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Nature's canvas! A vibrant coral reef in crystal-clear water - Roatan, Honduras

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Kelp canopy - California, USA

Have you ever taken a stroll through an underwater forest? California's Catalina Island is home to one of the world's most pristine kelp forests and protected marine parks. Light passes through the dense foliage while fish surround you. A true wonder of the natural world!

Then there's Utah: wildflowers at your feet, mountains ahead, and a sky that seems to go on forever. I'm drawn to visual contrast, but the fresh aroma of this captivating mountain scene will always stay with me. From peaks to seas, the world is full of gorgeous places that can truly take our breath away.



Alpine wildflowers - Uinta Mountains, Utah, USA

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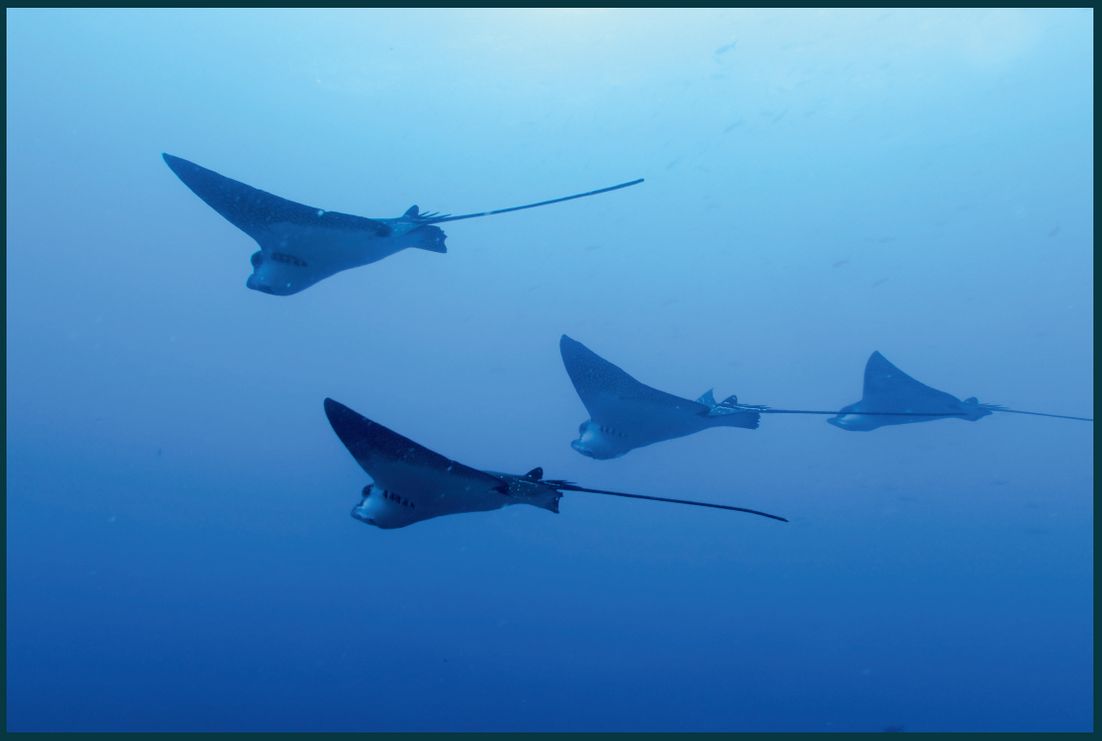
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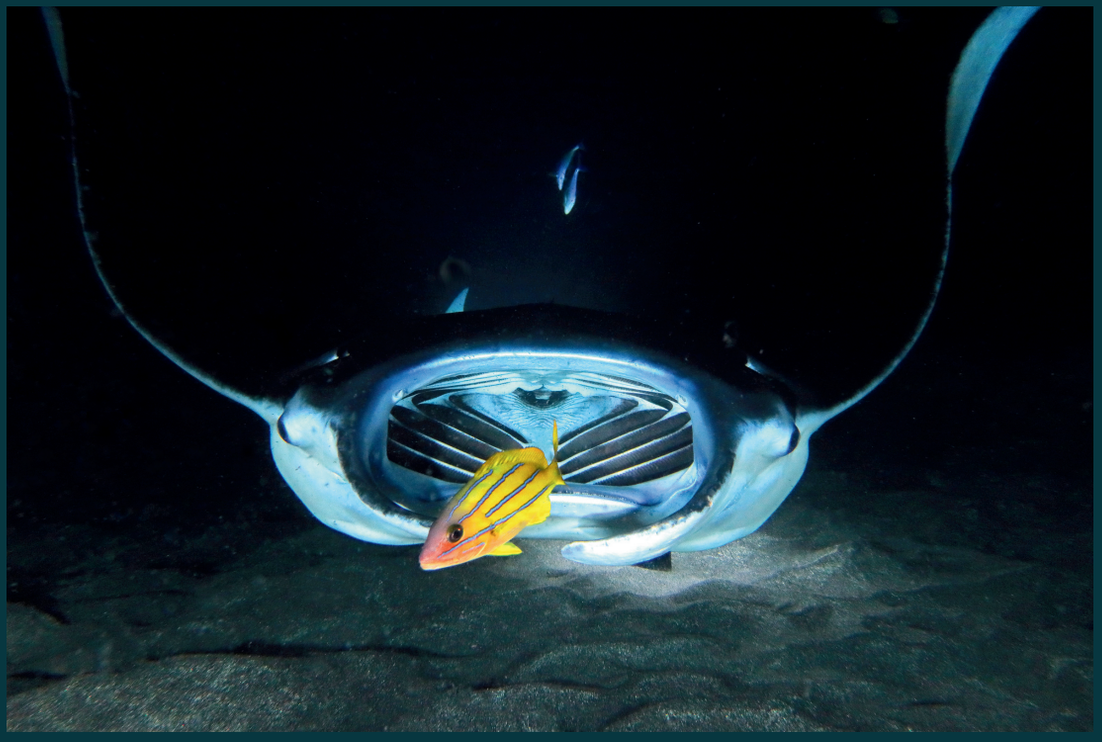
Freshwater spring, above and below - Morrison Springs, Florida, USA

This half-above and half-below shot shows how fine the line is between our perspectives of the world. A slight angle shift in either direction completely alters your view from land to below the surface. The clear water of Florida's underground aquifer system is beautiful beyond words! Many of Florida's springs reveal groundwater flowing through openings in the limestone below our feet. Here at Morrison Springs, a pool roughly 250 feet across releases an estimated 48 million gallons of water each day. Beneath this peaceful forest setting, an extraordinary amount of water is always on the move. These spring-fed waters sustain fish, turtles, and aquatic plants, while the surrounding forest provides habitat for birds and other wildlife, connecting the underwater world with the life along its banks.

Rays



Spotted eagle ray formation - Wolf Island, Galápagos Islands, Ecuador



Barrel-rolling, plankton-feeding manta ray - Kona, Hawaii

Magic of the Galápagos



Scalloped hammerhead - Darwin Island, Galápagos Islands, Ecuador



Whale shark - Darwin Island, Galápagos Islands, Ecuador



Pacific creolefish in the blue - Galápagos Islands, Ecuador

Marine mammals



Dolphins cruising the open blue - Red Sea, Egypt



A curious manatee comes in for a closer look - Florida Springs, USA



A Galápagos sea lion pup blissfully naps on a “cozy” rock - Galápagos Islands, Ecuador

Reef portraits



A vibrant Garibaldi brings a burst of color to the mysterious kelp forest - Catalina Island, California



Gray angelfish of the Caribbean - Cozumel, Mexico



A gorgeous Pacific lionfish shows its wings - Oshima, Japan

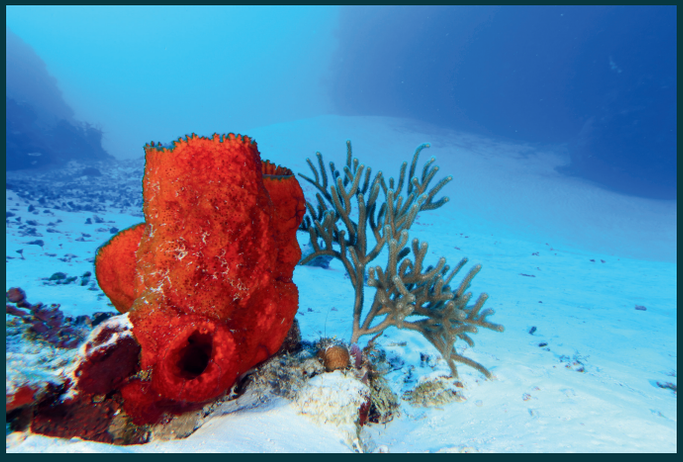
Reef life



Eyes galore! Glassy sweepers crowd the reef - Red Sea, Egypt



Morning commute. Bluestriped grunts - Cozumel, Mexico



Tranquility on the sea floor. Orange tube sponge - Cozumel, Mexico

Small wonders of the reef



Roses are red, sea slugs are... wait a minute?
Spanish dancer nudibranch - Oshima, Japan



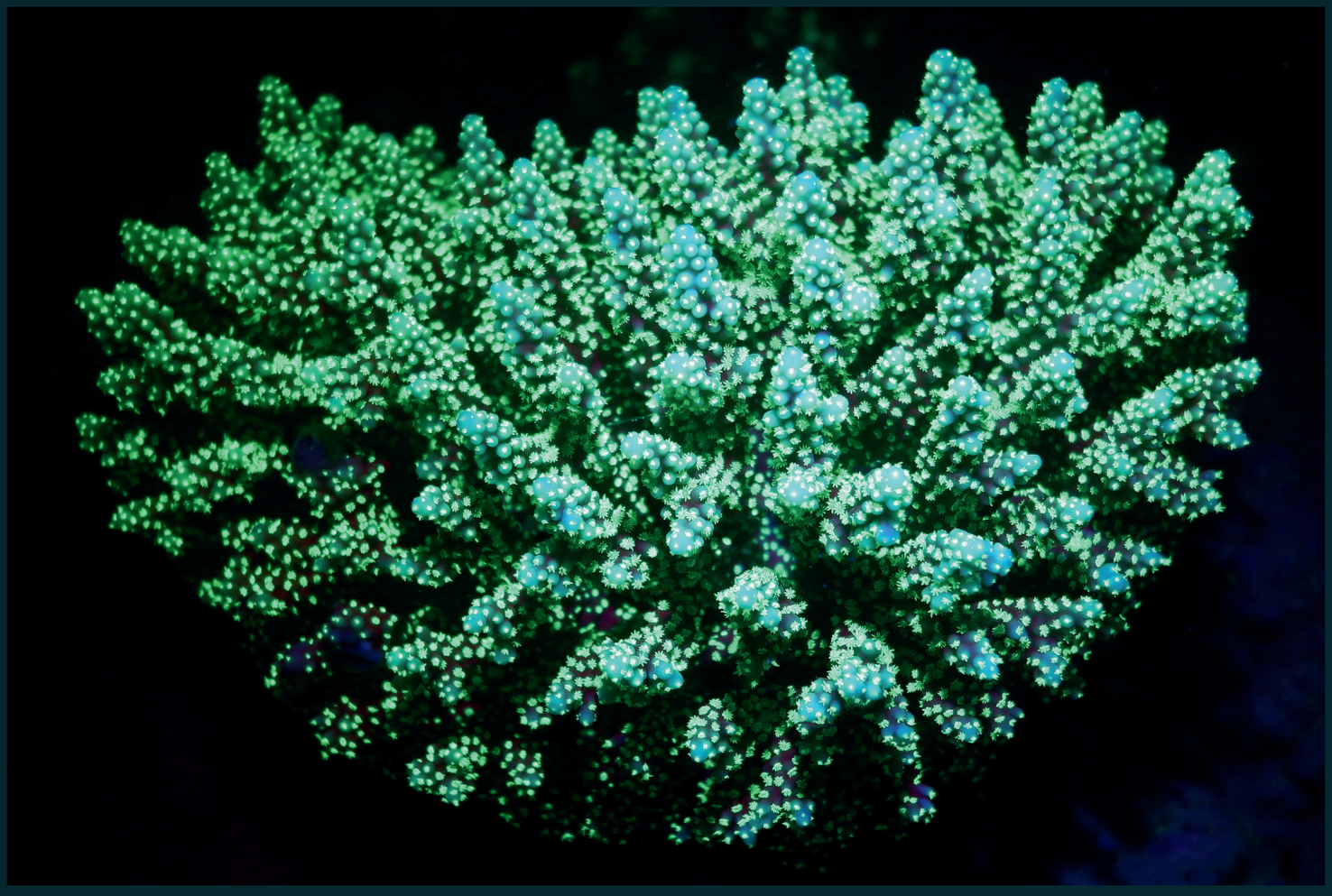
You want a piece of me? Tomato anemonefish guarding its home - Tonaki Island, Okinawa, Japan



Fifty shades of orange. A stunning Caribbean reef octopus heads out for a nocturnal stroll - Cozumel, Mexico

The ocean is full of colorful, alien, and beautiful life forms. A Spanish dancer's flowing shape, a shape-shifting octopus, and an anemonefish nestled in its host offer three very different glimpses of reef life. Let these small wonders bring a burst of color and curiosity to your wall!

The reef after dark



Fluorescent branching coral polyps - Red Sea, southern Egypt

Science time! Blue excitation light energizes fluorescent molecules in the coral, which emit light at longer wavelengths. An amber barrier filter blocks reflected blue light so the glow stands out. The tiny glowing dots are coral polyps, the small animals that build the reef.

Fungus among us



Fluorescent wild cap mushrooms and leaf litter - Florida, USA



Red-capped Russula mushroom - Florida, USA

Edges of land and sea



Care for a swim? A turquoise bay tucked beneath the hills - Corfu, Greece



Bird's-eye paradise. Island channels - Belize



Rocky shores, peaceful waters - Cornwall, England

Remarkable adaptations



At home beneath the waves. Marine iguana - Galápagos Islands, Ecuador



Color outside the lines! Red-sided garter snake - California, USA



Dinner is ready! A color-changing cuttlefish with a freshly caught meal - Okinawa, Japan



Do not disturb! Sleeping parrotfish at night - Roatan, Honduras

Wild neighbors



What a cutie! Juvenile rough green snake - Medina County, Texas



Grazing plains and tasting grains. American bison - Salt Lake City, Utah

Rugged landscapes and dramatic scenery



Standing with giants! Redwood forest - California



Don't look down! Pulpit Rock - Preikestolen, Lysefjord, Norway



What dreams are made of - Snowdonia, Wales



Green and gray are here to stay - Old Man of Storr, Isle of Skye, Scotland

Japan in color



Sunburst over the valley - Mount Fuji, Japan



Sakura blossoms - Showa Kinen Park, Japan

Living Room

Bring the outdoors in.



A living room holds so much of our everyday life: quiet mornings, evenings together, and conversations with friends and family. The art we choose makes that space feel like our own. Trolltunga's dramatic rock overhang above a Norwegian mountain lake, a spotted ray resting on sand in Egypt, and a lively reef in Okinawa, Japan bring a love of discovery into the room. Together, they offer peaceful distance and vivid detail, inviting guests to share travel stories and giving us a beautiful view to come home to.

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Office or Conference Room

A wider perspective on the working day.



Between business deadlines, meetings, and hours at a screen, it helps to have a view that puts the day in perspective. A stingray gliding over pale sand, with a fish traveling above it, brings a sense of space and graceful movement. The orange reef beside it offers color, energy, and intricate detail. Together, they invite a thoughtful pause and give colleagues and clients a natural starting point for conversation. I can't think of a better backdrop for a working day than a glimpse of the marine world!

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Lobby / Waiting Area

West Coast sea to forest.



A lobby is often our first impression of a place, and a few quiet moments there can set the tone for everything that follows. A garibaldi silhouetted beneath sunlit water at Catalina Island invites visitors to imagine the stillness below the surface. Beside it, a moss-covered fallen log draws the eye into a sunlit woodland. Together, these photographs offer a beautiful contrast of worlds from California's forest and ocean environments, inviting viewers to recall a favorite dive, a walk in the woods, or simply a moment of peace and serenity before their appointment.

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Hallway and Open Floor

A little wonder along the way.



The spaces we pass through every day deserve a little of what makes us happy. A sunflower, delicate blossoms, and purple lupine bring the pleasure of a garden into an ordinary journey from one room to another. Their familiar shapes and changing colors can recall a favorite walk, a season, or a place we have loved. Together, they give a hallway a cheerful, personal character: welcoming on arrival, rewarding a closer look, and offering small discoveries even along the most familiar route.

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Patient Care Room

A quiet view toward the light.



Time in a care room often means time with our thoughts, or beside someone we love. These photographs offer a view upward into the light. A sea turtle glides overhead in silhouette against blue water; beside it, a diver hangs beneath the sunlit surface. Their shared palette and simple forms create a quiet connection. Patients and visitors can imagine the stillness of being underwater, recall a day by the ocean, or enjoy a beautiful view in good company.

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Science Classroom

Real animals. New questions.



A science classroom is where an unexpected encounter can become a lasting interest. A sea turtle beside a colorful reef, a baby northern Pacific rattlesnake, and two nurse sharks over a sandy seabed invite students to look beyond familiar ideas about wildlife. The turtle and snake offer two very different views of reptiles, while the sharks open a conversation about life beneath the waves. Details of camouflage, body shape, and habitat turn a glance into a question, giving students and teachers real subjects to compare, discuss, and explore.

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Restaurant

A taste for land and sea.



Food has forged relationships since the dawn of humanity. Dining together gives us time to enjoy good company and let the conversation wander. In this land-and-sea restaurant, the photographs carry that sense of exploration from a mountain lake in Utah to a lively coral reef in Japan, and a beautiful leather bass from Ecuador in deep blue water. Rocky landscapes and ocean life give the room a shared connection to the natural world, while each image offers its own details to discover. Guests can linger over the view, exchange travel memories, and imagine another adventure between courses.

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ABOUT ME & CONTACT INFO



Camera in hand, sunset ahead. I’m busy capturing the setting sun in Cozumel.



Between dives on another Galápagos adventure. Truly amazing!

Adventure, curiosity, and wonder have been part of my life for as long as I can remember. Growing up in landlocked Colorado, I developed a fascination with wildlife and the underwater world, inspired by Jacques Cousteau and Steve Irwin. I began scuba diving in 2007 while serving in the United States Air Force, and what started with a disposable underwater camera grew into a lifelong passion for photography and exploration. Over my 20-year military career, I traveled the world, capturing wildlife, landscapes, and underwater encounters along the way. I've always felt that my camera has a better memory than I do, preserving the details of places and experiences that time gradually fades. After retiring from the Air Force, I created Adventure Imagery to give nearly two decades of photographs a lasting place beyond my archived hard drives. My hope is that these images inspire the same wonder, curiosity, and appreciation for our extraordinary planet that I felt capturing them. Explore the wonders beneath the surface and across the landscapes of Adventure Imagery.

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