



**Professional Resume**  
**Walter Leonardi**  
**Photographer**

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Professor of photographic technique at the European Institute of Design, Turin, Italy

### **Published photographs**

Over 15,000 photographs published in more than 5,500 pages of articles dealing with tourism, archeology, anthropology and human interest, in the most prestigious worldwide magazines and journals.

### **Photographic Work in Italy**

Involvement in creating photographic archives for a number of cities, geographical organizations and tour agencies in all of the regions of Italy, in collaboration with APT and ATL tourism offices and with the municipal, provincial and regional administrations of:  
Agrigento - Genoa - Madonna di Campiglio - Massa Carrara - San Remo - Trapani - Marsala - S. Margherita Ligure - Turin - Bolzano - Perugia - Enna - Catania - Siracusa - Pantelleria - Alcamo - Caltanissetta - Bressanone - Cuneo - Castelvetrano - San Vito Lo Capo - Leonforte - San Marino (Republic of San Marino).

### **Photographic Work Abroad**

Walter Leonardi has worked in:

France, Portugal, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, England, Norway, Sweden, former Yugoslavia, Russia, Greece, Kenya, Tanzania, Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Mauritius Islands, India, Thailand, Singapore, Honk-Kong, Pakistan, Yemen, Martinique, Guadeloupe, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Brazil, Polynesia, Marquesas Islands, Easter Island, New Zealand, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, New Caledonia, Dominica, Saint Barthélemy, Saint Martin, Barbados, Virgin Islands, Antigua, Bahamas, United States (California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Washington, New York).

### **Photos published in Italian magazines**

Epoca, Atlante, Gente Viaggi, Sette (Corriere della Sera), Oggi, Playboy, Grazia, Amica, Famiglia Cristiana, Italia Turistica, Tutto Turismo, Airone, Mille Viaggi, Cavallo Magazine, Sì Magazine, Soprattutto, Venerdì (Repubblica), Bell'Italia, A Tavola, Sale e Pepe, Vogue Casa, Italy-Italy, Specchio (La Stampa), Elle, Panorama, Panorama Travel, Isole e Isole, Macchina del Tempo, Viaggi (Repubblica), Verde Oggi, Torino Magazine, Photographie Magazine, Reflex, Fotografare, Tutti Fotografi, Il Fotografo, etc.

### **Photos published in International magazines**

National Geographic (USA), Newsweek (USA), Life (USA), Los Angeles Magazine (USA), Boston Globe (USA), Terra (Brazil), CBTA (Russia), Manchete (Brazil), Editorial AME (USA), Science ETVI (France), New Woman Magazine (England), Contrast (Australia), Illustré (Switzerland), Not Magazine (Portugal), Editoriale Fut (Chile), Scandorama (Sweden), L'Express (France), Provenemex (Mexico), Nepszabadsag (Hungary), Cine Télé (Belgium), Le Point (France), Rodas (Brazil), Expansion (France), Sud America (Argentina), Cosmopolitan (Holland), Klik (Greece),

Hola (Spain), Diez Minutos (Spain), Korea Magazine (Korea), Vocable (France), Diners 260 (Colombia), Videodata (Japan), Italehti (Finland), Otago Daily (New Zealand), Disney Hachette Presse (France), Al Ahram (Egypt), Arthur Ferreira (Portugal), Week and Fyn (Denmark), Vi Nenn (Norway), Dukas (Switzerland), Al Bayan/ Al Riada (Dubai - Arab Emirates), Speckania (Poland), Flash Press (Spain), Alpha Photos (CRS), Empresa el Merc (Chile), Dolly (Australia), Plain Truth (USA), Art Networks (Holland), Proszjhski (Poland), Toucan (England), Tendages (Belgium), Eaglemoss Pub (England), Bunte Ed Bur (Germany), Ferenczy Euro (Hungary), Femina (Switzerland), Veckoreuyn (Sweden), Han Delsblatt (Germany), Seura (Finland), Playboy (Poland), Super TV (Poland), Tenden (Brazil), Pen- House (Greece), New Magazine (SKOR), La Croix (France), O' sole mio (Germany), Stile Italia (Germany).

### **Exclusive Photo Reportages**

For 25 years, Walter Leonardi was the official photographer of Thor Heyerdahl, the renowned Norwegian explorer and archeologist, famous throughout the world for his Kon Tiki, Ra and Tigris expeditions in which he built ancient balsa wood and papyrus vessels and successfully sailed the three oceans of the world in them, without no outside help.

Leonardi followed Heyerdahl on numerous expeditions, and his photographs of Easter Island have been published in magazines throughout the world as well as in prestigious books published by Random House (USA) and BBC (England), translated into a number of languages. While journeying with Heyerdahl, Leonardi photographed scenes of unique beauty and fascination in the Marquesas Islands, archeological and anthropological mysteries in Peru, Chile and Colombia, the pyramids of Tenerife and the Canary Islands, and an exclusive series of shots on Heyerdahl's discoveries in Sicily.

Leonardi has produced unique, exclusive photographic reports on the Soviet and Russian astronauts in the City of the Stars, exploring how these men are trained for the Sojuz spaceships and the Mir orbiting station. He was the first and only western photographer admitted into the inner circle of the Soviet "supermen" preparing for missions in space, documenting survival tests and training with the Sojuz at -65 °C in Siberia beyond the Arctic Polar Circle.

Leonardi's is the only photograph ever taken of Gorbaciov's dacia in Crimea, published the world over, and the first photographic reportage on the forbidden city of Vladivostok, capturing the powerful naval nuclear armaments of the Soviet fleet.

Leonardi's work on the celebrated American heart surgeon De Bakey of Houston as he performed open heart surgery was widely published and acclaimed, as were his spectacular images of the Italian Financial Police fleet in pursuit of Albanian immigration traffickers. Leonardi has also drawn public attention with his acclaimed photographs of social and anthropological themes.

### **Anthropological Photo Reportages**

North and South American Indians  
Prostitution in India  
The birth in a public hospital in Italy  
The private and social life of the Gypsies  
Clandestine immigration of the Kurds  
Siberian hunters

### **Illustrated Volumes**

La fontana angelica  
Obiettivo Torino  
Zingari - Edizioni Mazzotta  
L'uomo del Kon-Tiki - Ed. Mazzotta  
La nascita - Associazione Culturale 10-15  
Così si Nasce - Edizioni Emozioni  
Il Sale del Sole - Edizioni Emozioni  
Gocce di Sole - Edizioni Emozioni

*Currently in preparation:*

Photographic commemoration of Thor Heyerdahl, to be published in several languages  
Series of photographic books on the Islands of Italy

## **Encyclopedia Publications**

Encyclopedia Britannica - Popoli Diversi (SAE) - Enciclopedia Europea (Garzanti) - Enciclopedia UTET

## **Personal Exhibition**

1982 Sala del Palazzo degli Antichi Chiostrri, Torino  
1985 Palazzo Sormani, Milano  
1987 Salone La Stampa, Torino  
1988 Museo Kon-Tiki, Oslo  
1990 Galleria Il Diaframma, Milano  
1993 Istituto Italiano di cultura, Amsterdam  
1994 Mostra per le strade e piazze di Laigueglia, Savona  
1994 Mostra per le strade e piazze di Andora, Savona  
1994 Palazzo Ducale, Genova  
1995 Libreria Dante, Palermo  
1996 Società Geografica Italiana Palazzetto Mattei, Roma  
1998 Le Ciminiere, Catania  
1998 Villa Nasi, Trapani  
2003 Teatro Vittorio Emanuele, Messina  
2003 Museo Trucco, Albisola  
2004 Biblioteca comunale Scarabelli, Caltanissetta  
2004 Confraternita di S. Giovanni, Garessio  
2007 Chiostro di Montesalvo, Enna  
2007 Dominican University, Chicago  
2007 Biblioteca civica Villa Amoretti, Torino  
2008 Galleria Degustarte, Ragusa

## **Documentaries**

Gypsies - produced by RAI Italian Public Television  
The Pyramids of (Sicily) with Thor Heyerdahl, transmitted by RAI and by German, French, Belgian, English and Spanish television.

## **Celebrity Portraits and Photo Reportages**

John Ford, Glenn Ford, Robert Mitchum, Rod Steiger, Oliver Stone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jacqueline Bisset, Malcom Mc Dowell, Gary Oldman, Mickey Rourke, Katherine Kelly Lang, Hunter Tylo, Johanna Johnson, Mimi Rogers, Danny Aiello, Margot Hemingway, Ian Zering, Dyan Cannon, Robert Davi, Bill Conti Alberto Sordi, Marcello Mastroianni, Massimo Troisi, Luchino Visconti, Vittorio De Sica, Gina Lollobrigida, Dario Argento, Franco Nero, Pino Caruso Bill Clinton (former US president), Thor Heyerdahl (explorer and archeologist), Reinhold Messner (mountain climber), Michael De Bakey (heart surgeon), Francesco Messina (sculptor), Valerio Massimo Manfredi (writer, classical archeologist), Emmanuel Anati (archeologist), Walter Halva (archeologist), Primo Levi (writer), Luciano Benettoni (entrepreneur)

## **Commercial Work**

### **Hotels**

Leonardi also specializes in presenting prestigious Italian and international hotels and chains.

#### *Italy:*

San Domenico Palace (Taormina), Imperiale (S. Margherita Ligure), Exelsior Gallia (Milan), Grand Hotel Duomo (Milan), Miramonti (Cortina d'Ampezzo), Chiaia di Luna (Ponza), Grand'Hotel Milano (Salsomaggiore), Elefante (Bressanone), Quattro Fontane (Lido di Venezia), Schoss Rundegg (Merano), Villa Egea (Palermo), Delle Palme (Palermo), Colle Verde (Agrigento), Cala Creta (Lampedusa), San Rocco (Lago d'Orta), Villa Athena (Agrigento), Condulmer (Treviso), etc.

#### *International:*

Dorchester (London), Mamounia (Marrakech), Gran Palazzo (Saint Thomas - Virgin Islands), Crillon (Paris), Ambassador (Crans - Montana - Switzerland), Grand Hotel du Golf (Crans -

Montana - Switzerland), Eden Rock (Saint Barthélemy), Saint Barthélemy (Saint Barthélemy), La Bastie (Saint Tropez), Novotel (Guadeloupe), Meridien (Martinique), etc.

### **Advertising**

Swedish camera manufacturer Hasselblad has used Leonardi's photographs to promote their products throughout the world.

Leonardi has also specialized in presenting producers of fine wines (Pellegrino, Fazio Vini, Ceretto, Vini dell'Oltrepo Pavese, Marsala Botti wine barrel producers)

His photographs have illustrated dozens of articles on Italian wines and cuisine, published in the specialized press.

Other commercial assignments have included documenting coral and cameo artistry in Trapani and Torre del Greco, extraction and processing of the famous white marble of Carrara, and the fine crafting of numerous Italian products (footwear, chocolate, pastry, etc.)

### **Fashion photography**

Fashion reporting and advertising, published in Annabella, Grazia, Vogue, Gioia, Moda, Linea Capital, Donna, etc.

### **Archives**

Leonardi has approximately 800,000 slides in stock, dealing with the following themes:

#### *Italy*

Landscape, archeology, architecture, urban environments, botany, cuisine, ethnography and tourism in the following regions: Valle d'Aosta, Piedmont, Lombardy, Veneto, Trentino-Alto Adige, Friuli, Liguria, Emilia-Romagna, Umbria, Lazio, Abruzzo, Campania, Calabria, Sardinia, Sicily, the Italian islands

#### *Europe*

Tourism, architecture and geography in these countries:

Austria, Albania, France, Germany, Greece, England, Norway, Holland, Portugal, Russia, Spain (Canary Islands), Switzerland, Ukraine

#### *Asia*

Pakistan (Mohenijo-Daro), Yemen (Aden, Shibam, coast and desert), Kazakhstan (Alma-Ata),

#### *Africa*

Algeria (Sahara, Tassili), Morocco, Egypt, Kenya and Tanzania

#### *USA*

Arizona, Nevada, Texas, California, New York

#### *South America*

Chile (Santiago, Easter Island, Chiloé Island, Magdalena Island, Cape Horn), Colombia (Bogotá, St. Agustin, Amazon), Ecuador (Quito, Galapagos Islands), Bolivia (La Paz, Lake Titicaca, Tiahuanaco), Perú (Pyramids of Tucune, Chan- Chan, Chiclayo, Ilo, Sipan)

#### *Oceania*

New Zealand (complete), Marquesas Islands