

# Expedition 2015

## California, South Sea & Australia

**Announcement**  
7<sup>th</sup> JBL Expedition in 2015

Every single destination region of this special expedition would merit an own expedition. On the other hand, experiencing these different regions in succession offers a perfect opportunity for comparison.



**California** is the ideal place to interrupt the long flight to the South Sea and take a glance at the cold regions of the Pacific. We will visit the giant kelp forests (algae up to 30 m tall) and observe various forms of life near **Catalina island** off the coast of **Los Angeles**. We will also search for one of the most colourful marine fish in the world there: The Catalina goby (*Lythrypnus dalli*).

We then leave L.A. for **French Polynesia** in the South Pacific. From there, we fly from Tahiti to the neighbouring island of **Moorea** with magnificent coral reefs for marine research.



From Moorea, we fly to the tropical northeast of **Australia** via New Zealand. We are planning to visit the rain forest in the state of **Queensland** first to become acquainted with the lakes, rivers and streams, and of course the rain forest itself, there first-hand. We will conclude this part of our expedition by visiting the **Great Barrier Reef** off the coast for direct comparison with Moorea.

We will also visit the Australian **Outback**, which is almost on our way home. There, we plan to look for some desert inhabitants by jeep and on foot and examine them and their harsh biotope with our measuring devices. After a visit to **Ayers Rock**, the final destination of our trip will be the **Kakadu National Park** near Darwin in the tropical Northern Territory which is known for its rich diversity of species of fauna.



The 16-day expedition will conclude with the flight to Asia and then back to Germany and the other home countries of the participants.

The trip could last a whole year, but can also be done in the 16 days we will have available. This expedition will not be a holiday to relax, and instead will be filled to the brim with adventure, research and challenges.



*When: september/october 2015 (exact date to be announced)*

*Number of participants: 13*

*Costs: approx. € 4900*

*(flight itineraries and prices will be available end of 2014)*

*Deadline for registration: 15. Sept. 2014*

