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LOTS OF ADDITIONS FOR 2012

2012 brings three new additions to our portfolio

Paradise in peril: studying & protecting **Malaysian reefs, sharks, dolphins and turtles** of the Pulau Tioman Marine Park – join us on a beautiful tropical island for some training and then move onto a sailing yacht for the reef surveying > [More](#)



Note January departure: Ways of the desert: Conserving **Arabian oryx, Gordon's wildcat and other species of the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve**, United Arab Emirates – important conservation work in an iconic Arabian sandy desert landscape with the expedition base in an oasis > [More](#)

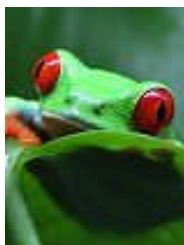


You won't know until you try: **sampler days in the USA** – see whether you like who we are and what we do in NY, CO & CA > [More](#)



NEW ACHIEVEMENTS

Biosphere Expeditions is delighted to have played its part in [creating the world's biggest conservation area in Africa](#) as well as the [cancellation of a massive dam project in Peru that would have destroyed a renowned Amazon jungle biodiversity hotspot](#).



FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Watch our new [video FAQs](#), with answers from our executive director on questions such as [Is Biosphere Expeditions a brokering agency?](#), [How does Biosphere Expeditions select its projects?](#), [What type of person comes on expedition?](#), [What's this "conservation princess" stuff?](#) and many more.



THE FUTURE OF WILDLIFE TOURISM

As part of a yearly networking event Kathy Gill, Biosphere Expeditions' strategy director was asked to be part of a panel of wildlife tourism experts to discuss how wildlife tourism has developed and what the important issues for the future are > [Read on](#)

BIOSPHERE ON GERMAN TV

September and October sees us on German TV a lot. Join [our executive director and his team out in Namibia capturing leopards](#), or on an expedition through Germany, or our Namibia scientist in the field > [Watch shows again online and see forthcoming](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



TV
Biosphere Expeditions on ZDF & VOX
> [mehr](#)



Exhibition & talk
London – 14/15 October
> [more](#)



Talk
Melbourne – 20 October
> [more](#)



Talk
London – 24 November
> [more](#)



Talk / Vortrag
Bonn – 14 December
> [more](#)

MAGAZINE

[Download](#) the 2011 magazine with stories, background information, expedition overviews, pictures and much more.



FEEDBACK FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In many of its expedition locations, Biosphere Expeditions – with the help of its partners – runs [scholarship programmes](#) for local people, thereby increasing education and building capacity.



"My name is Alexandra Grigorieva; I'm 19 years old and I study biology in Novosibirsk State University. I

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PORTFOLIO 2011/12

Expeditions & projects 2011

[Big cat conundrum: The challenge of protecting leopards, caracals and cheetahs in the Khomas Hochland of central Namibia](#)

~~3–15 July | 17–29 July || 7–19 August | 21 August–2 September || 11 September–23 September | 25 September–7 October || 16–28 October | 30 October - 11 November 2011~~
Status **amber** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Underwater pioneers: studying & protecting the unique coral reefs of the Musandam peninsula within Oman & UAE](#)

~~9–15 October | 16–22 October 2011~~
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[Beach combing for conservation: monitoring flatback turtles along the stunning coastline of Western Australia](#)

7 - 14 November | 14 - 21 November 2011
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Expeditions & projects 2012

NEW [Ways of the desert: conserving Arabian oryx, Gordon's wildcat and other species of the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve, United Arab Emirates](#)

15 - 23 January 2012
Status **green** > check [detailed availability](#)

[True white wilderness: winter lynx, wolf and wildcat tracking in the Carpathian mountains of Slovakia](#)

29 January - 4 February | 5 - 11 February | 12 - 18 February 2012
Status **amber** > check [detailed availability](#)

NEW [Paradise in peril: studying & protecting reefs, sharks, dolphins and turtles of the Pulau Tioman Marine Park, Malaysia](#)

18 – 30 March | 1 – 13 April 2012
Status **amber** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Fascinating creatures of the deep: Studying whales, dolphins and turtles around the Azores archipelago in the Atlantic Ocean](#)

2 - 11 April | 14 - 23 April | 26 April – 5 May 2012
Status **amber** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Diving in a Caribbean paradise: safeguarding the coral reefs of Cayos Cochinos, Honduras](#)

6 - 18 May | 20 May - 1 June 2012
Status **green** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Mountain ghosts: snow leopards and other animals in the mountains of the Altai Republic, Central Asia](#)

18 - 30 June | 2 - 14 July 2012
Status **green** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Little and large: surveying and safeguarding coral reefs & whale sharks of the Maldives archipelago](#)

2 - 8 September | 9 - 15 September 2012
Status **green** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Underwater pioneers: studying & protecting the unique coral reefs of the Musandam peninsula within Oman & UAE](#)

7 - 13 October | 14 - 20 October 2012
Status **green** > check [detailed availability](#)

Taster/sampler days / Schnuppertage 2012

NEW [Minnewaska State Park, NY, USA](#)
20 May 2012
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NEW [Lory State Park, CO, USA](#)
27 May 2012
Status **green** > check [detailed availability](#)

[New Forest National Park, UK](#)
24 June 2012
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was lucky to participate in a research expedition to the Altai mountains, organized by Biosphere Expeditions. The expedition was a great experience for me and gave me many impressions. For example, it was great to meet new people, especially from different countries. Getting the scholarship also gave me confidence in myself - that was really important for me, I now feel like I can achieve a lot. I also had a great experience communicating in English and after the expedition I also started to learn German as there were quite a lot of German-speakers on the expedition too. I also liked a lot the way the research was conducted - hiking all day, recording animals and their signs - it's so different from living in a city. I am very thankful to Biosphere Expeditions for providing me with such an opportunity."



"My name is Badher Al Shehi from Musandam, Oman. I really learn a lot from taking part in the Musandam coral reef expedition as part of a scholarship. Even though I am a Divemaster, I discovered a lot of new things about Musandam and its marine life. This has helped me a lot in my professional development and I would love to be part of an expedition again."



"My name is Rachel Futter and I am from Windhoek, the capital of Namibia. The Biosphere/Stormsaver scholarship has not only given me fantastic field experience, but it has also helped give me focus on my future role in Namibian conservation and environmental education. There are very few opportunities like this for young Namibians and graduates, and I hope it can continue."



"I am Sharif Hussein from the Maldives and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Biosphere

[Broads National Park, UK](#)

1 July 2012

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[Nationalpark Unteres Odertal, Germany](#)

15. Juli 2012

Status **grün** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Nationalpark Eifel, Germany](#)

5. August | 12. August 2012

Status **grün** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Nationalpark Berchtesgaden, Germany](#)

23. September | 30. September 2012

Status **grün** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Melbourne, Australia](#)

21 October 2012

Status **green** > check [detailed availability](#)

[Sydney, Australia](#)

28 October 2012

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Expeditions for giving me this valuable opportunity in developing my knowledge and teaching me how to do reef surveys. I really appreciated this chance to take the initiative and do something for the benefit of my country, the Maldives."

STOP PRESS - take positive action for a marine park in Australia

We welcome WA Environment Minister Bill Marmion's announcement about sanctuary zones along Australia's northwest coast between Port Hedland and Broome to provide higher levels of protection for marine biodiversity (> [read more](#)). Our [WA turtle conservation project at Eco Beach](#), and therefore within the area mentioned by Bill Marmion, has been arguing for this for some time. We are delighted that it has now gone into the public consultation phase. You can support our efforts by writing to Bill Marmion at Minister.Marmion@dpc.wa.gov.au arguing that a marine park is essential to protect biodiversity in the face of increasing oil, gas & mineral exploitation in the state and seeing that less than 1% of Kimberley marine areas are currently protected.

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Named "Best holiday for green-minded travellers" Independent on Sunday
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