

From Above

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A View from the Sky

Colas Decloitre is a French & British photographer based in the United States, working exclusively from the air. His work explores the point where landscape begins to resemble abstraction, using altitude to reveal patterns, textures, contrasts and colours that are often invisible from the ground.

Since taking up drone photography, he has travelled across deserts, salt flats, volcanic landscapes, coastlines, forests and cities, searching for the moments when landscape becomes pattern, and pattern becomes light. From the remote Andes to the shores of Indonesia, the islands of the North Atlantic and the urban landscapes of the United States and Europe, each place offers a different way of seeing the world from above.

Seen from the sky, familiar landscapes take on a different scale and character. Water becomes fields of colour, mountains become flowing textures, shadows stretch across the earth, and the smallest traces of human presence become delicate marks within vast surroundings. Through these images, altitude is not simply a way of reaching a higher viewpoint, but a means of discovering another way to see the landscape.

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01 - When the Shadow Appears

CONO DE ARITA · SALAR DE ARIZAO, SALTA, ARGENTINA

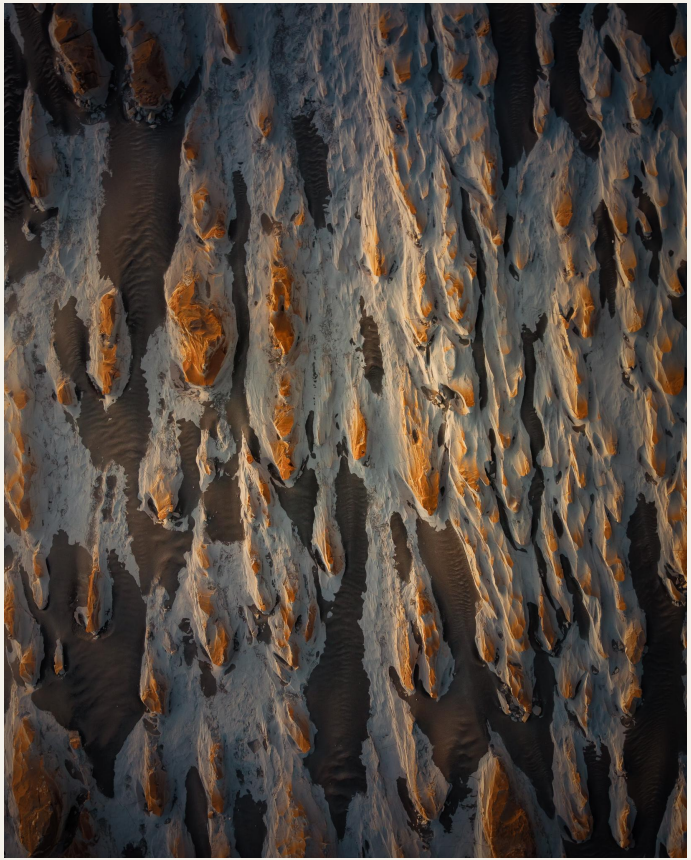


02 - Molten White

CAMPO DE PIEDRA POMEZ · CATAMARCA, ARGENTINA

03 - Melting Rocks

CAMPO DE PIEDRA POMEZ · CATAMARCA, ARGENTINA



04 - Stillness in Motion

CAMPO DE PIEDRA POMEZ · CATAMARCA, ARGENTINA



05 - River of Ochre

LAGUNA CARACHI PAMPA · CATAMARCA, ARGENTINA





06 - Stillness

LAGUNA VERDE · BALCÓN DEL PISSIS, CATAMARCA, ARGENTINA



07 - The Last Glow

DRANGARNIR · VÁGAR, FAROE ISLANDS



08 - Emergence

DRANGARNIR · VÁGAR, FAROE ISLANDS



09 - The Northern Edge

KLAKKUR · KLAKSVÍK, BORDOY, FAROE ISLANDS



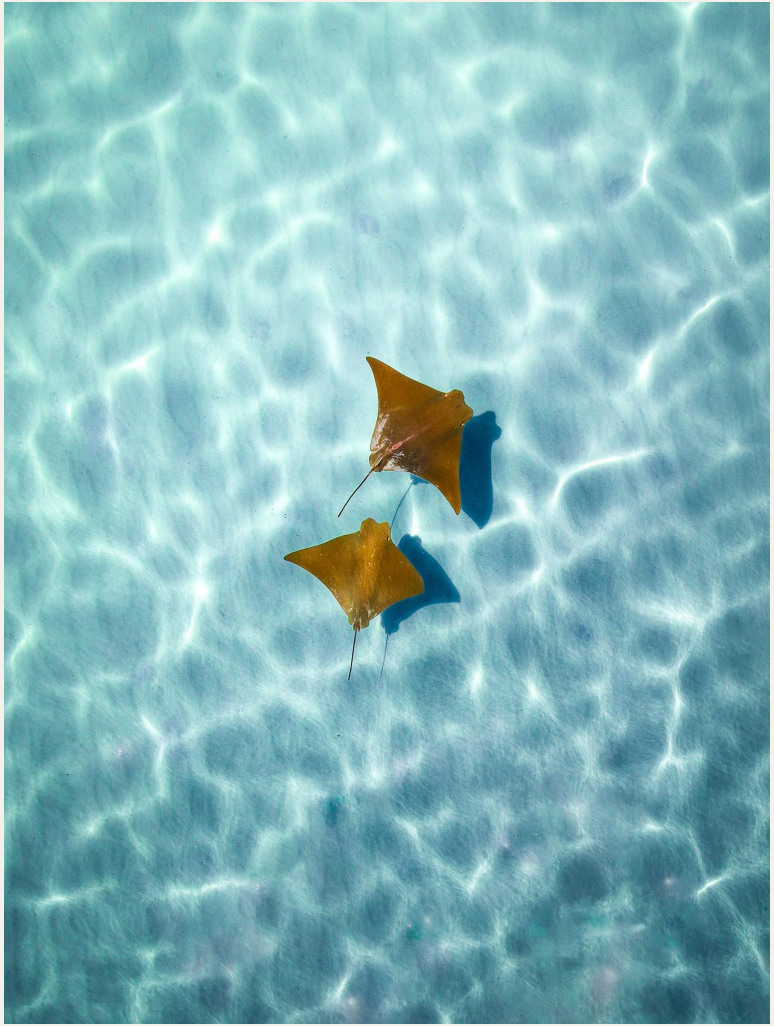
10 - Alone in the North

SVOLVÆR · LOFOTEN, NORWAY



11 - Mobula Ballet

SEA OF CORTEZ · LA VENTANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR, MEXICO



12 - Shadow Dancers

PLAYA TECOLOTITO · LA PAZ, BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR, MEXICO



13 - Where Blue Meets Green

BACALAR LAGOON · QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO



14 - The Divide

LAS COLORADAS · YUCATAN, MEXICO



15 - Frozen Eruption

SANDHÚKUSGÍGAR · REYKJANES PENINSULA, ICELAND



16 - Fractured Inferno

LITLI-HRÚTUR · REYKJANES PENINSULA, ICELAND



17 - Braided Earth

SKEIÐFLÖTUR · MÝRDALSHREPPUR, ICELAND



18 - Temple in the Mist

BOROBUDUR · CENTRAL JAVA, INDONESIA



19 - Forces of Nature

TUMPAK SEWU WATERFALL · EAST JAVA, INDONESIA



20 - The Sun’s Last Rays

LAGUNA VERDE · MONTAUK, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



21 - Crown of the Sea

ILHÉU DE VILA FRANCA DO CAMPO · SÃO MIGUEL ISLAND, AZORES, PORTUGAL

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