



"I decided to position the treetops upside-down as that is how they are initially projected onto our retina," says Christoph.

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Viewing objects upside down can be rich in symbolic associations...

Trees are always inspiring but they can also be hard to photograph in fresh and inspiring ways. If you want to get beyond the 'lone tree in the landscape' cliché, look at the work of Christoph Franke.

"Trees take centre-stage in my life," Christoph explains. "I feel a deep reverence for their unique nature as I create my images." For his 'Tree Crowns' project, he spent 20 minutes taking numerous single frames to be assembled later. "Through this 'face-to-face' with the tree, I want to capture the primordial energy of this ancient living being for my photograph. Reversed in this way, the images remind me of roots, medicinal illustrations of a

human lung, a family tree or a symbolic 'tree of life'."

For Christoph's next project, he is going to scan tree trunks and then rotate them about 90 degrees. "The trunks are then assembled and form one single image," he explains.

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- ★ Detail is all in this kind of shot, so make sure you use a tripod if necessary to give your camera extra stability.
- ★ Aim for consistent lighting, or at the very least a consistent background.
- ★ Trees can also look more interesting when shot from below or other unconventional angles.



Christoph Franke

