

# National Geographic Traveller Reader Awards 2016, in association with Qatar Tourism Authority Shortlist Announced

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The shortlist has been announced for the second annual National Geographic Traveller (UK) Reader Awards 2016, in association with Qatar Tourism Authority. The 2016 awards has seen an additional five categories added, and a record 7,957 responses — up nearly 2,000 from last year.

Readers of one of the UK's best-loved travel magazines voted for their favourite destination, airline, tour operator and more, with the winners announced during a ceremony in London on 29 November and in the Jan/Feb 2017 issue of National Geographic Traveller (UK).

Pat Riddell, editor of National Geographic Traveller, said: "We're very excited to reveal the shortlist for our second Reader Awards. Our readers are a knowledgeable, sophisticated, well-travelled bunch and it's really important for us to tap into their views as well as reward the destinations and companies that matter.

"The winners will be announced in just over a month but in the meantime I'd like to congratulate all the finalists for being so highly rated and coveted by thousands of our readers."

Voters were automatically entered into a prize draw. Holiday prizes included a seven-night cruise of northern Iceland on board a brand new, boutique 17-cabin yacht with Variety Cruises; and a seven-night ski trip to Austria, courtesy of VIP SKI. An Apple iPad mini 2, two Amazon Kindles and 20 National Geographic Traveller (UK) subscriptions were also up for grabs.

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## 2016 READER AWARDS SHORTLIST:

### SHORT-HAUL COUNTRY

France

Italy

Spain

### LONG-HAUL COUNTRY

Australia

New Zealand

USA

### SHORT-HAUL CITY

Amsterdam

Barcelona

Rome

#### LONG-HAUL CITY

New York

San Francisco

Sydney

#### SHORT-HAUL AIRLINE

British Airways

EasyJet

Ryanair

#### LONG-HAUL AIRLINE

British Airways

Emirates

Virgin Atlantic

#### OVERSEAS HOTEL GROUP

Four Seasons

Hilton Hotels & Resorts

Marriott

#### UK HOTEL GROUP

Hilton Hotels & Resorts

Premier Inn

Radisson Blu

#### OVERSEAS ATTRACTION

Angkor Wat, Cambodia

Grand Canyon, USA

Great Barrier Reef, Australia

#### UK ATTRACTION

British Museum

Eden Project

Edinburgh Castle

#### TOUR OPERATOR

Exodus

Kuoni

Virgin Holidays

#### TRAVEL TV PROGRAMME

Great Barrier Reef, David Attenborough (BBC)

Greece, Simon Reeves (BBC)

Walking the Himalayas, Levison Wood (Channel 4)

#### TRAVEL BOOK

Heat, by Ranulph Fiennes

London Overground, by Iain Sinclair

The Road to Little Dribbling, by Bill Bryson

#### TRAVEL BLOG

A Lady in London

Budget Traveller

Everything Everywhere

#### NEW GREEN INITIATIVE

ABTA – Make Holidays Greener campaign

TripAdvisor GreenLeaders

Wilderness Safaris – Rhino Conservation Project

#### RAIL JOURNEY

Glacier Express, Switzerland

Rocky Mountaineer, Canada

West Highland Line, Scotland

#### NEW CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Lincoln Castle (renovation), UK

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

The Musée de l'Homme, Paris

#### CRUISE LINE

P&O Cruises

National Geographic Cruises

Royal Caribbean

#### FAMILY TRAVEL COMPANY

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Thomson

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