However, if you're looking for something a little less sandy, we've got a list of options right here. Samui is a very family-friendly destination, hosting a wide range of attractions and activities that will please your little ones.

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“ A photograph is a secret about a secret.
The more it tells you the less you know.”

Ha Giang, North Vietnam



*Sa Pa, North Vietnam (Left)
Singapore (Top Right)
Singapore (Bottom Right)*

“ Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them ”

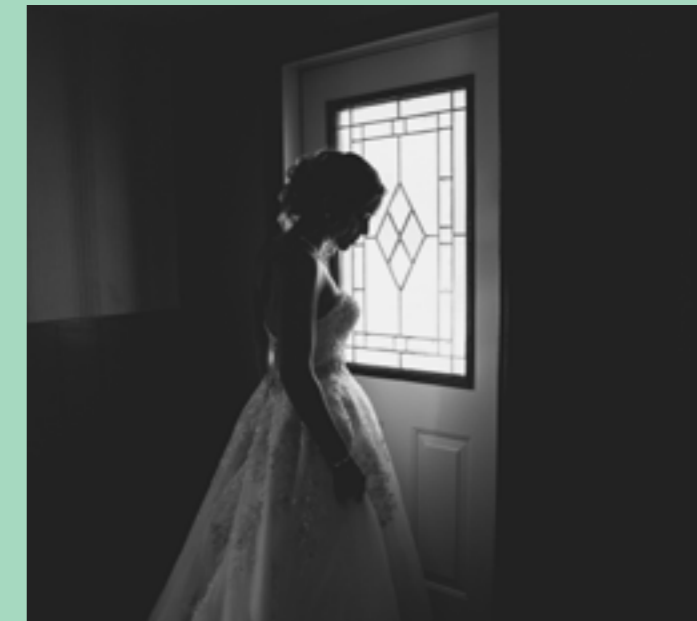
Nha Trang, Central Vietnam



*Singapore, Little India district
Little India is distinct from the Chulia Kampong area, which, under the Raffles Plan of Singapore, was originally a division of colonial-era Singapore where ethnic Indian immigrants would reside under the plan's outline of the formation of ethnic enclaves. Today is a lively and vibrant district of Singapore famous for an excellent Indian food. .*

“ The most important thing at a wedding is to photograph the bride. ”

Wedding Moments



If you force it and you keep looking for moments then you'll end up shooting what you think the wedding should look like rather than actual moments that are unfolding in front of you.

How many frames do we need to remember someone or someplace?

Most people only really need one



“ It is a profound honor as a photographer to witness two people falling in love. ”
Wedding Moments

“ A good photograph is knowing where to stand.

Wedding Moments

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Photography is like a moment, an instant. You need a half-second to get the photo. So it's good to capture people when they are themselves.

If your pictures aren't good enough, you're not close enough



“ Black and white is abstract;
Color is not.

New York, NY, U.S.A.

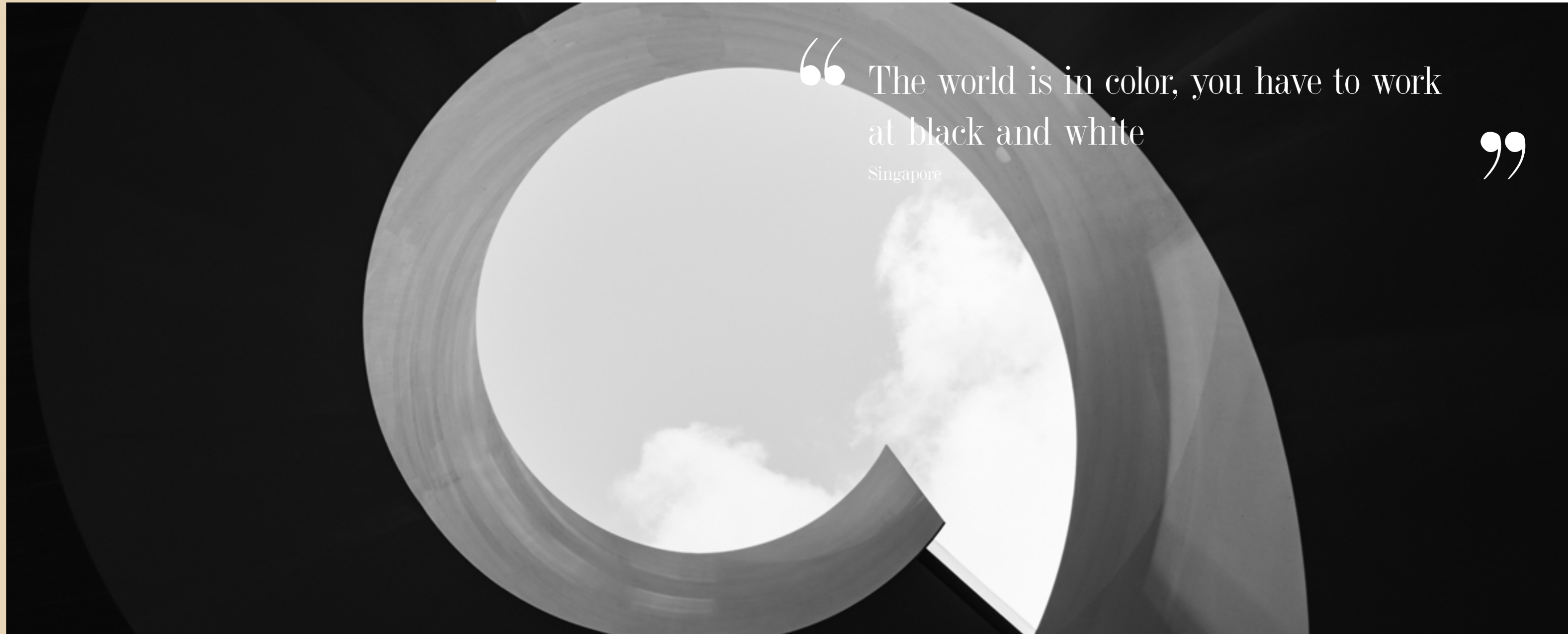
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When you create a black and white photograph, you create something that is abstract and strikingly real at the same time. Black and white photography is strange that way. It is perhaps this abstract quality that makes black and white images so intriguing and timeless..

Producing noteworthy black and white photographs often involve more than just converting a colour photo to grayscale.

I think it's because it was an emotional story, and emotions come through much stronger in black and white. Color is distracting in a way, it pleases the eye but it doesn't necessarily reach the heart.



“ Don't be afraid to take a jump.”

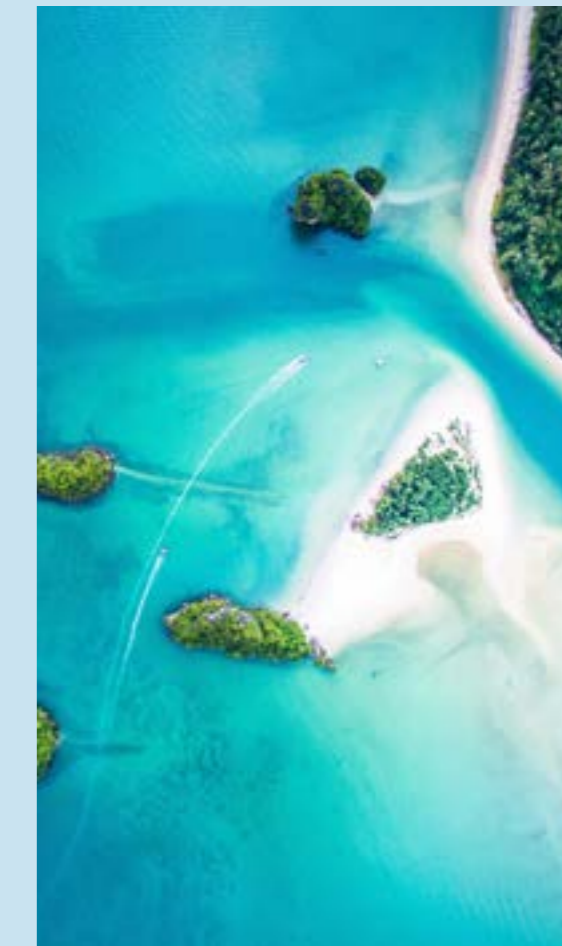
Aerial view of Sydney Harbour, Australia

Aerial photography is that kind of photography where pictures are captured from a higher altitude such as planes, air balloons, parachutes, and skyscrapers. These pictures provide a larger view of the subject and its background.

Aerial photography captures some of the most awe-inspiring views of Earth that we've ever seen. Taking cameras to new heights—literally—the vantage points allow us to experience the world from which humans were never meant to do so.

It seems we'll never tire of aerial photography. Today, drone technology has given us a whole new perspective on the field. Photographers now have more control than ever when snapping a picture; with the advent of drone apps and smartphones as second monitors, they can line up the perfect shot.

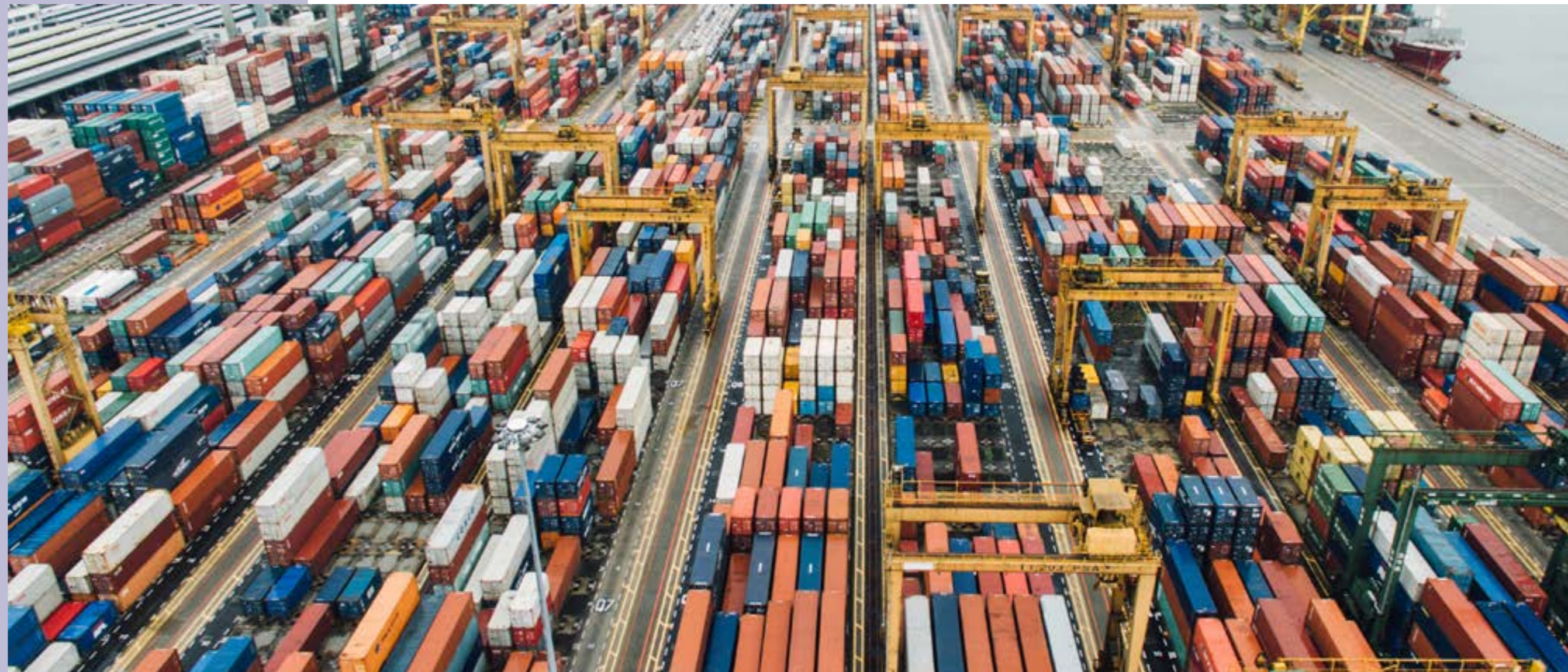
For me, an aerial picture is no different than a close-up portrait. It's a question of framing and angle. Helicopters are great for that. But I've also used planes. Of course, I always have a harness.



The Port of Hong Kong, located by the South China Sea, is a deepwater seaport dominated by trade in containerised manufactured products, and to a lesser extent raw materials and passengers. A key factor in the economic development of Hong Kong, the natural shelter and deep waters of Victoria Harbour provide ideal conditions for all types of vessels.

“ A photograph is a moral decision taken in one eighth of a second ”

Hong Kong Port



“ A good snapshot keeps a moment from running away ”

Singapore skyline



More than a third of the Vietnamese city's historic buildings have been destroyed over the past 20 years.

Can it learn from mistakes made by other fast-growing Asian cities before it is too late?

“ Taking pictures is savoring life intensely every hundredth of a second. ”

Bali, Indonesia. Ocean waves from above

Waves are the reason surfing exists as a sport. You can't ride a wave that wasn't born. Pretty philosophical, isn't it? Well, that's our goal. Dive with us into the magical universe of (un)broken waves.

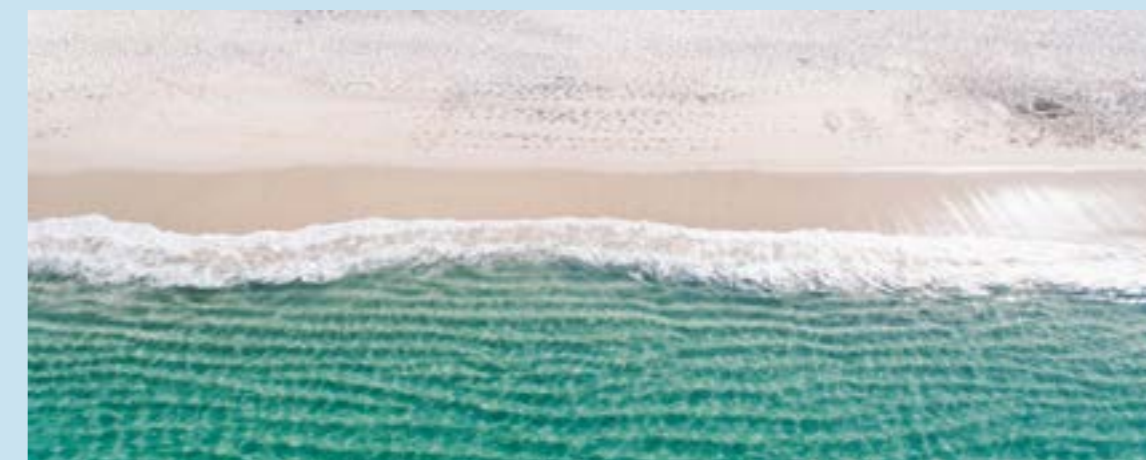
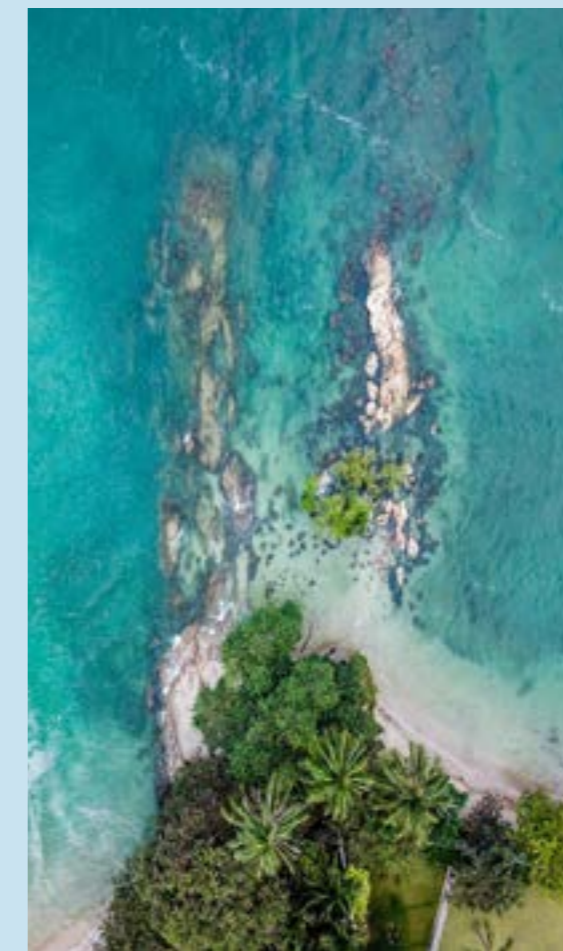
Waves are like children of the ocean. They're meaningful to us, surfers. Have you ever closed your eyes while riding a wave against the setting sun? Brilliant experience.

Waves are most commonly caused by wind. Wind-driven waves, or surface waves, are created by the friction between wind and surface water. As wind blows across the

surface of the ocean or a lake, the continual disturbance creates a wave crest. ... These waves are tides or, in other words, tidal waves.

I love to photograph the waves from the above since every second ocean is different and magical on it's own.

There is no new wave, only the sea



“ No man is an island, entire of itself

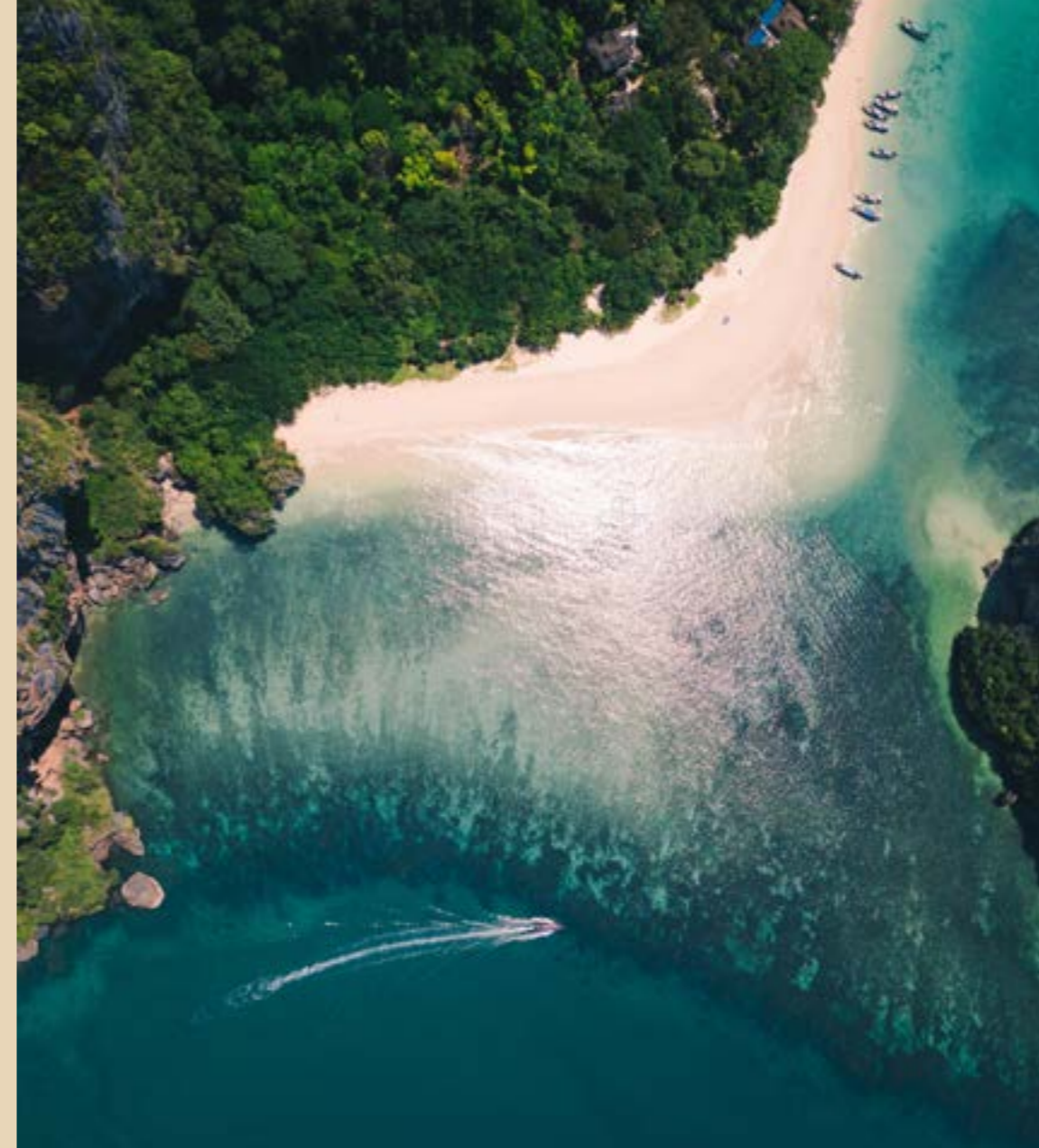
Aerial photography

Koh Samui beach from above



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*Koh Tao island from above,
Thailand.*



“ Life is shaped by the need to wander and observe, and my camera is my passport. ”

Central Vietnam near Nha Trang



Aerial views of the islands in Krabi province, Thailand.

To me, photography is the simultaneous recognition in a fraction of a second of the significance of an event



“ If you gaze long into an abyss, the abyss will also gaze into you.

”

Panglao, Philippines

There are so many dive sites around Panglao Island, Bohol that every dive center tries to show off which one offers the most diving spots.

Because we are in warm, tropical waters, all the “official” dive sites are nearby. But, the best diving sites are a little bit farther away. Because of this distance, they are not overcrowded, unlike the official diving spots.

“ Never say never because limits, like fears, are often just an illusion.

”

Best free diving moments

Freediving is a form of underwater diving that relies on breath-holding until resurfacing rather than the use of breathing apparatus such as scuba gear.

Besides the limits of breath-hold, immersion in water and exposure to high ambient pressure also have physiological effects that limit the depths and duration possible in freediving.

If you think freediving is just like snorkeling (but going really deep) - think again. Freediving is an entirely different way to experience the underwater world.

You'll dive deeper, stay down longer, and feel part of the ocean itself.

Freediving can also be a competitive sport. Divers around the world train for years to set world records in static apnea, dynamic apnea, free immersion and constant weight freediving.

Freedivers silently blend into the underwater environment. They enjoy magical encounters with shy marine life and hear all the sounds of the ocean.





*To uncover your true potential you must first find your own limits
and then you have to have the courage to blow past them*





“ Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you.

”

Panglao, Philippines

Freediving is the perfect way to reconnect to the sea and explore the depths of the oceans with minimal impact. Some people freedive for the personal challenge, but for many, the true appeal of freediving is in the silence and calm it brings to their hectic lives.

Sharks are one of the most popular underwater photo and video subjects. And for good reason - they swim in a way that is different from other fish, and while some hide in nooks of the reef, the most photographed swim confidently in the open with a mouthful of teeth, eliciting awe, and pumping the adrenaline of eager divers.

There are many different ways to photograph sharks, from long focal lengths to capture natural encounters to intense feeding sessions where only a fisheye lens will capture the scene.

My love for photographing sharks goes hand in hand with my desire to accurately portray their beauty and highlight the vital role they play within our ocean's ecosystem. Sharks can no longer withstand the inaccurate stigma society has attached to them as being nothing more than mindless killing machines.

“ It’s not the size of the man but the size of the heart that matters. ”

Raja Ampat, Indonesia

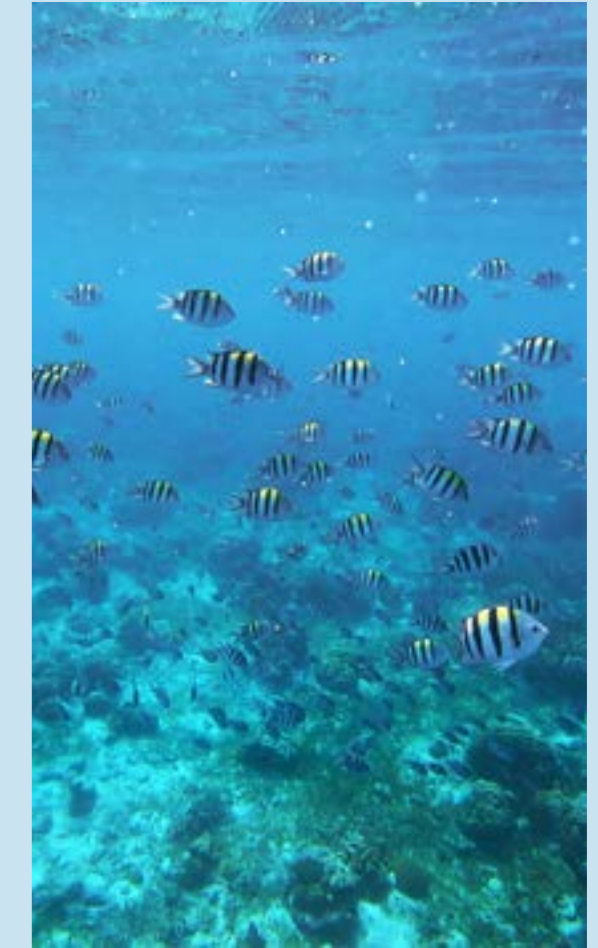
Located off the northwest tip of Bird’s Head Peninsula on the island of New Guinea, in Indonesia’s West Papua province.

An archipelago comprising over 1,500 small islands, cays, and shoals surrounding the four main islands of Misool, Salawati, Batanta, and Waigeo, and the smaller island of Kofiau.

Home to the largest manta ray sanctuary & the richest coral reef ecosystems in the world and earning the Prized Crown Jewel of Indonesia award as a global center of

marine biodiversity. Raja Ampat is the most protected marine areas in Indonesia. 75 percent of all Hard Coral Species that exist in the world are in Raja Ampat.

Indonesia is located right in the middle of the coral triangle concentrating more than 76 percent of all coral species, every dive will be exceptional. From the world-famous Komodo islands to the off beaten tracks journeys of the eastern islands of Indonesia, Alor, forgotten islands, Raja Ampat and Cendrawasih bay to name just a few offers limitless possibilities.



“ Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it.

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Koh Samui, Thailand

Descend into the clear, tropical waters surrounding Koh Samui and you'll know you've found aquatic paradise. The Gulf of Thailand is teeming with tropical marine life, and divers from all over the world come to dive in Koh Samui to experience this underwater wonderland.

Offering a range of sites from granite pinnacles, rocky seamounts and vibrant coral reefs teeming with life, this small island packs a mighty punch. You can see why diving in Koh Samui is a popular choice.

As you head out to deeper sites, keep your eyes out into the blue for whale sharks who frequent these waters. Stingrays, eels, barracuda and turtles are often pass you by.

Black coral, barrel sponges, sea fans and an abundance of soft coral peppered with sea anemones make diving in Koh Samui a firm favourite.





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