

CHRIS BRAY 
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PHOTO SAFARIS

THE WORLD'S MOST WONDERFUL PLACES



Chris Bray grew up sailing around the world and then leading world-first arctic expeditions before becoming an award-winning Australian Geographic photographer, Lowepro ambassador and Canon's Australian ambassador for five years. Chris's work has appeared in everything from National Geographic (as well as Australian and Canadian Geographic) to TIME Magazine and Discovery Channel. He's written a successful book 'The 1000 Hour Day' (now an award-winning documentary 'The Crossing'), is a councilor of The Australian Geographic Society and also founder and CEO of Conservation United, crowd-funding the world's critical conservation projects. Together with Jess, they recently became the first people to sail a junk-rig boat through the Northwest Passage over the arctic.



Jonathan Ives is a gifted and passionate photographer whose images have appeared in Australian Geographic, AG Outdoor and other prestigious publications. Having completed his Bachelor of Science in Advanced Biology (specialising in animal behaviour) in 2009, Jonathan has dovetailed his keen interest in wildlife and the outdoors with his photography skills to capture truly unique images. Jonathan assisted on several safaris and photo courses, learning the ropes while also completing his Master of Arts. In 2013 Jonathan joined Chris Bray Photography full-time and the company has gone from strength to strength. Jonathan now runs many of our sell-out photography courses and safaris to high acclaim.



Jess Bray is an experienced wilderness guide, photographer, videographer and video editor, with a bachelor degree in Social Science. She's had her photos widely published including in Australian Geographic Outdoor, in-flight and wedding magazines. Now Operations Manager for Chris Bray Photography, Jess not only organises and coordinates the courses and safaris, but assists on them too - her approachable nature allowing her to encourage and inspire all our guests. When she's not off on adventures with Chris (including cycling around Tasmania and New Zealand and becoming the youngest couple to sail through the infamous Northwest Passage in the arctic on their small wooden yacht 'Teleport'), Jess enjoys a side-business filming weddings.



Our Photo Safaris...

Private, small-group photo safaris to the world's most wonderful places. Under the guidance of professional photographers helping YOU get the best shots, with special access to the best locations, there's simply no better way to master your camera, meet new friends and have an incredible holiday - all at the same time.

- ✔ With 12+ departures a year, we're Australia's largest and most respected photo safari operator, with more than 50% of our guests repeat customers!
- ✔ Our friendly pro photographers and assistants are young, energetic and up-to-date - always happy to help you take the best photos possible - not just take photos themselves!
- ✔ We pride ourselves on providing the best experience and value - small-group, high-quality, unique and responsible operations, focused on giving you what you want.
- ✔ We provide luxuries the others don't - chartering private planes and helicopters (doors-off for best photography); off-road and special access permits to get you closer; beautiful accommodation; local seafood...
- ✔ Let's face it - many of the incredible species we delight in sharing with you are endangered and many of the pristine environments under threat. We donate thousands of dollars to local conservation efforts, communities, schools and more.




Tasmania

Our unbeatably diverse, six-day itinerary gives you unprecedented access to the very best that Tasmania has to offer! Including a private doors-off helicopter charter around Cradle Mountain, a light-plane flight over Wineglass Bay, walks around the 'Painted Cliffs' and wildlife of Maria Island, Dove Lake, Liffy Falls, Bicheno Blow-hole and even a private boat charter out to a remote seal colony - you'll have every possible angle covered. This safari is the ultimate way to perfect your photography skills with 1-on-1 critique sessions and Lightroom tutorials while also indulging in gourmet Tassie food, wine and luxury accommodation including Cradle Mountain Lodge!

6 DAYS - MAX 8 GUESTS.

\$4,650 AUD per person, twin share.





...amazing...

“Amazing! Our friendly photographer guides were so generous with their knowledge - and so patient with my lack of it! I'm already looking forward to my next safari.” ~ L. Sim



Highlights:

- ✔ Doors-off helicopter flight around Cradle Mountain in Autumn colours, Crater Lake and Dove Lake.
- ✔ Doors-off light-plane flight over the Freycinet Peninsula to photograph the spectacular Wineglass Bay.
- ✔ Private boat charter out to photograph a seal colony on Isle Des Phoques and perhaps dolphins, birds and more!
- ✔ Exploring Maria Island's 'painted cliffs', convict ruins, cape barren geese, wombats, kangaroos and more!
- ✔ Photographing sunrise, sunset and star-trails above Dove Lake, with Cradle Mountain in the background.
- ✔ Photographing the magnificent Liffy Falls, framed by lush green tree ferns.
- ✔ Enjoying two nights in luxury at Pappes Cradle Mountain Lodge!



APRIL

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Tropical Queensland

The ultimate way to experience and photograph the magic of North Queensland's tropical rainforest near Port Douglas. Wrapped around five nights of luxury at the private Thala Beach Lodge, we've organised everything including doors-off helicopter flights out to photograph the Barrier Reef; private river cruises to find crocodiles, birds and other wildlife; photo shoots at the famous Mossman Gorge and Cape Tribulation; guided nature walks through the rainforest while borrowing our macro lenses; a snorkelling trip out to the Barrier Reef on a private sailing vessel; silhouetted palm trees at sunset and more!

5 NIGHTS - MAX 8 GUESTS.

\$4,495 AUD per person, twin share.



...fantastic...

"With incredible locations and two passionate photography guides helping us at every moment, I learnt heaps and couldn't wait to show my photos to friends and family! A fantastic week!" ~ S. Summers





Highlights:

- ✓ Doors-off helicopter flight over the coastal rainforest and the beautiful 'Batt Reef' on the Great Barrier Reef.
- ✓ Photograph the tranquility of Mossman Gorge, where the Mossman River tumbles over huge granite boulders.
- ✓ Snorkel the World Heritage Barrier Reef from our private sailing vessel and explore ashore on the Low Isles.
- ✓ Photograph Cape Tribulation National Park - where the rainforest meets the sea with amazing tidal flats.
- ✓ Enjoy five nights at the luxurious eco-accommodation Thala Beach Lodge, with its private beach and rainforest!
- ✓ Explore the wonders of the tropical rainforest with guided nature walks, borrowing our macro lenses!
- ✓ Look for crocodiles, birds and other wildlife on a private wilderness cruise up Cooper Creek and Packers Creek.



MAY

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Christmas Island

2,600km northwest of Perth lies Australia's best-kept secret: 'The Galapagos of the Indian Ocean' - a stunning tropical paradise full of rare and unusual birds, incomprehensible numbers of crabs, waterfalls, turtle-nesting beaches and some of the world's best snorkelling over crystal-clear, warm, tropical reefs. While not for the unfit, this excitingly unique and completely unrivalled week-long visit includes 4WD-ing, boat trips, snorkelling, blowholes, cave swims, night trips, presentations by park rangers, all meals, a hotel room with precious air-conditioning and a view over the ocean!

8 DAYS - MAX 10 GUESTS.

\$4,495 AUD per person, twin share.



...I loved it all...

"I really enjoyed this trip - there really was so much to see and do, and I loved it all! This safari was much better than I had hoped." ~ L. Hurriion





Highlights:

- ✔ Photographing frigatebirds, the endemic Golden Bosun Tropicbird and boobies, both nesting and on the wing, as they fly past at eye level at the many lookouts.
- ✔ Snorkelling in 28deg water with 30m visibility on one of the best house reefs in the world and a boat trip out to further reefs with the chance to swim with dolphins.
- ✔ Seeing the huge variety, size, shape and colour of crabs everywhere - from giant coconut crabs to little hermit crabs and hundreds of the famous red crabs!
- ✔ Photographing the waterfall and reflection pools at 'The Dales' while looking for glow-in-the-dark mushrooms.
- ✔ Huge blowholes, erupting plumes of water above you.
- ✔ Beautiful ocean sunsets and silhouetted palm trees, just outside your air-conditioned, waterfront hotel room.
- ✔ Presentations by park rangers and special access to photograph endemic species they are caring for.



MAY

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Iceland and Greenland

The world's only photo safari combining both the magic of Iceland as well as west Greenland, this feature-packed and incredibly diverse itinerary has it all! Shoot the best of Iceland's spectacular landscapes, waterfalls and glaciers from our roomy 4WDs and from the air on a mind-blowing, 3.5hr doors-off helicopter charter with glacier landing! Photograph puffins returning to their nests with beakfuls of fish. Stay in eco-chalets overlooking a calving glacier in Greenland; enjoy boat trips around huge icebergs lit by the mid-night-sun while looking for whales, seals and birds; visit traditional villages; photograph sled dogs - even fly over one of the world's most productive glaciers on our 1hr private plane charter.

15 DAYS - MAX 8 GUESTS.

\$15,500 USD per person, twin share.





...be the first...

"Our guests have been asking us to run safaris to Iceland for years, and having already fallen in love with Greenland, it made sense to combine the two into one amazing itinerary!" ~ C. Bray



Highlights:

- ✓ Incredible 3.5 hour doors-off helicopter photography tour over Iceland's spectacularly diverse and colourful landscapes including glacier landing!
- ✓ 1 hour photography flight over the enormous Jakobshavn Glacier (Greenland's largest) and interior icecap!
- ✓ Midnight cruise to photograph huge icebergs in the mid-night-sun, as well as spotting whales, seals and seabirds amongst the ice in Disko Bay, Greenland.
- ✓ Photographing puffins returning to their nests with beakfulls of fish, Iceland.
- ✓ Accessing the best landscapes in Iceland in two roomy 4WDs, photographing waterfalls, volcanic areas etc.
- ✓ Staying in chalets overlooking a calving glacier at Eqi Lodge, Greenland, as well as visiting a traditional village - a mosaic of multicoloured cottages, animal skins drying on racks and a genuine Greenlandic dogsled team.



JULY

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Alaska

Photograph Alaska from our private expedition ship (great food, lounges, large windows and extensive viewing decks) for the first week, getting us where the others can't: right up to glaciers, amongst whales, sea otters, seals, porpoises, puffins, bald eagles, waterfalls and towering mountains of Prince William Sound. Kayak around icebergs and explore Kodiak. Floatplane to another exclusive vessel waiting in an uninhabited bay, allowing premium access for three, full, mind-blowing days photographing amongst dozens of brown/grizzly bears catching salmon so close they'll splash you!

12 NIGHTS - MAX 8 GUESTS.

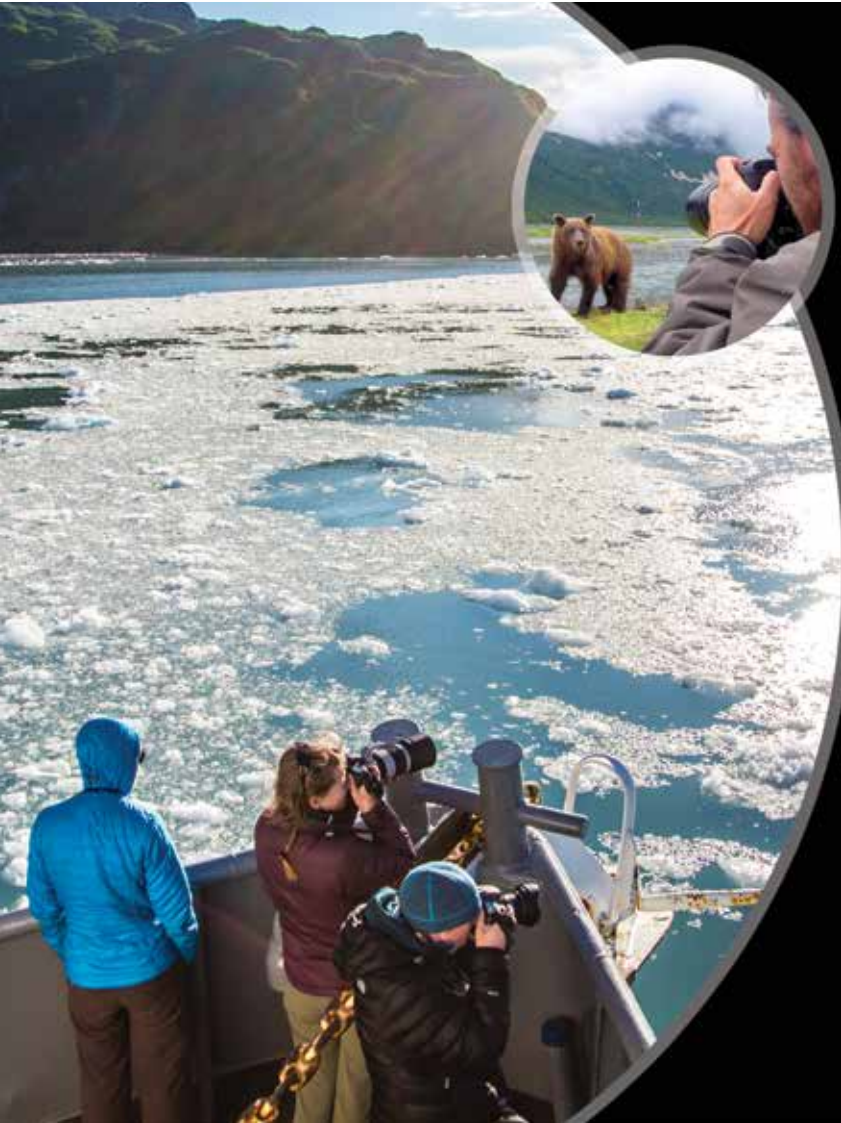
\$13,995 USD per person, twin share.



...truly amazing...

"I'll never forget sitting beside all those bears, and on that rocky outcrop listening to the towering glacier crack - truly amazing! Thanks again for another once in a lifetime experience!" ~ V. Hanson





Highlights:

- ✓ Perhaps the best wildlife photography experience in the world: Sitting ashore all day, with virtually no-one else around, surrounded by dozens of huge grizzly bears, interacting with each other and pouncing on salmon so close they'll splash you!
- ✓ 6 Days aboard our own exclusive, mini expedition ship (great food, lounges, large windows and extensive viewing decks) photographing the natural wonders of Prince William Sound.
- ✓ Photographing whales (hopefully even orca), sea otters, harbour seals, porpoises, puffins, bald eagles etc from our private cruise boat, zodiac cruising the coast and hopping ashore to photograph the beaches, waterfalls and towering mountains whenever we wish.
- ✓ Private floatplane over dramatic scenery from Kodiak Island to Geographic Harbour.
- ✓ Kayaking around seals and icebergs in front of a huge calving glacier in Prince William Sound.



AUGUST

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Kenya

Photograph the best African wildlife reserves at the best time of year from our own private safari vehicles, boats and planes! Experience one of Nature's greatest spectacles - over a million wildebeest gathering in the world famous Masai Mara, shadowed by the biggest prides of lions in Africa and attempting to ford croc-infested rivers. Capture unforgettable images of lions, elephants, leopards, rhinos, hippos, zebras, giraffes and more. With off-road photo permits to get you closer, doors-off plane charters, the most experienced driver guides (used by BBC and IMAX) and our own private island, this is the ultimate African experience! Borrow our 600mm lens and in the evenings enjoy gourmet food and relax in stunning private accommodation including 'Elephant Bedrooms' where elephants walk right past!

2 WEEKS - MAX 8 GUESTS.

\$13,995 USD per person, twin share.



A close-up profile of a leopard's head, looking towards the right. The leopard has a golden-brown coat with dark, irregular spots and rosettes. Its eyes are a striking yellow-green color. The background is a soft, out-of-focus tan color. A dark circular graphic with a thin white border is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

...the best two
weeks of my life...

"The best 2 weeks of my life - truly remarkable! Wonderfully organised, good group size, perfectly chosen locations, and learning along the way! Looking forward to my next trip!" ~ P. Buckley



Highlights:

- ✔ Witness the epic migration of a million+ wildebeest and zebra making their way to the Serengeti, running the gauntlet of lions, crocodiles, leopards and more!
- ✔ Photographing 'The Big Five' - Lion, Leopard, Rhino, Elephant and Buffalo (and the rest of Kenya's amazing wildlife) - with our 600mm supertelephoto loan lens.
- ✔ Five nights at the exclusive, unfenced Mara Ngenche Camp in the heart of the Mara and two nights at the luxurious, riverfront 'Elephant Bedrooms' in Samburu where elephants wander past your private plunge pool!
- ✔ Visiting the private game reserve, 'Solio' - the best place in the world to see both white and black rhinos and some of Kenya's most impressive black-maned lions.
- ✔ Photographing majestic African fish eagles swooping down to snatch fish from the lake beside you, then flying doors-off over a lake carpeted with flamingos!
- ✔ Visit a traditional village, market and local school.



SEPTEMBER

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Patagonia

Photograph Patagonia with exclusive boat charters, and the best local guides. We have special permits allowing us to access the beach with elephant seals (instead of cliff-top lookouts), stay out beside Southern Right Whales 'till sunset and land on protected islands covered in nesting seabirds. Add in armadillos, Guanakos (like Llamas), skunks, Patagonian Foxes, sea lions, the world's smallest dolphins, albatross, flamingos, turkey vultures, owls and one of the largest Rockhopper and Magellanic Penguins colonies outside of Antarctica. You'll soon see why they call this UNESCO World Heritage paradise 'Nature's Wonderland'!

2 WEEKS - MAX 12 GUESTS.

\$7,495 USD per person, twin share.



...incredible...

"What an incredible experience!
They helped improve every facet of my
photography. Thank you again for an-
other amazing trip - I would go back
in a heartbeat." ~ R. English





Highlights:

- ✔ Witnessing mother and calf Southern Right Whales curiously swim right up to our boat so close they bump us!
- ✔ Sitting quietly amongst Rockhopper Penguins with their sparkling red eyes and charismatic yellow eyebrows.
- ✔ Photographing tail-waving and breaching Southern Right Whales against the golden sky at sunset.
- ✔ Special access with a ranger down to the Elephant Seal beach to photograph the males rearing-up and fighting!
- ✔ Hopping ashore on 'Bird Island' to photograph at our leisure as Magellanic Penguins waddle right past.
- ✔ Special access to land on a tiny island where huge numbers of Blue-eyed Cormorants nest in their thousands.
- ✔ Photographing the world's smallest dolphin as they surf and play at the bow of our private boat.
- ✔ Spotting your first armadillo scurrying around the open grasslands.



OCTOBER

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Kangaroo Island

Koalas, kangaroos, seals, dolphins, amazing birdlife, iconic rock formations, caves and beach sunsets - all on one spectacular island! We'll fly you from Adelaide, get you in doors-off planes, out on private boats to photograph and swim with dolphins. We'll minibus you to secret photo locations, get you underground in caves before opening hours and even onto sea lion beaches for perfect golden lighting after everyone else has had to leave! A luxury photo escape capturing the best of Australia with beautiful accommodation, mouthwatering seafood and world-class wine! No one else offers a safari like this!

5 NIGHTS - MAX 8 GUESTS.

\$4,395 AUD per person, twin share.



...thank you...

"Absolutely amazing! A well-considered itinerary for photographers of all levels, packed with opportunities, experiences and attention to detail. Thank you, thank you!" ~ J. Mackinder





Highlights:

- ✓ Exhilarating doors-off plane flight for aerial photos of 'The Remarkables', 'Admirals Arch', lighthouse and more!
- ✓ Photograph and snorkel with wild dolphins on our private boat charter out along the spectacular coastline!
- ✓ 'Seal Bay' during evening lighting to photograph dozens of sea lions with our own ranger, after tourist hours.
- ✓ Close-up portraits of amazing birds such as Wedge-tailed Eagles, owls and falcons at a private free-flight bird show.
- ✓ Stalactites and light-painting in the amazing Kelly Hill Caves, with our own guide, before the cave opens.
- ✓ Gourmet picnic dinner at the famously sculpted 'Remarkable Rocks' overlooking the ocean at sunset!
- ✓ The first rays of dawn spreading across the mist at Duck Lagoon with swans, koalas, galah, blue wrens and more.
- ✓ Wonderful seafood dinner of local oysters, prawns, crayfish, crab and more with local Kangaroo Island wine.



OCTOBER

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Galapagos, Amazon & Hummingbirds

Unbelievable two week program starting off with the very best of the Galapagos including giant tortoises, tropicbirds, nesting frigatebirds, boobies, penguins, crabs, iguanas and snorkelling with playful sea lions and turtles. After this, enjoy an exclusive luxury lodge overlooking the primary cloud-forest of the Andes buzzing with dozens of hummingbird species and other wildlife as well as a canoe trip into the Amazon to the renowned Sacha Lodge to photograph monkeys, toucans, macaw parrots, frogs, caimans and more! Improve your photography with professional help and the best local guides on this unforgettable experience!

2 WEEKS - MAX 12 GUESTS.

\$11,750 USD per person, twin share.



...once-in-a-lifetime...

"A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience some of the world's most incredible wildlife and landscapes, while improving your photography no end!" ~ S. Summers





Highlights:

- ✔ The giants of the Galapagos - the ancient tortoises - migrating up to the highlands to breed.
- ✔ Canoe trips into the world-famous Amazon Basin - photographing monkeys, caimans and parrots (even macaws) coming down to a clay-lick!
- ✔ Snorkelling with playful sea lions, huge sea turtles, reef fish and maybe even manta rays!
- ✔ Dozens of species of hummingbirds surrounding your lodge in the Andes Cloud Forest.
- ✔ Night canoe and walking trips in the Amazon to find poison dart frogs, tarantulas and giant insects.
- ✔ Walking above the Amazon rainforest canopy looking for toucans, sloths and more, on a towering sky-bridge.
- ✔ Photographing nesting frigatebirds on North Seymour Island, puffing out their brilliant red throat pouches.



NOVEMBER

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Antarctica & South Georgia

A world-first, dedicated photography expedition to cruise Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands with just 12 lucky guests aboard our own exclusive, ultra-luxury cruise ship with 2 expert photography guides! No crowds of other passengers or hectic schedules, this unprecedented photographic opportunity is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Photograph albatross in the Falkland Islands then on to the spectacular wildlife mecca of South Georgia for an unforgettable, unhurried 5 days literally surrounded by millions of King Penguins as well as Magellanic, Macaroni and Gentoo Penguins, Albatross, Fur and Elephant seals, whales and more! On to Elephant Island then 6 magical days amongst the icebergs and wildlife of the Antarctic Peninsula before boarding a private flight back to South America!

2 WEEKS - MAX 12 GUESTS.

Price on application.



...be the first...

"Everyone wants to visit Antarctica and those that know South Georgia want to go there even more - but these places can normally only be visited via huge cruise ships filled with busy tourists. Not anymore!" ~ C. Bray





Highlights:

- ✔ Sit surrounded by impossible numbers of King Penguins, Elephant Seals & Fur Seals on South Georgia - the densest wildlife of any place on Earth!
- ✔ Photograph immense, ever-changing icebergs sliding past breath-taking Antarctic landscapes.
- ✔ Enjoy the unhurried, flexible, 100% photography-focused program giving our tiny group the time & advice needed to get incredible photos.
- ✔ Fly back to South America from Antarctica on our private jet, rather than spend days sailing this notorious sea.
- ✔ Witness huge bull Elephant Seals rearing up and fighting over territory on South Georgia.
- ✔ Enjoy the incredible, elegant luxury of our private, 12-guest mini cruise ship 'Hanse Explorer'.
- ✔ Watch whales, seabirds, Macaroni, Gentoo, Magellanic, King, Adelie, Chinstrap and other penguins.



DECEMBER

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