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A feast for travel and photography lovers Travel and photography workshops, lectures and advice sessions at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)

With the arrival of the [Travel Photographer of the Year](#) exhibition at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) from May 6th to June 10th, London gains a fabulous new free-to-view photography exhibit. And there's more...three days of informative and entertaining lectures and workshops, where travel and photography lovers can learn from renowned experts and immerse themselves in images, geography, history, and photographic technique. Priced at just £55 per day, these promise to be not-to-be-missed experiences for travel lovers and photography fans, that represent fantastic value for money too.

The events

Travel Photographer of the Year and the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) have brought together some of the world's leading photographers, writers and travellers for a series of entertaining lectures, workshops and informative practical advice sessions.

There's a great line up of speakers from the world of photography and travel for all three days, including Alexander Maitland (travel writer), Andy Rouse (wildlife photographer), Steve Bloom (travel and wildlife photographer), Michelle Jana Chan (BBC presenter and video journalist), Hugh Thompson (explorer and writer), film director Nick Livesey, and Jason Hawkes (aerial photographer).

- 'Exploring Photography and Travel' (14 May) focuses on travellers who love photography, with sessions on camera and photographic technique.
- Wild Day (15 May) is all about adventure, nature, wildlife, environment & landscape
- People & Culture Day (5 June) focuses on vanishing cultures, photographing people, and photographers at work.

Event attendees will also gain special access to the splendid facilities of the Society, including the Foyle Reading Room and Collections displays linked to the subject of the event and the Society's Fine Rooms including the Main Hall and Map Room.

Each day is packed with things to do and see, and tickets cost £55 per day, with discounts for students and members of the Society. A three-day ticket to cover all the events costs £140. For programme information please email TPOTY@rgs.org. Tickets are available from <http://www.rgs.org/TPOTYFestival>.

The exhibition

Showcasing the very best images from the international TPOTY awards, the exhibition is free. It presents dozens of glorious images from across the globe, together with some of the beautiful historical images from the archives of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG). For more information please visit: <http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn>.

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1. For any media enquires please contact Lis Parham at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) on 020 7591 3019 or email press@rgs.org or Karen Coe at Travel Photographer of the Year on 01728 669185/email press@tpoty.com.
2. Formed in 2003, Travel Photographer of the Year (TPOTY) rapidly became one of the world's most prestigious photography awards. Open to amateur and professional photographers of all ages, and from all countries, TPOTY regularly attracts entries from over 70 countries each year. To date, the oldest TPOTY entrant has been aged 88, and the youngest just five years old. Photographers from 35 countries have so far won awards and enjoyed international exposure for their work. The TPOTY winning images are showcased in the TPOTY 'Journey' series of books and at Travel Photographer of the Year exhibitions. In 2011 TPOTY announced a collaborative partnership with the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) to take the awards into a new era, with a major annual exhibition of images at the Society's headquarters in Kensington, London. www.tpoty.com
3. The Royal Geographical Society (with The Institute of British Geographers) is the learned society and professional body for geography. Formed in 1830, our Royal Charter of 1859 is for 'the advancement of geographical science'. Today, we deliver this objective by developing, supporting and promoting geography through research, expeditions and fieldwork, education, and public engagement, while also providing geographical input to policy. We aim to foster an understanding and informed enjoyment of our world. We hold the world's largest private geographical collection and provide public access to it. We have a thriving Fellowship and membership and offer the professional accreditation 'Chartered Geographer' www.rgs.org