

## AN EXCITING NEW BENEFIT FOR ALL RPS TRAVEL GROUP MEMBERS

*Free digital subscription to JRNY as long as you remain a member of the Travel Group.*

A digital subscription usually costs £24 p.a. - £9 more than our current Group subs!



JRNY Travel Magazine was founded during the pandemic with the aim of filling the void that was left by travel magazines that had closed. In the three years since its launch, JRNY's rise has been meteoric. After just one issue, JRNY was named travel magazine of the year in the UK. Since then JRNY has continued to win awards for their inspirational travel stories and stunning photography.

The magazine is now sold in a variety of UK outlets like WH Smiths, Waterstones and many more as well as retailers across the world from North America to Japan.

Over the past few months, JRNY has continued to grow by offering even more to its readers. From the free-to-enter World Travel Photography Awards (with a cash prize of £2,000) to competitions and now exclusive FREE reader events, JRNY has continued to push the boundaries of travel media and reward its readers.

JRNY was founded by professional travel photographers Kav Dadfar and Jordan Banks so the ethos of the magazine is a perfect fit for the Travel Group and we are delighted to announce that we have secured an incredible subscription offer from JRNY just for our members - worth £24!

You can now get a digital subscription to JRNY completely free of charge for as long as you remain a member of the Travel Group. All you need to do is visit <https://jrnymag.com/subscribe/> select digital subscription and use the appropriate code. This will reduce the price to zero for you. If you have not received the code please email [travel@rps.org](mailto:travel@rps.org). Not only will you get every new issue of JRNY, but you also get access to the digital version of every back issue as well. All the way from issue one!

You will also be invited to exclusive FREE reader events. Like, for example, their Louisiana night on the 27th March where you will be treated to canapes, cocktails, music and a seated meal in a trendy restaurant in central London. You'll even leave with a lovely goody bag as well!

Knowing how much you all enjoy our own Travel Log and as lovers of great travel photography seeking inspiration for your next trip, we believe you will love JRNY. And you never know your photos may even appear in JRNY one day! We are working with Kav to look at further possibilities for the Group.

# TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY - THE FUTURE

## RPS House, Bristol 20th April 2024

*A day of inspiration for anyone who loves travel and photography*

*Bring your travel companions!*

*RPS Travel Group £35  
Other RPS members £45  
Others £50*

*Dinner and other optional activities will be booked separately*



The committee has been working hard to get an inspiring programme together for our April day and we hope many of you will join us in Bristol for insights from professionals in the field of Travel and Tourism as well as professional photographers.



The founders of JRNY will be with us - **Jordan Banks**, who is presenting the keynote address featured on the Sky Arts documentary 'My Greatest Shot' : you can find it on his website and **Kav Dadfar**, whose earlier Zoom presentation to the Group is viewable on our YouTube channel. will be using his immense experience of commissioning work for publication to demonstrate what makes a publishable photo essay.

But how do we as photographers who travel affect our surroundings and others with whom we share the planet? Many of us take things we consider 'essential' if we are visiting certain locations. How could we be supporting those whose lives we interrupt? **Judy and Daryl Ford** will explain how their work in Romania has grown and what they are doing in the communities they visit. Their earlier talk is also on YouTube.

And then there is the Travel and Tourism strand to consider: ably addressed for us by James Scipioni who has a wealth of experience as a travel adviser (and also loves a good image!) and Dr. Lauren Siegel, Researcher and Senior Lecturer in Tourism & Events at the University of Greenwich whose research is focused on the evolution of travel photography and how social media have transformed experiences into objects of collectible consumption.

The day will also include

- results of the Travel Image of the Year
- the popular 'bring a print' competition
- opportunities to discuss with others who share your enjoyment of travel and of photography
- lunch and coffee/tea breaks

There will be a dinner in the evening at Arnos Manor Hotel where accommodation is available at a special rate and some optional activities on Sunday for those who stay overnight. Please quote RPS Travel Group when you book accommodation.

Go to <https://rps.org/groups/travel/travel-photography-the-future/> for more information and to <https://events.rps.org/en/4LrdQ66/travel-photography-the-future-4a2NN2rYbR/overview> to book the event.

# SHARE AND CHAT **NEXT** SUNDAY, February 18th



*Join us on Zoom from wherever you are in the world at 14.30 (UK time) to be taken virtually to Mongolia, Vietnam and London.*

The Zoom link for this session is  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94647731488?pwd=V3pxQzk2SW1Dci9DUzdwR09SRk9zQT09>

Meeting ID: 946 4773 1488  
Passcode: 669051

However, it's really helpful if you register on the website, too, so that we have an idea who comes. It would be great to have a few volunteers for later in the year: where have you been recently that inspired you?

These online occasions are also times when we are able to share with our overseas members and the sessions are not recorded so, if you are a member of the Travel Group who doesn't live in the UK, do consider joining us when you can. Some of our best contributions are from our overseas members: could you be next?

## **AGM - Sunday 19th May**

In an attempt to have more Group members actively involved in shaping the Group and its activities we decided to hold the AGM online this year and to start at 10.30 a.m. (UK time).

We are still in the process of putting together the supporting programme for this and would love to know of any speakers you would like us to try to book anytime or of any offers you might make to encourage a large attendance. The business of the meeting is often brief and we'd be pleased to have a range of contributions after the business is complete.

Please email any ideas to [travel@rps.org](mailto:travel@rps.org) and we'll see what can be done.

## **Looking Further Ahead...**

### **Share and Chat**

- 21st July
- 15th September
- 17th November

### **Other Activities**

- Savernake Forest Jeremy Walker 28th October
- Elan Valley (3 day visit) dates to be confirmed
- Northern Ireland 2025

# Interpreting the Autumn survey

Thank you to all of you who completed the Travel Group Survey. The key messages we heard were that:

- you are largely positive about the Travel Group,
- particularly enjoy the opportunities to share information and learn from like-minded members and (particularly those of you who are international)
- would welcome more online content.
- You enjoy being part of a network championing travel photography, hearing stories from others with similar interests, and sharing new ideas to help your photographic development.

Activities that you rated highly include

- Share and Chat,
- talks,
- events,
- online courses
- Travel Log.

Most of you (just under 2/3) who responded did not come to the Bristol day and this was mainly due to either distance or travel conflicts. You would welcome more online sessions, knowing people who would attend and interesting workshops and events to encourage you to come along and network with other members. Most of you learn about photography either by self-teaching or through reading articles, photo trips and activities and meetings or workshops. You had some innovative ideas about we should focus in future, including more online sessions and putting together information on travel locations and suggested accommodation.

However, only a relatively small proportion of you responded. What do the rest of you think? Should we take the above as guidance to focus our future efforts, or is there anything you would like to add? Do let us know, either via the Facebook group or by email to [travel@rps.org](mailto:travel@rps.org).

Sue Stuart

*Our thanks to Sue for undertaking this task as someone new to the Group and to the committee. We had hoped it might give us more understanding of what you really want.*

*With the AGM coming upon us soon, please do think whether there are any skills you might feel able to offer either in facilitating events in your own area or more widely. There will always be support from the committee but we don't cover the whole of the country. As we most often meet on Zoom these days, there is no reason why we shouldn't have committee members from a wider area - we already have Patricia from Northern Ireland.*

Dr. Lauren Siegel would love to speak with a few more Group members about travel photography as you see it.

You can contact Dr. Siegel directly by email <[L.a.siegel@gre.ac.uk](mailto:L.a.siegel@gre.ac.uk)>.

# Some invitations

RPS Digital Imaging Group invites you to:

## Nicholas Vreeland - 'Monk with a camera in his bag'

12.00-13.00 Sunday, 25th February, 2024



This man has a most remarkable story to tell. He trained as a photographer with Irving Penn and Richard Avedon. He has studied in Paris and New York. In 1977 he became a Buddhist monk and put away his camera. That was until he wanted to raise money for a monastery at which stage he realised his camera could help him achieve that goal

Book at <https://events.rps.org/en/4LrdQ66/digital-imaging-agm-talks-session-2-5a2NN21BvVR/overview>

The presentation will be recorded but only made available to those who have registered.

## Stewart Wall workshops

On **Wednesday March 20th** the photo-haiku workshop is at Broadway, a stunning village in the Cotswolds. During the workshop we are also booked in for a one hour guided tour of the Gordon Russell Museum (there is a small extra charge for the tour payable to the museum).

On **Friday March 22nd** the photo-haiku workshop is at the Marina, Portishead near Bristol This is a stunning location for creative photography and haiku.

On **Saturday March 23rd** we are at the Old Grammar School, Chipping Sodbury for a day's workshop that covers how to design a photo-book using Infinity Publisher.

On **Sunday March 24th** we are back at the Old Grammar School for a workshop that goes into advanced techniques of using Affinity Publisher, and the whole process of creating a distinctive photobook.

All four workshops can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Would you like to invite Travel Group members to your part of the UK (or the world)? We are looking for opportunities to further develop community spirit within the Group by sharing activities and experiences. Email [travel@rps.org](mailto:travel@rps.org) with any offers or ideas, please.