

Travel Media Awards 2016 – Winners announced!

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The Travel Media Awards 2016 are pleased to announce this year's winners, following a ceremony held at ME London Hotel on Thursday 27 October.

The event was attended by representatives of the UK's top travel media, with 20 publications, broadcasters, journalists and photographers each collecting a prestigious award.

Matthew Jackson, managing director of APL Media and co-founder of the Awards, said: "Once again, the Travel Media Awards have been a huge success with a remarkably high standard of entries. Our judges had some difficult decisions to make and we'd like to congratulate all the winners and entrants. With over 200 people attending, we're proud to say the Awards were a great success."

The Travel Media Awards 2016 were also thrilled to welcome British journalist and broadcaster Michael Portillo, who was presented with the Special Contribution Award. Over the past eight years at the helm of the BBC's eminently popular Great Railway Journeys series, Portillo has taken viewers along the historic railroads of the United Kingdom and Europe.

The series has run to a total of 12 seasons, an achievement that the organisers and advisory panel of the Awards labelled: "A testament to the importance and popularity of the show's theme, and to Portillo's intellectual rigor and boundless enthusiasm as a presenter".

Co-founder of the Travel Media Awards and Travega managing director Giles Harper said: "We're delighted that the awards have grown so substantially year on year, with over 600 entries across all the various categories — an increase of some 20% on last year — and with many household names now supporting the Awards. I'd like to thank everyone who entered and attended the Awards, our panel of judges, the Awards sponsors and the entire Travel Media Awards team who have worked so hard to make the Awards such a memorable event."

The Winners

Consumer Magazine Travel Section of the Year
Harper's Bazaar

Consumer Travel Publication of the Year
The Sunday Times Travel Magazine

Consumer Travel Writer of the Year
Michelle Jana Chan, Condé Nast Traveller

Customer Magazine of the Year
Excelente – Iberia

National Broadsheet Newspaper Travel Section of the Year

The Sunday Times – Travel

National Consumer Travel Feature of the Year

Orla Thomas for 'The Real Jungle Book' in Lonely Planet Traveller

National Tabloid Newspaper Travel Section of the Year

Metro

Online Consumer Travel Publication of the Year

The Telegraph

Online Travel Trade Publication of the Year

TTG – ttgmedia.com

Regional Publication Travel Feature of the Year

Ian Belcher for 'The Rock Less Travelled' in Brummell Magazine

Special Contribution Award

Michael Portillo

Travel and Tourism Photography Award

Sergio Villalba for 'British Virgin Islands: Learning the ropes' in The Sunday Times Travel Magazine

Travel Blogger and Vlogger of the Year

Alex Hunter – youtube.com/attachetravel

Travel Broadcast Programme of the Year – TV, Radio, Online

Mark Stratton: Between Life and Death - Toraja People of Sulawesi, BBC From Our Own Correspondent

Travel Guide Book of the Year

Bradt – A Summer of British Wildlife, by James Lowen

Travel Media Innovative Campaign and Content of the Year

'Travel Memories' commercial and editorial partnership by Harper's Bazaar for The Ritz-Carlton

Travel Trade Feature of the Year

Chloe Cann for 'Lost and Found in the Wild' in TTG

Travel Trade Publication of the Year

Selling Travel

Travel Trade Writer of the Year

Peter Ellegard, Freelance

Young Travel Writer of the Year

Hannah Summers, Escapism

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Notes for Editors

The Travel Media Awards launched last year, celebrating the very best of the travel media sector. The Awards were created in recognition of the hugely influential role that today's travel media play in the holiday and business travel decision-making process. Open to all travel writers, broadcasters and photographers, the Awards are a true barometer of the travel media sector.

The Travel Media Awards are owned and operated under a joint venture agreement between Travega and APL Media Limited. Please note, for the purposes of fairness and transparency, no travel titles by APL Media were entered into the Awards. A team of 9 independent shortlisters narrowed down a final list of four or five in each category before a panel of 55 travel industry and media experts decided the winners. www.travelmediaawards.com (<http://www.travelmediaawards.com>)

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