

16th EUROSTARS GRAND MARINA PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2016



Theme: Barcelona, charming places

GRUPO HOTUSA invites residents and visitors alike to participate in the 16th Eurostars Grand Marina Photography Contest 2016. The contest winner will be the person who submits the three-photo series that the panel of judges deems to best reflect the theme: Barcelona, charming places.

Barcelona is full of surprising spots. Endless charming places go unnoticed all over the city, comprising and enriching the experience of travelling to and wandering around the Catalan capital. Mysterious alleyways, dreamlike places and historical passageways, hidden amongst the city's main streets, make Barcelona a uniquely magical place to visit.

The 16th Eurostars Grand Marina Photography Contest 2016 offers the following awards:

Eurostars Grand Marina Award

Trophy + €2,500

Special Grupo Hotusa Award

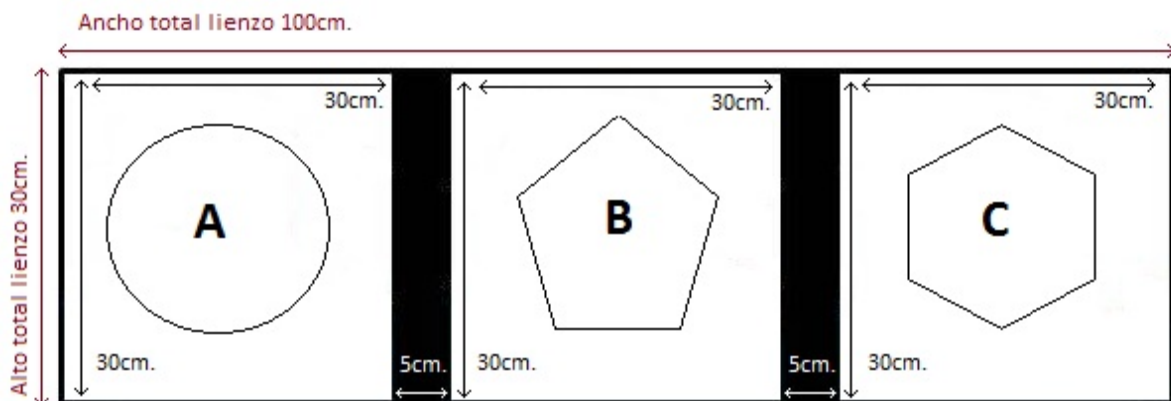
Trophy + €1,000

8 runners-up

Trophy + 1 night at Eurostars Grand Marina Hotel 5*GL

RULES

1. To enter, participants must be 18 or older, of any nationality. No Grupo Hotusa employees or their family members may enter.
2. The works submitted must follow the established three-photo format: a series of three photos that, together, form a whole artwork. The winning photos will be used to decorate the rooms or common areas at establishments managed by Grupo Hotusa.
3. Each participant may enter no more than three series. Entries must be unpublished photographs (although it is okay if they have been posted online previously as part of the author's portfolio) and that haven't won any other contest. Any images that the judges deem to feature hotels not belonging to the company that is hosting the competition will be disqualified.
4. The photos must be submitted online, uploading the images to the site dedicated to the contest: www.grandmarinahotel.com/concurso-fotografia.html
5. To submit photos online through the dedicated website, participants must upload a single canvas measuring 30 x 100 cm. with the three photos and a 5 cm. space between them. Entries that don't follow these specifications or that are submitted as three separate images will not be accepted.

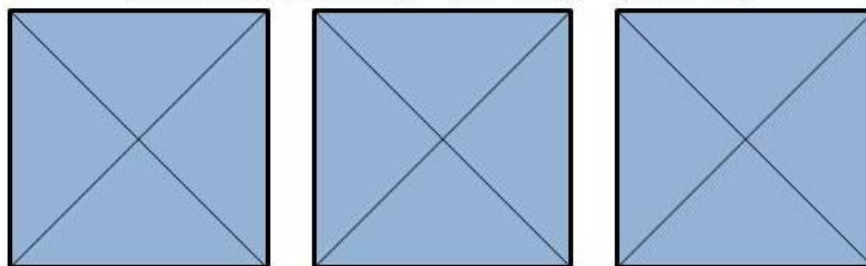


(Single canvas made up of participating images submitted as a three-part piece)

Participants must submit their work in JPG (JPEG) format with a recommended file size between 1 and 6 MB.

6. All of the series must be submitted as a horizontal succession of three photos. After the panel of judges has made its decision, the organisation will print each of the photographs in the winning sets in 30x30 cm format:

Formato: (30 x 30) + (30 x 30) + (30 x 30)



(Printed format for the exhibition of the winning photos)

Said photos will be displayed with a small separation between them. Therefore, the artists mustn't conceive them as a seamless whole.

7. In order to properly produce the copies that will be displayed, artists must have in their possession all three images in the three-photo series in much higher quality than that submitted. After the panel of judges has made its decision, the winning artists and the runners-up must provide the organisation with a digital file of the highest resolution possible (in TIFF, RAW or JPG format) that ensures it can be properly printed for the exhibition in 30x30cm format. The original files for the images entered in the contest must be at least 300 dpi and 30 cm. on the vertical axis.
8. The panel of judges may change its decision or disqualify a winner if the image selected doesn't meet the technical requirements in points 5, 6 and 7.
9. Photos must be submitted with the following information:
 - Photographer's full name**
 - E-mail address**
 - Post address**
 - Postcode**
 - City (Province)**
 - Country**
 - Phone number**
 - Title of the series**
10. The selection will be anonymous. All the photos will be encoded to ensure they are properly attributed to their creators.
11. By entering, participants consent to their personal details being added to a database used to manage the contest and to receiving information about future contests. Likewise, participants authorise the organisation to publish their name and surname on the chain's website, blog and any other media. The database applies the technical and human protection measures required by law. Anyone interested may exercise their rights to access, correct, oppose to or remove their personal details, free of charge, by email to: cultura@eurostarshotels.com

For photos that include identifiable individuals, the participant must have express written consent to use their image. In the case of minors, the participant must have

express written consent from a parent/guardian. Failure to provide said consent, as well as failure to comply with any of these rules, may lead to disqualification from the contest. If selected as the winner, the contestant must provide the aforementioned consent before receiving the award. Grupo Hotusa shall not be held liable for the failure by any contestant to comply with any of these requirements, as participants are solely and exclusively responsible, holding Grupo Hotusa harmless in any claim of this nature.

12. The deadline to submit entries is the **25th of October 2016**.

13. Winners will be notified of the judges' decision personally via e-mail or post and it will also be published on the chain's blog (<http://blog.eurostarshotels.com/>) before the end of the year 2016. After the winners have been announced publicly, the other photographs will be deleted.

14. Winners expressly grant Grupo Hotusa transferable intellectual property rights to the work submitted, including but not limited to the right to reproduce, distribute, make public and transform said work, worldwide and for the maximum time allowable by law.

The runners-up also expressly grant Grupo Hotusa the right to reproduce and make public the work submitted, authorising the selected works to be adapted from negatives, duplicates or digital files. Likewise, they grant rights to use said works as decorative elements or in the image of hotels owned or managed by Grupo Hotusa or companies in which this group holds a stake. They also authorise publication and dissemination of said works in various written or audiovisual media, in order to publicise the contest or promote future editions. All rights are granted worldwide for the maximum time allowable by law. Any time the images are used the photographer's name shall be included.

15. Participants are understood, as the creators of the images submitted, to own the intellectual property rights to said photos and not to have licensed them to third parties, in particular those rights listed in point 14. Participants shall be solely liable for authorship of the works submitted, holding Grupo Hotusa harmless in the case of any claim or lawsuit questioning this authorship.

16. Cash prizes are subject to the corresponding IRPF tax withholding established by law.

17. The panel of judges for the 16th Eurostars Grand Marina Photography Contest 2016 will be comprised of an odd number of accredited experts in photography and the visual arts, whose names will be made public along with those of the contest winners. The panel of judges will choose the Eurostars Grand Marina Award winner and nine runners-up and the Grupo Hotusa Special Prize winner will be chosen directly by the company holding the contest.

18. Participants recognise that the judges' verdict may not be appealed and expressly renounce any right to judicial or extra-judicial action.
19. Participation in the 16th Eurostars Grand Marina Photography Contest 2016 implies full acceptance of these rules.
20. Grupo Hotusa reserves the right to modify these rules at any time, or even to cancel the contest, as long as it has just cause. In any case, the organising company promises to announce any specific modification to the rules in this same manner, without prejudice to the contestants.
21. These rules are subject to Spanish law. For any disputes that may arise requiring settlement in court, the parties waive any other rights they may have and shall take the matter up in the courts of Barcelona.

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