

We Blog the World Travel Photo

Contest: 26 Finalists Chosen!

March 26, 2012 – San Francisco, CA – [We Blog the World](#), an online culture and travel magazine that focuses on off-the-beaten path cultural events and unique adventure and high-end [travel experiences](#) for discerning travelers, announced 26 finalists for its first public travel photo contest.

There were over 200 submissions and the We Blog the World team cut it to just 26 finalists after agonizing for far too long to get the cut to the magic 25. While all the photos submitted were incredibly inspiring, the below images were ones that the team and judges had a hard time shifting their eyes away from again and again. The finalists are listed by the name they used to submit the photograph, followed by a brief description, in their words, not ours. In most cases, we have location, however there are a few instances where we do not have location included.

Of the countries around the world that made the list, country representation included India, Cambodia, Turkey, Peru, Scotland, Australia, Cumbria, Utah, Egypt, Namibia, Malawi, Japan, Venezuela, Canada, Chile, Ethiopia, Barbados, and Nepal.

1. Ishtiaq: Opal



Says Ishtiaq, “A jolly young girl sitting on a window. She was playing with her friends on a muddy road with rocks. She ran across the road and sat on the window as I passed by with my camera. The shy, happy glare in her eyes are still unforgettable.”

2. Ugur.Tufan.Emeksiz – Turkey. He says: “I took this photo in Istanbul just half an hour before sunset. I did not know the guy with the balloon but i asked him to pick up the balloon and walk away slowly.”



3. Patrick Houston: Peru



Cusco, Peru, June, 2011. She was posing for money. But it's still one of my favorite photos among the many, many I took.

4. David: Australia



Picture captured during an underwater scuba diving session in the Great Barrier Reef in Cairns, Australia!

5. Mkurtz423: Northern Scotland



Frozen Creek in Northern Scotland

6. Toryreiss: Canyonlands National Park in Utah



Elevated by nature – in Canyonlands National Park, Utah

7. Courtney.Timm - This photo was taken from a boat on the Ganga Ghats in Varanasi, India. Says Courtney: “One of the most magical and mystifying places in the world to me!”



8. Cambodia073: Cambodia



Says the photographer, “In the midst of my bucket shower, a single ray of light was illuminating this blade of grass growing up through the floor of our bungalows’ bathroom.” Location: Koh Rong Samloem, Cambodia

9. April Hansen, RememberMePhotography: Lion at Zoo (location unknown)



Says April: "This photo was taken in a zoo, the lion just looked so beautiful just sitting there," she says, "I had to photograph it, they are absolutely the most amazing animals."

10. Jennifer Winterberg: Egypt



Camels relaxing between rides in Cairo, Egypt.

11. Senachun: Egypt



Taken during a desert safari in Egypt

12. The Travel Bunny: Namibia, Africa



The Dead Vlei, Sossusvlei, Namibia , the Travel Bunny says, “I was amazed to see that a bird had built a nest amid all the sand, dust and heat of the desert.”

13. Vuvuzelamandela: Cumbria



This image was taken on a cold and foggy morning in Penrith, Cumbria.

14. Jejope (Jenni Petersen): Salima, Malawai. Says Jenni, “She had been crossing the street with her brother and sister when she spotted me in a minibus taking a photo.”



15. Krishnamjc: (we think the location is India).



Says the photographer: “The photo features a young lady standing close to a decorated elephant moving along a procession. Her expression is a kind of “fearful curiosity”.

16. Ayyildizerol



17. Amunet: Japan



Taken May 2010 in Tokyo, Japan. Tokyo Tower with Roses. Says the photographer, “This is my favorite shot of the whole trip because it was a study abroad and the blooming of the flowers almost symbolize my learning of this amazing country.”

18. Dani Blanchette: Goingnomad, Venezuela



Says Dani, “This is a photo of 3 Warao children (an indigenous tribe of the Orinoco Delta in eastern Venezuela. These children grow up with the Delta as their source of food, water, sanitation, and essentially life. These young children stopped playing in the water for a few minutes to let me photograph them.”

19. Pratyush Bharali: India



“A MOTHER & HER MOST PRECIOUS GIFT” – This photo was taken at Vagator Beach, Goa, India.

20. James Mcinnes: Australia



Red Centre Dreaming...Central Australia

21. LandLopers: Lake Louise, Alberta Canada



22. Pablo Dutih: Chile



Global warming in O'Higgins Lake, Chilean Patagonia.

23. Kidworldcitizen: Ethiopia



Mursi Tribe in Ethiopia.

24. Julia Schneider: Barbados



Barbados 2011, Double Rainbow

25. TheForeignFlash: India



Birds putting on a show at City Palace in Jaipur, India

26. mtess: Just another day in Pokhara, Nepal



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