

Turn those holiday photos into prizes...

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If you've taken some great photos while on holiday, or perhaps really captured the spirit of London as it celebrates the Olympics, why not enter them into one of the world's most prestigious photography competitions? Entries for the international Travel Photographer of the Year awards close on September 17th, so you've got just a few weeks to submit your images.

Open to amateur and professional photographers from all over the world, Travel Photographer of the Year (TPOTY) (<http://www.tpoty.com>) now attracts entries from over 90 countries, and features categories for all ages and levels of photographers (even beginners). And there are some fantastic rewards...

The top prize for TPOTY 2012 is the Cutty Sark Award for the Overall Winner (<http://www.tpoty.com/categories/winners/tpoty-winner>), who will receive £2,500 in cash together with an expenses-paid international photography commission with a £2,500 commission fee. In addition, they'll get the once-in-a-lifetime chance to work with Cutty Sark Blended Scotch Whisky's master blender, blending and bottling their own unique whisky.

Individual category prizes include trips to Kenya with Explore, and to Morocco's Essaouira Music Festival with Tribes Travel, the very latest Fujifilm cameras and Adobe software, plus leather portfolio cases from Plastic Sandwich. There's also a paid commission to shoot for Condé Nast Traveller magazine, in a special category to celebrate the magazine's 15th anniversary in the UK.

The winning images from last year's TPOTY awards are currently on show at London's Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) until September 2nd. The Society is just along the road from the Natural History Museum, Victoria & Albert Museum, Science Museum and Royal Albert Hall, and the exhibition is free, and it's open every day, so why not pop along for some inspiration?

The 2012 TPOTY awards (<http://www.tpoty.com/categories>) feature three portfolio categories – 'People Watching', 'Wild Planet' and 'Journeys' - the Condé Nast Traveller category 'Celebration', a New Talent award, Young TPOTY (for photographers aged 18 and under), an HD video category 'Travel Shorts', and a single image category 'Water'. If you're nervous about putting your images up against professional photographers and serious amateurs, you could give the First Shot category 'Big City' a go. This is just for beginners, and you can even submit images taken on a mobile phone.

Winning images are also exhibited each year at the Royal Geographical Society and published in the Travel Photographer of the Year 'Journey' books – all fantastic exposure for the winners.

Images can be submitted as prints or uploaded online, and entries close September 17th. Entry fees start at £10 and Young TPOTY is free to enter. Full details of how to enter can be found on www.tpoty.com.

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Editor's Notes:

The attached image from TPOTY 2011, by Malin Palm, is only to be used to illustrate stories about the awards and the photographer must be credited. Other winning images from previous years of the awards are also available to accompany this story – please visit the Winners Galleries (<http://www.tpoty.com/winners/2011>) on www.tpoty.com to choose the images you would like, and we will provide them in high-res or as files for web galleries, along with captions.

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