National Geographic Announces Winners of 2019 Travel Photo Contest

Chosen from thousands of entries, National Geographic has unveiled the grand prize winner of the 2019 Travel Photo Contest. Weimin Chu's winning photo, "Winter in Greenland" depicts the fishing village of Upernavik in northwestern Greenland. Historically, Greenlandic buildings were painted multiple colors to indicate different functions, from red storefronts to blue fishermen's homes—a useful distinction when the landscape is blanketed in snow. Today, colorful homes still dot the snowy landscape. "It felt so harmonious. The whole land was covered by white, cold snow, and the blue tint at dusk made it even cooler. But the light from the windows, street lights and the family of three made the world warm again," says Chu. "I love the contrast and mood of this scene. I was busy taking continuous pictures at that time, trying to capture the best moment." Chu will receive ,500 (USD) and a post on National Geographic Travel's Instagram account, @natgeotravel. This year, the contest received thousands of entries from around the globe in three categories: Nature, Cities and People. The photos were judged by a panel of expert photographers and National Geographic staff. Submitted photos also joined National Geographic's photography community, Your Shot. Huaifeng Li won first place in the People category with a photograph of actors preparing for an evening opera performance in Licheng County, China. Tamara Blazquez Haik received first place in the Nature category with a photograph of a griffon vulture soaring the skies in Monfragüe National Park in Spain. All of the winning photos, along with the honorable mentions, can be viewed at natgeo.com/travelphotocontest. For more on Chu's winning photograph, see the full story HERE. ABOUT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PARTNERS National Geographic Partners LLC (NGP), a joint venture between Disney and the National Geographic Society, is committed to bringing the world premium science, adventure and exploration content across an unrivaled portfolio of media assets. NGP combines the global National Geographic television channels (National Geographic Channel, Nat Geo WILD, Nat Geo MUNDO, Nat Geo PEOPLE) with National Geographic's media and consumer-oriented assets, including National Geographic magazines; National Geographic studios; related digital and social media platforms; books; maps; children's media; and ancillary activities that include travel, global experiences and events, archival sales, licensing and e-commerce businesses. Furthering knowledge and understanding of our world has been the core purpose of National Geographic for 131 years, and now we are committed to going deeper, pushing boundaries, going further for our consumers ... and reaching millions of people around the world in 172 countries and 43 languages every month as we do it. NGP returns 27 percent of our proceeds to the nonprofit National Geographic Society to fund work in the areas of science, exploration, conservation and education. For more information visit <u>natgeotv.com</u> or <u>nationalgeographic.com</u>, or find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedInand Pinterest. MEDIA CONTACTS Chandler Hueth, National Geographic Chandler. Hueth@natgeo.com