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PEOPLE, LANDSCAPES, WILDLIFE AND MORE - ITS TIME TO TRAVEL THE WORLD Travel Photographer of the Year opens its 23rd annual award for entries

The prestigious Travel Photographer of the Year awards (TPOTY) 2025 search for the best travel images is now open, giving photographers across the globe the opportunity to showcase their best images on an international stage. So whether you photograph people, landscapes, wildlife, underwater, street-life or any other genre of travel photography on your travels then now's your chance to bring your photography to the world. Amateur and professional photographers of all ages and from anywhere in the world are invited to submit their very best work in one of the world's leading photographic competitions. Entries close on 13 October.

TPOTY 2025 has a range of [categories](#), reflecting the breadth and diversity of travel photography, and entrants will be competing not only for a fine selection of prizes but also for the international exposure and acclaim that comes from achieving success in these awards. TPOTY winners gain tremendous media exposure and feature in UK and international exhibitions. The 2024 winners are currently on display at [Banbury Museum & Gallery](#) in Banbury, Oxfordshire, UK until 6 July... and more exhibitions are on the way for 2025 and 2026!

The awards are judged by an enormously respected [international panel of imaging experts](#), who give their time and expertise freely to judge the awards. This year TPOTY welcomes two new judges to the panel, both from the USA and each internationally acclaimed: - multi award-winning documentary and travel photographer Mark Edward Harris and photojournalist and UNICEF Ambassador Krystal Chryssomallis. They will be part of a 16 strong international judging panel.

Categories and prizes

TPOTY 2025 has four portfolio categories: 'Adventures & Experiences', 'Culture, Heritage & Beliefs', 'Landscape, Weather & Climate' and 'Wildlife, Sealife, Birdlife'. There are also four One Shot single-image categories: 'Green Planet', 'Slow Travel', 'Travel in Monochrome' and 'Travel Portraits'.

The Overall Winner – the Travel Photographer of the Year 2025 – will be the entrant who submits the best two portfolios across any of the four portfolio categories, and entry to this is automatic and free. In addition, there is Young Travel Photographer of the Year, which is open to photographers aged 18 and under and has awards in two different age groups. The Young TPOTY theme is 'Journeys & Adventures'.

There's a new award this year too - Travel Image of the Year. This will be awarded to one of the winners of the four One Shot categories or one of the four Best Single Image in a Portfolio winners. The judging panel and the general public will be given the opportunity to choose this winner - the only main award in which the general public have a say alongside the judges. However there will also be the People's Choice award - which last year received 19,000 votes - for the general public to choose their favourite image from the finalists.

For the second year, the Rising Talent award will select amateur or semi-professional photographers to have their work reviewed and support them with developing their photography. The six winners will each receive a cash prize, a portfolio review from a TPOTY judge, imaging software and online photography training. In addition, two of the six winners will be chosen to receive an additional portfolio review from leading New York photographers' agent Frank Meo.

This year also sees the return of the HD Video category, but this time with a twist. Entrants will have the opportunity to enter either a two-minute video on the theme 'Our World' or a one-minute 'Shooting Travel' video showing how they work or how they created an image.

With [support](#) also coming from Radiant Imaging Labs, Eye for the Light, Genesis Imaging, the PhotoCloser and SheClicks, the awards offer some excellent prizes including nearly £10,000 in cash bursaries, photographic equipment, magnificent prints, portfolio reviews, and photo tuition.

Inspiration and information

A vast array of award-winning travel photography can be found on the previous Winners' Galleries on tpoty.com and a further source of inspiration and information is Eye for the Light, the free online creative photography, adventure and travel magazine with features and podcasts by Newton & Coe, plus a new &Coe podcast series. It's a fabulous resource and source of knowledge and includes [interviews with renowned photographers, travellers and adventurers](#). Just published is a conversation with new TPOTY judge Mark Edward Harris, and this fascinating and insightful series includes conservation photographer Charlie Hamilton James, Venezuelan visual story-teller Ana María Arévalo Gosen, marine photographer Cristina Mittermeier and former Deputy Director of Photography at National Geographic, Kathy Moran. The next two to be broadcast will be the director of 'My Octopus Teacher' Pippa Ehrlich and new TPOTY judge Krystal Chryssomallis.

Since Travel Photographer of the Year was founded in 2003 entries have been received from 157 countries to date, with nearly 60 nationalities represented amongst the winners. Overall winners have come from Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, Spain the UK and USA.; with young winners also from Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, Germany, India, Ireland, the UK and USA

Entry fees start at £12, and entry is FREE for young photographers aged 18 and under. For early bird entrants there is a special **TPOTY Pass** which gives unlimited entry up until 31st July. In addition, TPOTY is offering a number of entry 'packages' which offer substantial savings of as much as 50% over individual category fees. Submissions must be made online at www.tpoty.com.

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About Travel Photographer of the Year:

Travel Photographer of the Year was founded in 2003 and rapidly became one of the world's leading travel photography awards. We accept entries from amateur, semi-pro and professional photographers of all ages and from all countries. We have received entries from photographers in more than 150 countries and, to date, our oldest entrant has been 88 years old, the youngest just five.



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