

Shortlist announced: National Geographic Traveller Reader Awards 2017, in association with Qatar Tourism Authority

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The shortlist has been announced for the third annual National Geographic Traveller (UK) Reader Awards 2017, in association with Qatar Tourism Authority. The 2017 awards has seen categories revamped this year to cover a broader range of experience and to reflect what's new in the travel industry.

Readers voted for their favourite destination, airline, tour operator and more, with the winners set to be announced during a ceremony at London's The May Fair Hotel on 27 November and in the Jan/Feb 2018 issue of National Geographic Traveller (UK).

Pat Riddell, editor of National Geographic Traveller, said: "For our third annual Reader Awards we revamped the categories to better reflect our readers' views, and we're very pleased with the range and variety of responses we received. From some of the world's best-loved destinations and brands to some of the attractions that really should be on everyone's radar, this shortlist is indicative of the best in travel.

"The results will be announced in just over a month but at this stage I'd like to offer a huge congratulations to all the finalists for being so highly thought of by our readers."

Voters were automatically entered into a prize draw. Holiday prizes included an eight-night walking holiday for two in the Pyrenees with Voyages-sncf.com, Toulouse Tourist Office and Purely Pyrenees; and a four-night spa trip to Domaine La Butte aux Bois, Belgium, courtesy of Relais & Châteaux and Niche Destinations. An Amazon Echo, two Amazon Kindles and 20 National Geographic Traveller (UK) subscriptions were also up for grabs.

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2017 READER AWARDS SHORTLIST:

RISING STAR (CITY/REGION)

Belfast
Donegal
Hull

RETURN TICKET (COUNTRY)

Italy
Spain
USA

NEW NATIONAL TREASURE (UK ATTRACTION)

Hintze Hall, Natural History Museum, London

Iron Bridge, Shropshire
National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh

FAR & AWAY (OVERSEAS ATTRACTION)
La Cité du Vin, Bordeaux, France
Lost City of Kuelap, Peru
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, USA

LANDMARK LEGEND (FAMOUS ATTRACTION)
Grand Canyon, USA
Machu Picchu, Peru
Taj Mahal, India

ONE FOR THE KIDS (FAMILY EXPERIENCE)
Center Parcs
Walt Disney Parks and Resorts
Legoland

RIGHT TRACK (RAIL)
Eurostar e320 fleet, UK-France
Railway Touring Company's 'The Hadrian' tour on the Flying Scotsman, UK
Train Suite Shiki-shima, Japan

THE EXPERIENCE (TRAVEL EXPERIENCE)
Grand Canyon helicopter tour
New Zealand road trip
South African safari

ACROSS THE WAVES (CRUISE & FERRY)
MS Harmony of the Seas, Royal Caribbean
MS Spitsbergen, Hurtigruten
MV Viking Sea, Viking Ocean Cruises

DOMESTIC BLISS (UK HOTEL)
Chewton Glen, Hampshire
Gleneagles Hotel, Perth and Kinross
The Pig on the Beach, Dorset

THE DESTINATION HOTEL (OVERSEAS HOTEL)
Bellagio, Las Vegas
Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
Raffles Singapore

TRAVEL EXPERTS (TRAVEL COMPANY)
Kunoni

Thomas Cook
Trailfinders

HIGH CLASS (AIRLINE EXPERIENCE)

British Airways
Emirates
Virgin Atlantic

TRUE CLASS (AIRLINE VALUE)

British Airways
Easyjet
Ryanair

GREEN LIGHT (ECO TRAVEL)

Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge, Kenya
Crieff Hydro, Scotland
The Ocean Cleanup

THE ORACLE (WEBSITE)

Airbnb
Booking.com
TripAdvisor

BOOK WORM (BOOK)

Deep South: Four Seasons on Back Roads, by Paul Theroux (Hamish Hamilton)
Rain: Four Walks in English Weather, by Melissa Harrison (Faber & Faber)
The Best American Travel Writing, edited by Bill Bryson (Mariner Books)

SCREEN & SOUND (TV & RADIO)

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