

Official Contest Rules

NO ENTRY FEE IS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE OR WIN. THE CONTEST IS VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW, REGULATION, STATUTE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE LEGAL AUTHORITY.

HOW TO ENTER:

Each photo must be submitted electronically, by the following method:

You may email your photo to photos@cqtours.com and should include your name, email address, phone number, school/group name, name of the photographer (if different than name of the person submitting), and photo description.

ELIGIBILITY AND JUDGING:

To ensure eligibility for the contest, all entries must be submitted as .png, or .jpg files. Files should not exceed 15 MB.

Entries may originate in any format — including, but not limited to digital files, digital prints, color transparencies, color prints, or black and white prints -- so long as they are submitted electronically. Previously published material for which non-exclusive rights were granted may be entered as long as you still maintain the right to grant us a license (see "Your Rights" below). You must be able to disclose when and where the photo appeared previously to Culture Quest Tours upon request.

In order to be considered, photos must have been taken on a Culture Quest tour. Photo Submissions must not contain obscenity, explicit sexual material, nudity, profanity, graphic violence, calls or incitement to violence, commercial solicitation or commercial promotion. Submissions also must not contain content or images that could be considered abusive, inflammatory, denigrating, or disrespectful to the Contest Sponsor, or to groups, individuals or institutions.

Once a photo is uploaded to the Contest site, it is considered a final submission and may not be modified or edited, or replaced. Contestants may submit no more than two photos. Participation in this Contest is automatically deemed as acceptance of these Official Contest Rules. A Photo Submission must be an original photograph (digital or analog) taken by the submitter.

Photos will be judged by the general public, through Facebook. Public voting will be open for a period of at least one week and the winner will be decided by popular vote. The public will vote by clicking "Like" on a photo. Participants must "Like" the Culture Quest page in order to be able to vote in the contest.

DEADLINES:

Online entries can be emailed starting 12:01 pm Eastern Standard Time on May 22, 2012. Deadline for submitting entries is 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time on March 31, 2013.

Finalists will be uploaded to Facebook on or before April 5, 2013. Public voting for the winner will be held for at least a one-week period to begin after the finalists are announced and to end no later than April 13, 2013. Winner will be announced on April 15, 2013. There is a limit of one vote per person for each photo.

Culture Quest Tours reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s) as the result of causes beyond its immediate control.

WINNING PHOTO:

The general public will select the Winner by popular vote.

The winner's image will be featured as the cover photo on the Culture Quest Tours Facebook page. All entrants will be featured in Culture Quest Tours album on Facebook. Photos may also be used on the Culture Quest website.

All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified. Multiple exposures that have been combined to produce a single "High Dynamic Range" image are acceptable. Images that do not meet these requirements may or may not be judged at the judging panel's sole discretion.

Photo captions must accompany all submissions, and should include the subject of the image, the location the image was taken, and the name of the photographer(s).

You will retain all rights to any photograph you submit -- including ownership if applicable. You only grant Culture Quest Tours rights (as described below) to your photograph if you are honored by the competition as an honorable mention, finalist, runner up or grand prize winner.

If your photograph is formally honored by the competition as an honorable mention, finalist, runner up or grand prize winner, you grant Culture Quest Tours a royalty-free, nonexclusive right, in perpetuity, to:

Use the photograph on the Internet in support of our mission.

Use the photograph in Culture Quest Tours' non-commercial communications.

Use, in connection with the Photo Contest, your name, city, state and country of residence in promotions and other publications.

Keep the files provided, and to archive the images on CD or in other electronic forms, so that your photos can be used to support our mission and be properly credited.

As conditions of this permission, Culture Quest Tours shall credit all photographs with the caption "© Person's Name"

LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE

Contest Sponsors assume no liability or responsibility for any loss or harm resulting from any user's participation in or attempt to participate in the Contest or ability or inability to upload, download or otherwise access any information in connection with participating in the Contest. Contest Sponsors assume no responsibility or liability for technical problems or technical malfunction arising in connection with any of the following occurrences which may affect the operation of the Contest: hardware or software errors; faulty computer, telephone, cable, satellite, network, electronic, wireless or Internet connectivity or other online communication problems; errors or limitations of any Internet service providers, servers, hosts or providers; garbled, jumbled or faulty data transmissions; failure of any email transmissions to be sent or received; lost, late, delayed or intercepted email transmissions; inaccessibility of the Contest site in whole or in part for any reason; traffic congestion on the Internet or the Contest site; unauthorized human or non-human intervention of the operation of the Contest, including without limitation, unauthorized tampering, hacking, theft, virus, bugs, worms; or destruction of any aspect of the Contest, or loss, miscount, misdirection, inaccessibility or unavailability of an email account used in connection with the Contest.

Contest Sponsors are not responsible for any typographical errors in the announcement of prizes or these Official Contest Rules, or any inaccurate or incorrect data contained on the Contest site. Use of Contest site is at user's own risk. Contest Sponsors are not responsible for any personal injury or property damage or losses of any kind which may be sustained to user's or any other person's computer equipment resulting from participation in the Contest, use of the Contest site or the downloading of any information from the Contest site. By participating in the Contest, the Contestant releases the Contest Sponsors from any and all claims, damages or liabilities arising from or relating to such Contestant's participation in the Contest.