## And the finalists are...

## **BGTW Members' Excellence Awards 2023**

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### **Travel Feature of the Year – UK**

Partnered with Essential Costa Rica

**Bella Falk** Eight of the best views in London that are free or low cost *BBC Travel* 

### Ben Lerwill

How art and ancient history collide on a hike through Deal, Dover and Folkestone *National Geographic Traveller UK* 

### Shafik Meghji

In search of Britain's forgotten rainforests *Adventure.com* 

### Simon Parker

The new 100-mile hiking route set to bring thousands to the Shetland Islands *The Times* 

### **Daniel Stables**

The two-day hike to Britain's most remote pub *BBC Travel* 

### Jessica Vincent

St James Way: The return of the UK's medieval highway BBC Travel

### **Travel Feature of the Year – Europe**

Partnered with Gran Canaria

### Ben Lerwill

A Bavarian fairytale: hiking, frosty peaks and a castle straight out of Disney *The Guardian* 

### Simon Parker

I've cycled across the world – this is the best place to take it easy *The Times* 

### **Adrian Phillips**

Into the Deep National Geographic Traveller

### **Nigel Tisdall** Bunker Mentality *Financial Times*

Jessica Vincent Elves live here Wizz Air Magazine

### **Kerry Walker**

How to live well (and long) according to the Greek island of Ikaria *Adventure.com* 

#### **Travel Feature of the Year – Wider World**

Partnered with Visit Alabama Claire Boobbyer Life in the fast lane Wanderlust Magazine

Adrian Phillips Show Time! National Geographic Traveller

#### Anna Richards

Trailblazing The Great Outdoors

### Sarah Siese

Come along for the ride – a holiday on horseback as the best way to explore *House & Garden* 

James Stewart California Dreaming Which Travel

### Jessica Vincent

Hiking the newly restored Trans Bhutan Trail is the best way to experience the country *Conde Nast Traveller* 

### Travel Feature of the Year - regional, specialist and trade media

Partnered with Gran Canaria

Bella Falk On Cloud 9 BBC Wildlife Magazine

**Ben Lerwill** The joy of the search: In search of otters on Islay *Hidden Scotland* 

### **Mary Novakovich**

I got a crash course in Venetian rowing – and experienced the city like never before *Metro* 

Kerry Walker Having a field day National Geographic Traveller

Sue Watt For the love of rhinos Travel Africa magazine **Qin Xie** USA: On the bourbon whiskey trail in Kentucky *Travel Weekly* 

### Sustainability Feature of the Year - NEW

Partnered with Sustainable Journeys

**Richard Collett** The return of the wild *Wanderlust* 

### **Karen Gardiner**

Ghost town no more: How tourism revived a once-decimated Newfoundland fishing community *Adventure.com* 

### **Simon Parker**

The national park that reversed the destruction of civil war *The Telegraph* 

### Simon Urwin

Cambodia rising JRNY Magazine

### Penny Watson

Let there be light (Fireflies at Banyan Tree Escape) *Traveller (Sydney Morning Herald)* 

### Sue Watt

Botswana – See the smaller things on a slow safari *The Telegraph* 

### Specialist Travel Feature of the Year – the Bryn Frank Award Partnered with Tourism Nova Scotia

**Bella Falk** Land of fire and brimstone *The Great Outdoors Magazine* 

### **Ben Lerwill**

Six of the world's most thrilling city safaris *The Sunday Times* 

### Anna Richards

Eugénie Brazier: The legendary 'mother of French cuisine' *BBC* 

**Tristan Rutherford** Albania Wine Renaissance *Tonic* 

James Stewart The awe you experience while travelling is actually good for you, science says Robb Report Jessica Vincent On the trail of Scotland's Arbroath smokies National Geographic Traveller Food

#### Transport Feature of the Year – The Kenneth Westcott-Jones Award

Partnered with DFDS Simon Parker I've cycled across the world – this is the best place to take it easy The Times

### **Martin Symington**

The world in a peninsula *Wanderlust magazine* 

#### **James Stewart**

The unforgettable new way to see Italy's lakes The Times

### Jonathan Thompson

The night bus that's just the ticket *The Sunday Times* 

### Simon Urwin

The Hamilton Road: A highway to a Kurdish paradise *BBC Travel* 

**Kerry Walker** The last unspoilt islands of Greece *The Telegraph* 

### **Travel Guide Book of the Year** *Partnered with Explore Charleston*

**Rudolf Abraham** St Oswald's Way and the Northumberland Coast Path *Cicerone* 

### James Lowen 52 Wildlife Weekends: a year of British wildlife-watching breaks. Edition 2 *Bradt Guides*

Caroline Mills Camping Road Trips UK Bradt Guides

### Lindsay Sutton 111 Places in Lancaster & Morecambe That You Shouldn't Miss Emons Verlag GmBH

Kerry Walker Experience Wales Lonely Planet

#### Travel Narrative Book of the Year – The Adele Evans Award *Partnered with ANTOR*

Jacqueline Jeynes

How the global pandemic changed the way we travel *Business Expert Press* 

### **Mary Novakovich**

My Family and Other Enemies: Life and Travels in Croatia's Hinterland *Bradt Travel Guides* 

### **Travel Photo Feature of the Year**

Partnered with Meet Boston Rudolf Abraham JRNY Magazine

Kav Dadfar JRNY Magazine

Bella Falk JRNY Magazine

Sarah Siese *The National* 

Simon Urwin American Trails Magazine

Karolina Wiercigroch Dhofar so good Food and Travel Magazine

### **Travel Blog Post of the Year**

**Richard Collett** Souk el Tayeb: How the Beirut Farmer's Market Offers Hope Amid Turmoil

**Becki Enright** Uncommon Things to Do in Ostrava, Czech Republic, to See It Differently

### **Bella Falk** A Surprise Review of Eagles Nest Yoga Retreat in Lake Atitlan, Guatemala

Abigail King Gambian cuisine: the 15 dishes you need to know

### Ian Packham

The view from Pakistan: What I've learnt from the climate crisis frontline

### **Claire Robinson**

The Hudnalls Hideout: A Beautiful Treehouse Where Grown-ups can just 'be'

# Travel Broadcast of the Year

#### Partnered with Visit Houston

Shebs Alom Jungle Adventurer in Costa Rica. Mari Jiménez Take a Wander with Shebs

### Heidi Fuller-Love

BBC From Our Own Correspondent. Samarkand BBC

Shafik Meghji Travel for Good? One Step Beyond podcast

### **Simon Parker**

The new 100-mile hiking route set to bring thousands to the Shetland Islands *The Times* 

### Sarah Siese

Carmarthenshire, Devon, Norfolk, Aberdeenshire, Isle of Wight *Best of Britain by the Sea* 

### Jonathan Thompson

Adventure Cities Season One. Amman and Charleston Discovery Channel

### **BGTW Travel Blogger of the Year**

### Partnered with Tootbus

### **Richard Collett**

The Zapatistas of Chiapas, Mexico: How to Visit the Zapatista Movement How community conservation is saving the Belize Barrier Reef Souk el Tayeb: How the Beirut Farmer's Market Offers Hope Amid Turmoil Is Cornwall a Country? Everything you need to know.

### Becki Enright

Things to Do in Oviedo, Spain – The Monumental Capital of Asturias Uncommon Things to Do in Ostrava, Czech Republic, to See It Differently Thailand Island Hopping Guide – Choosing the Best Islands to Visit Climbing Mt. Fuji Hiking Guide – Summiting Japan's Sacred Peak

### **Bella Falk**

Livingston Guatemala: A Photo Guide To This Quirky Caribbean Town 30 Beautiful Pictures Of Guatemala And The Stories Behind Them Backpacking in Guatemala: All You Need To Know Before You Go South Bohemia: The Gorgeous Czech Republic Region You Need To Visit

### Abigail King

The Mystery of the Hintertux Ice Cave in Austria A New Form of Slow Travel in Austria What Sustainable Food Tourism Can Look Like in Mauritius Gambian Cuisine: the 15 Dishes You Need to Know

#### Alastair McKenzie

Escal'Atlantic, Saint-Nazaire – the Great French Transatlantic Liners Saint-Nazaire – The Operation Chariot Trail Review: Volkswagen Autostadt, Wolfsburg The British Normandy Memorial

#### **Claire Robinson**

Spa Breaks Wales: The Dylan Coastal Resort in Laugharne Easy Peasy Weekends: A Fabulously Festive Weekend in Cheltenham Canopy-topping Rockstars: Sleepy Owl Devon Treehouses The Hudnalls Hideout: A Beautiful Treehouse Where Grown-ups Can Just 'Be'

### **BGTW Travel Broadcaster of the Year**

Partnered with Visit Isle of Wight

Heidi Fuller-Love Meet the Locals (series of four) British Airways

#### **Aaron Millar**

Hidden Trails of Oregon Tennessee Music Pathways Laramie, Wyoming: Where the Old West meet the New Yolo Food and Wine: Where Good Times Grow *The Armchair Podcast* 

#### **Simon Parker**

A thrilling new cycling track bringing adventure to Sweden's perfect lakes. The new hiking route set to bring thousands to the Shetland Islands. I've cycled across the world – this is the best place to take it easy Why this is north Africa's ultimate adventure weekend The Times/Sunday Times

#### Sarah Siese

Best of Britain by the Sea – series of four Channel 4 TV/Apple TV

### Jonathan Thompson

Adventure Cities – series of four Discovery Channel

### Simon Willmore

'Reading the book' of Botswana's nature, with Florence Kagiso. North stars and solid soap bars, with Dr Susanne Etti 'It kicks you in the buttocks' – The truth about space travel, with astronaut Winston E Scott Social lubricant for difficult conversations: Helping the community through brewing, with Khris Johnson JRNY Magazine podcast

### **BGTW Photographer of the Year**

Partnered with Visit Isle of Man

### Kav Dadfar

For photographs published in Digital Photographer, JRNY Magazine, National Geographic Traveller

### Bella Falk

For photographs published in JRNY Magazine, National Geographic Traveller, The Great Outdoors Magazine, Wanderlust

### Jeremy Flint

For photographs published in Canon Photo Plus, Discover Britain, Outlook Travel

### William Gray

For photographs published in Travel Africa Magazine

### **James Rushforth**

For photographs published in various outlets

### Karolina Wiercigroch

For photographs published in Food and Travel magazine, National Geographic Traveller Food, National Geographic Traveller

### **BGTW Travel Writer of the Year**

### Partnered by Visit Scotland

### Heidi Fuller-Love

The colossal failure that created the world's most liveable city (The Telegraph) The Greek village where women rule the roost (The Telegraph) Ukraine's tiniest ally (The Telegraph) The floating summer holiday circus in Greece that wants to change the world through play (inews)

### **Ben Lerwill**

The Joy of the Search (Hidden Scotland) How art and ancient history collide on a hike through Deal, Dover and Folkestone (National Geographic Traveller) A Bavarian fairytale: hiking, frosty peaks and a castle straight out of Disney (The Guardian) Discover the Dart (BBC Countryfile Magazine)

### **Adrian Phillips**

Into the Deep (National Geographic Traveller) Show Time! (National Geographic Traveller) A brick museum and a sea of scaffolding in Europe's obscure new Capital of Culture (The Telegraph) A new view of Tenerife (The Sunday Times)

### James Stewart

What it's like to wild skate on a frozen lake in Finland (The Times) The Welsh road trip set to rival the North Coast 500 (The Sunday Times) The awe you experience while travelling is actually good for you, science says (Robb Report) Hiking the Menalon Trail: the Peloponnese's star new walking route (The Times)

### Jessica Vincent

St James Way: The return of the UK's medieval highway (BBC Travel) Elves live here (Wizz Air Magazine) On the trail of Scotland's Arbroath smokies (National Geographic Traveller) Hiking the newly restored trans Bhutan Trail is the best way to experience the country (Conde Nast Traveller)

### **Kate Wickers**

The Sweetness of idleness (JRNY Magazine) On a Truffle Perfumed Trail (Italia! Magazine) Pura Vida in Costa Rica (The Scotsman) Where the wild things are (Family Traveller)

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