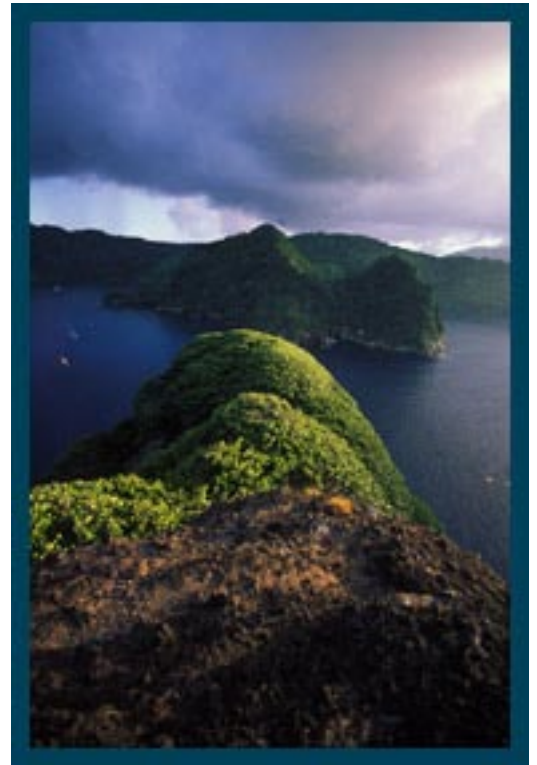


Cocos Island, Costa Rica Expedition

Nov 19th - Nov 29th 2006

“The mission of the Imaging Foundation is educational and most importantly, inspires us to be more aware of our environment. I was uncertain if there was anything I could contribute on our expedition, but was surprised that through our power talks and hands-on learning, I was able to contribute. The diving at Cocos was awesome too!”

Barbara Chervenell - Kennewick WA - Cocos team member - November 2005



The Imaging Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to image based natural history education. Each project has a specific focus.

While no prior experience is required to become an Imaging Foundation volunteer, our volunteers need to be adaptable, energetic, and be willing to work as part of an expedition team. Volunteers become vital team members in the development of fresh, new, cutting edge classroom uploads. Employing the Internet and pod casting, Imaging Foundation teams are reaching kids in novel, innovative ways. Who taught you about the ocean? Isn't it time you gave back? Join an Imaging Foundation expedition, make a difference and enjoy the best dive trip you have ever had.



IF Returns!

Cocos Classroom -

Topics you will help teach to our third grade class

- Statistics - Scientific Methods - As explained to third graders
- What is the United Nations? What is a World Heritage Site? Why is Cocos a World Heritage Site? What are other World Heritage Sites?
- Shark Feeding Behavior - Symbiosis and predation

While on location, our team will continue to enhance our image bank. We will hold focus groups to help determine directives for next year's agenda.

CHECK OUT WHAT WE DID LAST YEAR!



Do your dreams include diving Cocos Island for some of the most amazing diving in the world? What if you could do it as a tax-deductible trip? Join us on our upcoming expedition, when we will journey to this World Heritage Site, so designated due to the prolific pelagic animals found in the surrounding waters, to gather material for the Imaging Foundation. Assist with animal identification, databasing, brainstorming and a variety of other duties while your diving dream becomes a reality.

Your Hosts

Jay Ireland and Georgienne Bradley are the perfect duo to host this trip, having logged over 3,000 dives here. They assisted in the development of the United Nations' World Heritage Proposal which resulted in the inclusion of Cocos on that prestigious list. They launched the Costa Rica Marine Imaging Project, a local awareness program about the beauty and importance of the marine and freshwater environs. Their original photography has been showcased in a series of national postage stamps and an entire year of lottery ticket imagery, illustrating the beauty of the Costa Rican oceans and rainforests.

Expedition Description

Underwater: High adrenaline diving! The probable guest list includes hammerheads, mantas, dolphins, massive schools of jacks, Galapagos sharks, whale sharks, oceanic white tip sharks AND MORE!

Topside: This is the largest uninhabited island in the world. There are over 300 waterfalls, which may be seen as you circumnavigate the island. We will spend some time exploring the island and photographing the endemic animals. Did you know that Darwin studied the Cocos Finch along with the Galapagos birds?

Boat description and more information:

<http://underseahunter.com>



Expense and Tax Deduction Information

The Imaging Foundation is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt corporation under the United States Internal Revenue Service. It is not a private foundation. U.S. tax deductible expenses may include:

- live-aboard cost of \$3,445 *
- airfare to San José, Costa Rica
- National Park Fee of \$245
- pre and post live-aboard hotel
- trip cancellation insurance



\$1000 deposit required to reserve a spot.

There are other related expenses such as crew tips and Costa Rica departure tax, some of which may be deductible for residents of the US and other countries. Participants must check with their tax advisors regarding deduction limits and other particulars. Please see the relevant [IRS publication](#) for more information.

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* All monies paid to Imaging Foundation are considered donations and, therefore, are **not refundable**. Trip insurance may be found at Divers Alert Network (www.DiversAlertNetwork.org) and we strongly recommend it.

Call or [email us \(info@imagingfoundation.org\)](mailto:info@imagingfoundation.org) with any questions.

Most foreign destinations require US citizens to carry a valid US passport. Please visit [The Bureau of Consular Affairs](#) website to check the trip destination requirements regarding passport and visa. If you are a non-US citizen please check the website of your country of citizenship regarding the trip destination requirements for entry. It is the responsibility of all passengers to obtain the appropriate visas for their expedition. If you have any questions please contact the Imaging Foundation.

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