



**In the departure lounge with...**

**Nick and Caroline Robertson-Brown** scuba divers and wildlife photographers

They've been exploring the underwater world together since 1995, but the couple has recently completed a huge project. They travelled the world to capture exquisite pictures of the scariest critters in the sea for their new book, *Deadly Oceans* (New Holland Publishers, AU\$65).

**HOW MANY PLACES DID YOU TRAVEL TO WHEN PHOTOGRAPHING THE BOOK?**

The images in this book come from all over the world. At the moment our favourite destination for being in the water has to be the Bahamas, as the shark diving across the islands is both varied and wonderful.

**WHAT'S THE UNDERWATER CREATURE YOU'RE MOST SCARED OF?**

So far, neither of us has ever felt threatened when in the water with marine life. However, we plan to dive with Humbolt squid and giant Pacific octopus next year and that might just get the adrenaline running!

**WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES OF PHOTOGRAPHING DANGEROUS ANIMALS UNDERWATER?**

You have to be aware of what is below you, above you, behind you, as well as what might be in front of your camera lens. We work as a team, and ensure we dive with local experts to get the best from any trip. Lots of venomous marine animals are also incredibly well camouflaged, so you need to be aware of this all the time.

**IS THERE SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD YOU HAVEN'T DIVED BUT WOULD LOVE TO?**

So many places spring to mind! For Caroline it is Canada. She wants to snorkel with beluga whales and then head to British Columbia to dive with sea lions, wolf fish, giant Pacific octopus, sharks and even orcas. Nick wants to dive under ice with some of the larger marine mammals, especially leopard seals.

**YOU'RE FROM THE UK. WHAT'S THE DIVING LIKE THERE?**

The water is cool – cold in winter – so you need to be comfortable diving in a thick wetsuit or drysuit. There is an amazing amount of life in the waters, but our favourite dive is with the seals in the Farne Islands. These guys, especially the juveniles, love to play with divers. They tug at your fins as you swim, play hide and seek in the kelp and pose for underwater photographers.

**WHERE'S NEXT ON YOUR ITINERARY?**

We are packing to head to the Azores! We are taking a small group of underwater photographers on an expedition to try and photograph blue sharks and mobular rays. We will be spending a lot of time drifting in blue open water, hoping for an amazing chance encounter.

**PSST!**



**SWEDE SENSATION**

Brace yourself for Wildfire. Europe's fastest wooden roller coaster, and the second tallest in the world, is now terrifying visitors at Sweden's Kolmården Wildlife Park. Before July this year, people came to the zoo to check out lions and giraffes from a safari gondola, but the action has certainly got a lot hotter. During the two-minute ride, thrill seekers experience three inversions, drop almost straight down and travel at speeds up to 110 kilometres an hour. Kolmården is about two hours south of Stockholm if you fancy taking flight.

[wildfire.kolmarden.com](http://wildfire.kolmarden.com)



**NAME THAT RIVER**

If you've ever looked out the window of an aeroplane, seen a crazy-looking mountain rising from the earth and wondered what it was, you can now find out. Shane Loeffler, a student from the University of Minnesota, had that exact thought while heading home from the UK, so he developed an app called Flyover Country. Using an iPhone's GPS signal (it's available even when flight mode is activated), as well as maps and data from geological and paleontological databases and Wikipedia articles, the app lets travellers know what's going on beneath them. Of course, it's just as useful on the ground when you're hiking or mountain biking as it is in the air. It's available to download free from iTunes.

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**FROZEN FUN**

Hello, friend! Antarctica is pretty high on our travel bucket list and traversing frozen landscapes while making friends with adorable baby penguins, like @piersgreatperhaps, is just one aspect of this amazing place.



**COLOURFUL KICKS**

Hola! Colourfully clad women perform dances at La Guelaguetza, an annual festival where men and women from Oaxaca's seven regions in Mexico dress in traditional costume and come together to dance, sing and play music. We're loving this shot by @dherz.

They shared their inspiring experiences on Instagram with #getlostnow. Follow their accounts for more travel adventures.

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