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London-based fashion and lifestyle photographer Cat Vinton is the first woman to be named the overall winner of the international Travel Photographer of the Year competition, impressing the judges with her panoramics of nomads in Central Asia, and in particular her series from snow-bound Norway.

Her prize includes a journey to Dharamsala in India, organised by High & Wild, where she will have the opportunity to photograph the Dalai Lama. She also receives an Apple MacBook with Aperture software, Adobe CS3 Web Premium software, a £2500 TPOTY bursary, and a Plastic Sandwich leather portfolio.

The judges - which included the travel editor of Tatler, photography director of Conde Nast Traveller, photographers Charlie Waite, Nick Meers and Jeremy Hoare, along with BJP editor Simon Bainbridge - also gave category-winning prizes to Timothy Allen, Jean-Claude Louis, Maciej Duczynski and Richard Murai.

There will be further coverage of the awards in an upcoming issue of BJP. Visit www.tpoty.com to see further images.

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