

ADVENTURE CYCLING'S FIRST ANNUAL BICYCLE TRAVEL PHOTO COMPETITION

After reviewing more than 700 submissions from all corners of the Earth, our first annual photo competition has come down to these seven images. Others were worthy, but these stood out as the most compelling of the lot. Stunning in their diversity, each

manages to capture the adventure, thrill, and beauty of traveling by bicycle. Enjoy. And next year, send us your best shots — maybe you'll see them printed here.



FIRST PLACE (above) Dutch photographer and cyclo-tourist Marco Meijerink captured this striking image in the mountains of Tenerife in the Canary Islands. The judges appreciated Meijerink's composition and the dramatic landscape, but what took his image to another level was, of course, the cyclist in red.

FIRST RUNNER UP (right) Tyler Kellen took this image of his inviting, pastoral "free camp" near the town of Cellole in southern Italy. Kellen is currently riding around the world with his partner Tara Alan. See more at www.goingslowly.com.



RUNNER UP (left) Takács Tamás took this self-portrait on Witch Rock in northern Hungary. Setting his camera on a rock, he had 10 seconds to run 50 feet and lift his bike before the self-timer clicked. It took him over a dozen tries to get this image and was "much more exhausting than climbing the mountain."

RUNNER UP (below) Dylan Menges set up his bike on a small hill in central Ohio for this elegant image. He says it reminds him that, "It's not about the bike. It's about taking the time to get out there and find a pocket of peace in the great wide open."



RUNNER UP (left, above) It's not everyday you ride a 75-mile, 15,800-foot downhill, so Brian Sell and his riding partners made the most of the opportunity by taking this dramatic image in the Andes near Lima, Peru.

RUNNER UP (left, below) When's the last time you came across a group of curious, ash-covered boys fresh from a circumcision ritual in Mali? Fortunately, Eric Schambion snapped this picture of his partner Amaya Williams and the boys when it happened to him.



RUNNER UP (right) Seen here riding through the sun-dappled landscape of northern Spain, Fin Fagen and Dawn Lumsden rode 10,000 miles through Europe with their two dogs. For more, cyclinggypsies.wordpress.com.

