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Introduction

Thank you for downloading our e-Book **2 YEARS** | **34 COUNTRIES**

We have been traveling the World full time since 2014 and as a thank you to over 150,000 followers, we have put this collection of our favorite photos from the 34 countries we have visited in those 2 years.

This book can be read on any full color device that will support Adobe PDF files, including Kindle Fire, Apple iPads and Android devices .

We look forward to sharing many more years of travel with you and hope you enjoy these photos as much as we do. Be sure to keep up with us in real-time on our Social Media accounts.

Cheers!

Lina & David Stock





The Twelve Apostles

GREAT OCEAN ROAD, AUSTRALIA

After picking up our campervan in Melbourne, we set off down the Great Ocean Road to start our 6 week road trip up the East Coast of Australia. I know, the Great Ocean Road is technically to the West, but it was an adventure we refused to miss. So we actually headed West to start our East Coast road trip. We camped our way up the Great Ocean Road for 3 days before arriving at the spectacular highlight of the Twelve Apostles. Today you will only see 8 of them as the others have been withered away by the harsh conditions. It is a natural wonder of the World that will not be there forever.



Kinabatangan River

SABAH, MALAYSIAN BORNEO

It took us a one hour flight and a 4 hour drive to reach this remote region of Sabah, Borneo. Often considered the Amazon of the East, it is one of the most dense forests in the World. It is also a final frontier for many species that are endemic only to this island, the third largest in the World. We spent 4 days taking river safaris in search of Orangutans, Proboscis Monkeys and a wide variety of unique wildlife.



Hornbill Silhouette at Sunrise

ELEPHANT SANDS, BOTSWANA

Elephant Sands is a campground located in the middle of nowhere, Botswana. I couldn't tell you how to get back there, but I can tell you it is a unique experience. The center of camp is a water hole, frequented by packs of elephants that wander through camp at their leisure. We listened to elephants move through camp all night long. I captured this shot during sunrise after a early morning rise to continue on our way through Botswana.



Angkor Wat Temple Complex

SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

This photo was taken during our second visit to Cambodia. This is one of the most visited sites in the World, so it can be difficult to find a unique way to photograph Angkor Wat. Shortly after sunrise, the hoards of people flooded into the temple complex while we decided to hang back and see what unfolded. We hid out in one of the hallways that surrounds the temple and happened to stumble upon this opening that perfectly framed the temple.



Long exposure after a rainstorm

PINGYAO, CHINA

The ancient city of Pingyao is one of the last standing towns in China that will give you a look at what ancient life was like in China. The streets bear the original buildings and road structure from when it was first built and walking around this town is like taking a step back in time. On our first night, we found ourselves caught in a short downpour that brought an opportunity to photograph the city in a unique way. This photo really captures the moment of our experience.



Temple of Edfu

EDFU, EGYPT

There is nothing quite like showing up in the presence of an ancient Egyptian temple and having the place to yourself. This is exactly what happened when we arrived at the Temple of Edfu and it ended up being the most spectacular temple we visited during our month in Egypt. The halls were narrow and the walls filled with carvings of people and gods. The colors of the walls were warped by time and walking the stairs gave an eerie feeling of the history that the walls in this temple hold.



Lalibela Historical Site

LALIBELA, ETHIOPIA

Lalibela, Ethiopia is known for its breathtaking rock-hewn churches that are carved out of the landscape. These carved churches are dated back to 1187 and stand in remarkable condition today. During our visit, this local man made it his mission to tend to our shoes at each church we visited. I snuck this photo of him after we had entered one of the churches. The poor guy was contemplating which shoes belong to whom!



Hong Kong Skyline

HONG KONG

The view from Victoria Peak gives you the absolute best view you can get of the Hong Kong skyline, especially at night. After wandering the streets in search of the tram for hours, we decided to walk to the top. I know, we're crazy! We made it to the top just in time to set up for some night photography of the skyline. I'd be lying if I said that was easy, as people tend to arrive hours before sunset to ensure they get a prime spot for photos. No worries though, we weasled in and captured some great shots of the city.



Jama Masjid Mosque

NEW DELHI, INDIA

One of the most challenging things about visiting India is finding places away from the congestion and business of everyday life. In Delhi, this is a stronger challenge, so you can imagine our respite when we stumbled into Jama Masjid in the late afternoon to find it almost deserted. We were able to sit on the ground and just feel the place while the pigeons cooed and the sun began to leave the sky. For that moment, we were as far as we could be from the chaos outside the walls.



Gili Laba Island

KOMODO NATIONAL PARK, INDONESIA

One of the most memorable moments in our travels through SE Asia was when we hopped onto a boat to sail for 5 days from Flores, in Eastern Indonesia, to Lombok. Stops along the way included the islands in Komodo National Park and we docked at this island one afternoon to enjoy some snorkeling. However, our bright idea involved climbing the highest peak, which was grueling in the heat but quickly rewarded with some of the more spectacular views we have ever seen in our lives.



Road Trip Photo Stop

CONEMMARA PENINSULA, IRELAND

We took to the roads in Ireland for 2 weeks in search of adventure and off-the-beaten track destinations. The Wild Atlantic Way delivered all of this and more during our road trip. When we stopped to take this photo we were actually lost. We had taken a wrong turn through the middle of the Conemara Peninsula instead of taking the coastal track. It ended up being a pretty great reward in the end.



Tomb of the Royals

PETRA, JORDAN

Easily the centerpiece of a visit to Petra, the tomb of the Royals offers much more than the famed Treasury. We walked into the historical site and arrived at this structure by complete surprise. Like many people that visit Petra, we were only thinking about the Treasury and had no idea about the other wonders that live inside this Lost City. We climbed the stairs up into the tombs and were treated with some spectacular views of the Rose City of Petra. We also had the chance to chat with local merchants and shop the colorful market stalls like the one pictured above.



Giraffe shaking his head

LAKE NUKURU, KENYA

While on safari in Lake Nukuru National Park, we came across this amazingly elegant, mature Giraffe. Even after spending 4 months in Africa and seeing countless Giraffes along the way, this guy just stood out to me. He was calm, confident and relaxed in his surroundings. He wasn't threatened by the environment or our safari vehicle while he raised his head, closed his eyes and just basked in the sunshine. It was one of the most beautiful moments I captured in all of our game drives through Africa.



Curious Children in Africa

CHITIMBA, MALAWI

One of our stops in Malawi included camping in a small village called Chitimba. The campground was located on the beaches of Lake Malawi and from this base we were able to explore the small village outside the gates. One day we opted for a guided village tour with one of the locals and it gave us an inside look at the local life. During the village tour we visited houses, played with children and even had our futures read by a Witch Doctor. These two little boys followed us through the village from the start to finish and I couldn't resist photographing them. They loved it and excitedly begged to see the photos after each click.



Monkey Beach

PENANG ISLAND, MALAYSIA

Most people opt for the hour long leisurly boat ride from the closest town when it comes to visiting the famed Monkey Beach. We decided to make it a full day adventure and opted for the 6 hour return hike through the Penang National Forest. This beach is famously known for the family of Macques (small monkeys) that inhabit the surrounding jungle. However, when we arrived at the beach, there were no monkeys in sight. This didn't stop us from having a beautiful visit to one of the best beaches we've found in Southeast Asia.



Maayafushi Sandbar

SOUTH ARI ATOLL, MALDIVES

We never planned to visit the Maldives, it just kind of happened. We were trying to take advantage of the new e-Visa for India, which meant we could only stay in India for 30 days. We already had time in Sri Lanka planned, so rather than spending almost 2 weeks in Singapore, we found a cheap flight to the Maldives and booked a cruise over Valentine's Day. It. Was. Spectacular. So much so, that we may be returning again soon.



Blue City of Chefchaouen

MOROCCO

After visiting this unique blue city in Morocco, it was hard for us to believe that most itineraries don't include a visit here. Located in the Northern part of the country, it was the absolute highlight of our tour in Morocco. The city walls are coated in shades of blue to deter mosquitos and keep the city cool during the hot summer months. I walked through the city with my camera at the ready for our entire stay.



Bagan Temples

MYANMAR

This is arguably the best view you can get of temples in Southeast Asia. We woke up at 3am, dressed, packed our stuff and sauntered out into the streets of the Bagan village. Walking across the street we collected our e-Bike and set off in the dark to find a place to watch the sunrise over the temples. The site itself is located around 5 miles outside of the town and navigating in the dark is a challenge. We climbed to the top of one of the off path temples and watched the sunrise while the hot air balloons took flight over the temples.



Milky Way Galaxy in Africa

SPITZKOPPE, NAMIBIA

We pulled into this bush camp on a hot African afternoon during our 4 month overland trip through Africa. With not one cloud in the sky, I knew it would be a great night to try my hand at astrophotography. This is my very first attempt at taking a long exposure star shot with light mapping in the foreground. Even though the shot looks beautiful, it doesn't even begin to do the sky justice. We laid on those rocks for hours taking photos that night and ended up with only a few hours of sleep.



Emerald Pools

TONGARIRO CROSSING, NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is the first country that we visited after deciding to sell everything we owned to travel the World. After spending 5 weeks traveling through the country, we completed our first big day hike. The Tongariro Crossing is one of the best day hikes in the World and quite famous due to its active volcano that was featured in the Lord of the Rings movies as Mount Doom. It took us 9 hours, 38,000 steps and 19km to complete this trek. The reward? Amazing views like this one.



White Beach

BORACAY, PHILIPPINES

You really would be hard up if you visited the Philippines and couldn't locate a fabulous beach to hang out on. In all reality, you can find beaches that look just like this one all over the country. However, this one ended up being one of our favorites to hang out at, relax and play in the water. It was a few weeks before Christmas so we convinced some of the local kids to help us try and build a snowman out of sand. We worked on that thing all day and never could get past the second ball. Who would have thought that wet sand would be so hard to stack.



Baby Gorilla in Volcano National Park

RWANDA

Probably one of the most amazing wildlife experiences we will ever have in our lives was Gorilla trekking in Rwanda during our overland trip through Africa. The day we arrived we were split into groups, assigned a ranger and then put into a hat to draw which group we would trek to. Much to our luck, we drew the Susa Group, the original group that Dian Fossey spent all her time researching during her life. They are the most sought after gorilla group in the World. Talk about good luck! It was a brutal hike through thick jungle but well worth it.



Gardens by the Bay

SINGAPORE

Singapore had always been on our radar but never worked into our travel plans. So when we found a cheap ticket from Myanmar to Singapore, we jumped on it. The city ended up actually surprising us a lot with loads of free things to do, a clean atmosphere and an extremely safe feel. It is now one of our favorite cities in the World. This photo was taken during the city's famous free night show at Gardens by the Bay.



Gyeongbokgung Palace

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

When we decided to visit South Korea, we didn't really know much about it. So you can imagine our surprise when we showed up in this giant city to some of the most stunning Asian temples we have ever seen. Even better, we visited this palace on a whim and without a schedule and found ourselves there just in time to witness the changing of the royal guard being performed. It was colorful with loud ethnic music, a site you can't miss on a visit to Seoul.



Great White Shark

GANSBAAI, SOUTH AFRICA

If you didn't already know, I am beyond afraid of sharks. It is one of the reasons I am weird about scuba diving. However, when the opportunity came up to go cage diving with Great White Sharks in Africa, neither of us could say no. While I was terrified the entire time I was in the cage, I found myself overcome with intrigue and respect for these powerful animals. I spent much of my time on the deck photographing the encounter when I wasn't in the cage. This is one of my favorite captures of the day. Just look at those teeth.



Mountain View in Boi

CATALONIA, SPAIN

When people think about Spain the things that come to mind usually involve flamenco dancers, sangria, beautiful cities and bullfights. One thing we quickly learned during our travels in Spain is that there is much more on offer than meets the eye. The state of Catalonia is one of the most beautiful regions of the World we have ever visited. The small villages set against the backdrop of the Pyrennes Mountains have us yearning to revisit soon. One of the best things that can happen when traveling is to be surprised by a destination and Spain definitely did that for us.



Fire Walkers in the Street

KANDY, SRI LANKA

Kandy is the cultural epic center of Sri Lanka. The place where you can go to learn and experience the cultural wonders of this island nation. We spent a day walking the streets and just taking in the scene. In the afternoon, we headed to a cultural show that was indoors and while we thought that was lame, when we walked out of the show these fire walkers were performing in the streets. Trying to find a place in the crowd for clear shots was a challenge but I managed to squeeze through and capture this beautiful shot of the performers.



Meet Simba

SERENGETI, TANZANIA

The ultimate animal safari in Africa can be found in the Serengeti National Park of Tanzania. We spent two days on safari in search of Africa's best wildlife and the Serengeti delivered. We spotted this guy at the end of our first day. Headed back to the lodge our vehicle suddenly stopped, the driver had spotted something. As we all stood to look, this guy raised his head from the grass. Nobody else had seen him until that moment.



Long Tail Boats

PHI PHI ISLANDS, THAILAND

There is nothing quite like arriving in Thailand, heading to the islands and seeing the long tail boats for the first time. While this photo was taken during our third visit to Thailand, the scene instantly reminded me of our very first visit to Thailand. We were married in November 2010 and honeymooned our way through SE Asia with most of our time spent in Thailand. The country is incredibly picturesque and it remains one of our favorite countries in Asia.



Tibetan Prayer Flags

SACRED YAMDROK LAKE, TIBET

The chance to visit Tibet was a last minute realization. It had been on our minds while we traveled through China but making a trip to Tibet a reality is not easy. You must go with an organized group, you must apply for permits, you must be granted permission and you must stick only to the planned itinerary and then leave. We were apprehensive at first but in the end decided to go for it. It ended up being one of our top 5 travel experiences in our lives and it still holds strong in that position. In short, it was amazing and we plan to go back again soon.



Sunrise over Lake Victoria

EQUATOR, UGANDA

The second time we entered into Uganda was met by a debilitating sickness for both David and I, one that resulted in David seeing the inside of a Ugandan hospital. After recovering, we headed East with the truck to cross the Equator again for the fifth time on the trip. Near the Equator we pulled up for a night of camping on the shores of Lake Victoria. The next morning was an early departure and when I rose from the tent that morning I was blown away by the colors over Lake Victoria. I captured this image of a lone fisherman at sunrise from our campsite.



Imperial City of Hue

HUE, VIETNAM

While I have always wanted to visit Vietnam, I didn't really know what to expect on a visit to the country. You can imagine my surprise when we rolled into the imperial capital of Hue and were greeted with the massive walls that house the ancient capital. Our late afternoon walk produced some beautiful light and reflection photos while we captured the imperial city. A few hours later, we celebrated Halloween with the locals in the streets where everyone was dressed like zombies from the Walking Dead!



Livingstone Island

VICTORIA FALLS, ZAMBIA

Our overland truck and tent were officially parked in Zimbabwe, but we applied for a day visa and headed over to Zambia in search of Livingstone Island and the infamous Devils Pools. We wanted to sit on the edge of the World's largest waterfall! We took a small boat from the Livingstone Hotel to the island where we were able to walk on the edge of the falls before stripping down to our swimsuits and wading into the pools right on the edge of the Victoria Falls.



White Rhinos

MATOPOS NATIONAL PARK, ZIMBABWE

Conservation efforts are in full swing across Africa to protect and preserve the few Rhinos that still exist in the wild. Some of the sub-species like the Northern White Rhino, are two deaths away from extinction. When the chance arose to go Rhino trekking in Zimbabwe, we jumped at it. This involved tracking them on foot through the protected national park. You can imagine our joy when we had two encounters with baby rhinos. We even met the men who guard them 24/7 in an effort to keep them safe from poachers. I love this photo for the scale, look at how small the baby is compared to the mother Rhino.



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