

# TRAVEL MEDIA AVARDS 025

# PAST SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD WINNERS



Sir Michael Palin CBE, actor and broadcaster



Pippa Jacks, editorial director, TTG



Rick Stein OBE, chef and TV presenter



Lisa Minot, travel editor, The Sun



Hilary Bradt,



Levison Wood, adventurer and author

founder of Bradt Travel Guides

# INTRODUCTION

### **ABOUT THE AWARDS**

Launched in 2015, the Travel Media Awards has recognised excellence across travel writing, broadcasting and photography for over a decade. Known as one of the most prestigious events in the travel media calendar, the awards attract hundreds of entries from the UK's most talented travel iournalists, editors and photographers across consumer and trade titles. The finalists at the 2024 Travel Media Awards produced work for The Times and Sunday Times, Condé Nast Traveller, TTG and many more esteemed publications.

### **ENTERING THE AWARDS**

Entering the Travel Media Awards is quick, easy and free. 2024 attracted 700+ entries across the 24 categories, including the new and reformatted categories: Specialist Travel Writer of the Year (Region and Sector), Emerging Writer of the Year and Accessible Travel Writer of the Year. The Travel Media Awards continues to commend those reporting on pressing matters impacting the sector, including diversity and inclusion, accessibility and sustainability. The Awards also highlights the Step Up scheme, which supports young people from underrepresented backgrounds entering the travel media industry.

### AWARDS CEREMONY

Over 300 guests attended the 10th anniversary Travel Media Awards, in association with Visit Qatar, on 28 October 2024. Held at the prestigious Four Seasons Hotel London at Park Lane, the evening highlighted key figures in the industry. The ceremony concluded with a speech from Sir Michael Palin CBE, after he was awarded the Special Contribution Award for his pioneering writing and broadcasting spanning over four decades.

This year's ceremony will be at the Pan Pacific London on Monday 13 October 2025. Offering stunning views of the city's landmarks, the venue will be a glittering backdrop for the Awards.



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### JUDGING

In 2024, there were more than 60 judges for the awards, who shortlisted and selected the finalists and winners. For each category, the panel comprised of two senior and experienced travel industry executives and one media figure, be it an editor, writer or broadcaster, each bringing a refreshing approach to the judging process.

Notably, media judges only review non-conflicting categories, while no judge who took part in the previous year's awards can judge the same category two years in a row. This ensures every entry is approached by different people with alternative perspectives. Furthermore, the Travel Media Awards is committed to ensuring at least 25% of the judging panel for the awards has not acted as a judge before, providing a variety of viewpoints every year. In 2024, this target was exceeded, with 60% of the judges doing so for the first time.

Details of all judges for the 2024 awards can be found on the Travel Media Awards website, travelmediaawards. com.

### TRAVEL MEDIA AWARDS ADVISORY BOARD

The advisory board plays an integral role in shaping the awards, both in 2024 and for future Travel Media Awards. The board consists of six, leading figures across travel business and PR companies, including easyJet holidays, FINN Partners, MMGY Global, Axis Travel Marketing and Lotus, alongside APL Media.



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### AWARD CATEGORIES

Accessible Travel Writer of the Year

**Breaking Travel News** 

Broadcast Programme of the Year — Audio

Broadcast Programme of the Year — Video

Consumer Magazine Section of the Year

Consumer Publication of the Year – Online

Consumer Publication of the Year – Print

**Consumer Writer of the Year** 

**Content Creator of the Year** 

**Cruise Travel Writer of the Year** 

**Customer Content of the Year** 

**Emerging Writer of the Year** 

Guide of the Year — Book, Online, App

National Consumer Feature of the Year

National Broadsheet Newsprint Section of the Year TRAVEL MEDIA AWARDS

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National Tabloid Newsprint Section of the Year

**Photography Award** 

Regional Publication Feature of the Year

Specialist Travel Writer — Region

Specialist Travel Writer – Sector

**Special Contribution Award** 

Sustainability Travel Feature of the Year

Sustainability Travel Writer of the Year

**Trade Publication of the Year** 

**Trade Writer of the Year** 









# TRAVEL MEDIA AWARDS 2025

### **HEADLINE SPONSORSHIP**

Just one opportunity exists for a business or destination to be the Headline Sponsor at the 2025 Travel Media Awards.

A host of benefits is associated with this leading and most prominent sponsorship opportunity:

Naming rights, with the event branded as 'The 2025 Travel Media Awards sponsored by [your company/destination]'.

- Dedicated PR regarding your company's support of the awards as the headline sponsor.
- Solus e-shot to our extensive database of travel writers, broadcasters and photographers.
- Portfolio of awards photographs.
- Social media post of your company's support of the Awards to over 5000 followers across X, LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram.
- Prominent logo branding on the homepage of the dedicated awards' website with supporting hyperlink.
- Logo branding on all Travel Media Awards promotional material to include

stage backdrop, event e-tickets, ticket sales mailings and event programme.

- An exclusive opportunity to show a video at the start of the awards, with a maximum length of 45 seconds.
- Verbal announcement and introduction of your support for the event by the awards' master of ceremonies on the night.
- High-profile visibility and brand recognition via stage presence to introduce and present five leading awards at the 2025 Travel Media Awards, including the Special Contribution Award.
- Five complimentary tickets to attend the awards.
- Awards programme front cover logo branding plus supporting editorial.
- Dedicated headline sponsor page in programme, can be used for editorial or as a full-page advertisement.



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### PARTNER SPONSORS

Just two award partner opportunities exist at the awards, focused on either trade or consumer media. Sponsorship benefits for these two leading opportunities include:

- Logo branding on all Travel Media Awards promotional material. Includes stage backdrop, event e-tickets, ticket sales mailings and event programme.
- Social media post of your company's support of the Awards to over 5000 followers across X, LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram.
- Logo branding and copy on the dedicated awards website, travelmediaawards.com, with supporting hyperlink.
- Dedicated e-shot distributed to our extensive database of travel writers, broadcasters and photographers.
- Logo branding plus supporting editorial content within the

awards programme, distributed to all attendees on arrival.

- Verbal announcement of your support for the event by the master of ceremonies at the awards.
- High-profile visibility and brand recognition via stage presence to introduce and present three of the leading trade or consumer media awards on the night.
- Three complimentary tickets to the awards.
- Portfolio of all awards photographs for your future use.



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### CATEGORY SPONSORSHIP

The individual categories available for sponsorship are:

- Accessible Travel Writer of the Year
- Breaking Travel News
- Broadcast Programme of the Year — Audio
- Broadcast Programme of the Year — Video
- Consumer Magazine Section of the Year
- Consumer Publication of the Year
- Online
- Consumer Publication of the Year Print
- Consumer Writer of the Year
- Content Creator of the Year
- Cruise Travel Writer of the Year
- Customer Content of the Year
- Emerging Writer of the Year
- Guide of the Year Book, Online, App
- National Consumer Feature of the Year
- National Broadsheet Newsprint Section
   of the Year
- National Tabloid Newsprint Section of the Year
- Photography Award
- Regional Publication Feature of the Year
- Specialist Travel Writer Region
- Specialist Travel Writer Sector
- Special Contribution Award
- Sustainability Travel Feature of the Year
- Sustainability Travel Writer of the Year
- Trade Publication of the Year
- Trade Writer of the Year

- Sponsoring an individual category at the awards comes with the following benefits:
- Logo branding and copy on
- the awards' dedicated website, travelmediaawards.com
- Verbal announcement of your support of the event by the master of ceremonies at the awards.
- Social media announcement of your company's support via social media (over 5,000 travel media followers across Facebook, LinkedIn, X and Instagram).
- Logo branding and copy within a dedicated e-shot which is then distributed to our extensive database of travel writers broadcasters and photographers.
- Awards e-ticket logo branding.
- High-profile visibility and brand recognition via stage presence to introduce and present your award category.
- Awards programme logo branding plus supporting editorial.
- Two complimentary tickets to attend the awards.
- Portfolio of all awards photographs for your use.





Please note all category sponsorships are subject to availability at the time of request

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### WELCOME CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

Sponsorship of the Welcome Champagne Reception at the 2025 Travel Media Awards offers a great opportunity to start the evening in style. The Champagne Reception opens the event around 6:30pm and runs until the commencement of the awards at 7:15pm.

With around 350 guests expected to attend this year's awards, including the best of the UK's travel media, this is an excellent opportunity to promote your brand to this niche and highly influential audience.

Sponsoring this part of the evening comes with several associated sponsorship benefits. They include:

 Logo branding on the following promotional material for the Travel Media Awards: dedicated awards website; event e-ticket; and event programme.

- Logo branding and copy on the awards' dedicated website, travelmediaawards.com.
- Verbal recognition of your sponsorship from the master of ceremonies at the Travel Media Awards.
- Social media announcement of your company's support via social media (over 5,000 travel media followers across Facebook, LinkedIn, X and Instagram).
- Dedicated e-shot which is distributed to our extensive database of travel writers, broadcasters and photographers.
- Two complimentary tickets to the awards.
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### AWARDS PROGRAMME ADVERTISING

A dedicated full-colour awards programme will be produced for the event featuring details of media, finalists, judges and sponsors.

Every finalist and guest attending the awards will receive a copy of the programme on arrival, with guest numbers anticipated at 350.

Two complimentary tickets are included with each advertising opportunity.

### **GUEST BADGES/LANYARDS**

Feature your logo in full colour alongside the 2024 Travel Media Awards logo – just one opportunity exists for this highly visible branding opportunity.

Two complimentary tickets to attend are included with this sponsorship opportunity.





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Sponsorship terms and conditions

All sponsorship agreements at the 2025 Travel Media Awards are subject to the terms and conditions of the awards organiser, and are available upon request.