

P R E S S R E L E A S E

Orion's sharp focus on Vietnam

Learn from the experts. Award winning wildlife photographer, author and filmmaker, Sue Flood, joins international photographer Nick Rains as a guest presenter onboard *Orion II* during a 9 night *Vietnam Explorer* photographic voyage.

This is an opportunity for enthusiasts of all levels to improve their photographic skills while on location in one of the world's most photogenic settings, Vietnam.

Starting in Ho Chi Minh this voyage includes 4 photogenic World Heritage sites - Hue, Hoi An, My Son and Ha Long Bay. There will be ample opportunity to experience and capture the cultural, historic and geographic diversity of Vietnam including the Saigon River, busy with sampans, exploring the traditional fishing village of Baie de Cu Mon, rarely seen by outsiders and exploring Nha Trang's Communist Party headquarters.

Nick and Sue will be holding regular workshops onboard before taking guests ashore on location along with members of Orion's specialist expedition team.

Onboard photography workshops include professional advice and instruction on understanding and optimizing camera settings, selecting the best lens for the occasion, framing your subject and 'capturing the moment' along with instruction on the dark art of digital editing-software and printing.

Explore, experience and shoot from dawn to dusk, with internationally recognised and awarded professional photographers; then relax, compare images and enjoy superb cuisine, wines and company by night onboard *Orion II*.

Orion II's 9 night *Vietnam Explorer* photo expedition departs 30 March 2012, Ho Chi Minh City to Haiphong (for Hanoi) and includes Nha Trang, Baie de Cu Mon/Bai Nam Beach, Da Nang (for My Son and Hoi An), Chan May (for Hue), Ha Long Bay & Cat Ba.

Special offer: Save 30%

Fares from \$5,135 (usually \$7,335) per person, twin share for an ocean view Category B suite – representing a saving of 30% if booked before the end of February 2012

For reservations, or to obtain an Orion brochure featuring *Vietnam* and other itineraries to destinations stretching from Antarctica to the Russian Far East, call Orion Expedition Cruises: 61-2 9033 8777 (Sydney callers) 1300 361 012 (regional and interstate) / 0800 444 462 (New Zealand) or see your travel agent. Email: info@orionexpeditions.com

Details of *Vietnam Explorer* itinerary available at http://www.orionexpeditions.com/expeditions/thailand/voyage_summary

Additional information:

Nick Rains

International Photographer. Nick Rains, studied Zoology at university in Britain which led him to a career in photography.

Over the years Nick has worked with the Australian Tourism Commission, Tourism NSW, Penguin Books, Readers Digest Books, Shell Petroleum, BBC TV, Sports Illustrated, World Heritage Commission, Australian Geographic plus many more.

Nick is involved with teaching and writing and is the editor of *Better Digital Camera* magazine.

Examples of images from Nick Rains' earlier visits to Vietnam are available for reference at <http://www.nickrainsimaging.com/p576535241>

Sue Flood

Sue Flood is an award-winning wildlife photographer, author and filmmaker. She joined the BBC Natural History Unit in 1993 and spent 11 years at the BBC, fulfilling a lifelong ambition to work with her childhood (and adult!) hero, Sir David Attenborough.

Her BBC experience including working as Associate Producer on the award-winning series *The Blue Planet*, and also *Planet Earth* and the Disney nature movie *Earth*. Sue also produced four films for the BBC:

- *Polar Bears on Thin Ice*
- *A Boy Among Polar Bears*
- *Killer Whale Special*
- *Life of Mammals*

In March 2005 Sue left the BBC to pursue her wildlife photography career and she is now a professional photographer, represented by Getty Images.

Recognition of Sue's work includes awards in the following competitions: International Photographer of the Year, Travel Photographer of the Year, the Art Wolfe (Best of Festival) Award in the International Conservation Photography Awards, and Royal Photographic Society Silver Medal.

Additional information available at <http://www.sueflood.com/bio-awards>

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