

Could YOU be the Travel Photographer of the Year?

LONDON, UK, April 9, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>The 2018 Travel Photographer of the Year® awards</u> are now open for entry. Amateur and professional photographers from across the globe and of all ages have until October 1st to submit their images to this long-established, renowned international competition at www.tpoty.com.

To celebrate the 15th anniversary of the competition - which was founded in 2003, is judged by a highly respected international panel of photographers and imaging experts and has attracted hundreds of thousands of images from photographers around the world - this year's contest features a brand-new, eight-image 'showcase' portfolio category.

There are some fantastic prizes to be won by the overall winner of the awards - the Travel Photographer of the Year 2018 - and by the winners of the <u>challenging themes and categories</u>. Prizes include cash bursaries, the latest professional cameras and lenses from Fujifilm, Norwegian voyages with Hurtigruten, jackets from Páramo, leather portfolio books or iFolios from Plastic Sandwich, Photo Iconic photo tuition, Genesis Imaging exhibition prints and membership of the Royal Photographic Society (RPS).

This year's Travel Photographer of the Year (TPOTY®) portfolio categories are 'Travel', 'Faces, People, Cultures' and 'Natural World'. There are three single image categories, 'Beauty of Light', 'Hot, Cold' and 'Tranquility', a Young Travel Photographer of the Year award for ages 18 and under, and a New Talent award - 'Festivals & Events'. Finally, for pictures taken on a smartphone or tablet, there is 'iTravelled'.

Photographers visiting the UK this month and who are looking for inspiration can visit the superb, <u>free-to-view exhibition</u> of the 140 award-winning images from Travel Photographer of the Year 2017, which is currently receiving great acclaim at London Bridge City, next to City Hall on Queen's Walk and opposite the Tower of London, and runs to April 29th.

Travel Photographer of the Year® entry fees start at £8 and entry for Young TPOTY is free of charge. The awards are now open at www.tpoty.com and close on October 1st. The shortlisted photographers will be announced in November and the winners in December.

AWARDS AND PRIZES IN DETAIL

The Travel Photographer of the Year 2018 will be the photographer who submits the best eight images, either as an entry to the eight-image 'Travel' portfolio or as two portfolios in 'Faces, People, Cultures' or 'Natural World'. In addition to receiving worldwide exposure, and seeing their images exhibited at TPOTY® exhibitions in the UK and overseas, the winner will receive £4,000, a personalized leather portfolio case or iFolio case from Plastic Sandwich, £750 worth of Páramo outdoor clothing and membership of the RPS.

The 15th anniversary, portfolio, 'Travel', is the entrants' chance to showcase their travel photography skills in eight images. The winner receives a Fujifilm professional camera and lens, a trip for two to Norway with Hurtigruten, plus membership of the RPS.

The winners of the 'Faces, People, Cultures' and 'Natural World' portfolio categories each receive Fujifilm professional cameras and lenses plus membership of the RPS. And the winners of the Best Single Image award in these categories receive giclée exhibition prints from Genesis Imaging.

Photographers with stunning single images can enter the One Shot awards - 'Beauty of Light', 'Hot, Cold' and 'Tranquility'. The winners each receive a Hurtigruten Norwegian voyage for two people, plus a jacket from Páramo and membership of the RPS.

The theme of this year's Young TPOTY is 'My Adventures', and there are two age groups - 14 and under and 15-18 years. The Young Travel Photographer of the Year 2018 wins £500, a personalised Plastic Sandwich leather portfolio book or iFolio, membership of the RPS and a place on a Photo Iconic .The winners of the two age groups each receive £250 plus a place on a Photo Iconic photography workshop or imaging critique session.

The 2018 New Talent award has the theme 'Festivals & Events' and a prize of £500 plus a Páramo Halcon Traveller jacket, a personalized leather portfolio case or iFolio case from Plastic Sandwich, Photo Iconic photography tuition or critiques plus membership of the RPS.

For photographers who shoot on their phone, tablet or iPad, there is the Smart Shot category 'iTravelled'. The winner receives £500 plus a Plastic Sandwich leather portfolio case or iFolio.

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