

ANNA AIKO

THE BEAUTY OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

I'm a iPhone photographer with a passion for traveling on camelback.

I was born in Tokyo and raised between 2 cultures, Japan and France.
In the mid 70's my parents lived in Saudi Arabia
and since my childhood their stories became like a fairy tale.
Later I lived in Paris for 20 years as Art Director
in the fashion/luxury industry.

My heart was always saying "Travel".
Since 2015, I followed the ancient path of the Silk Road,
capturing by iPhone the beauty of life.
That led me to win the iPhone Photography Awards
and other worldwide Awards.

From 2019, I explored over 3 000 km on camelback,
in Saudi Arabia, UAE and the island of Socotra.
Runner-up at the Global Camel Race in the UAE.

Delighted by its hidden beauty to discover,
my Love story with the Arabian Peninsula began.

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ZUBAIDA TRAIL DOCUMENTARY FILM

The award-winning documentary film “Zubaida Trail”, directed by Dunya Alatva, takes you on a captivating journey along a forgotten pilgrimage route. Now available on Emirates Airlines’ in-flight entertainment system and Shahid MBC.



Emirates

شاهد
Shahid



DARB ZUBAYDAH NATIONAL DAY & FOUNDING DAY OF SAUDI ARABIA

Celebrating the National Day & the Founding Day of Saudi Arabia,
reliving the ancient trail of Darb Zubaydah on camelback from 2021.
At the grand opening of the ceremonies,
with the presence of HRH Prince Faisal bin Fahd bin Muqrin.





RAKAYIB THE EMPTY QUARTER CAMEL CLUB KSA

Crossing 640 km/22 days in 2019 on camelback,
the Empty Quarter of Saudi Arabia with Rakayib, Camel Club KSA.

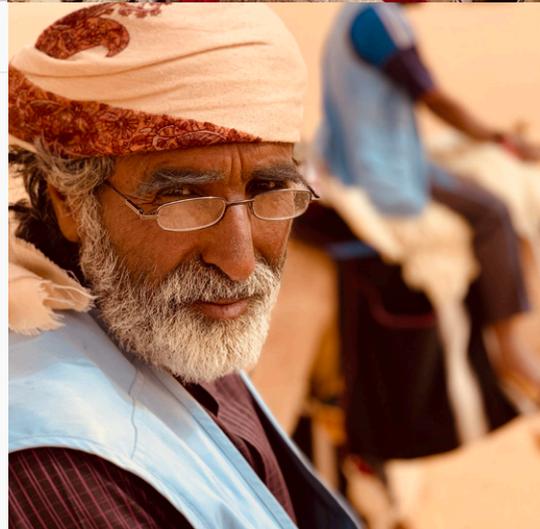


IPPAWARDS

2019 Winners – Animals



Anna Aiko
Honorable Mentions





CAMEL TREK HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED HERITAGE CENTER

Crossing 700 km/15 days in 2019 & 600 km/10 days in 2020 on camelback,
from the Saudi border to Dubai with Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center.
On the final days of the journey,
the visit of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.



☰  **IPPAWARDS**

2020 Winners – Animals



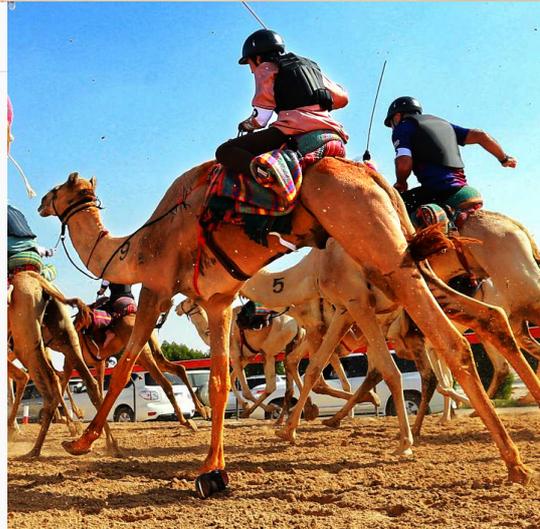
The Empty Quarter
Anna Aiko
3rd Place – Animals





GLOBAL CAMEL RACE EXPATS HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED HERITAGE CENTER

Runner-up at the Global Camel Race Expats in 2020 & 2021
organized by Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center.
With the presence of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
and HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

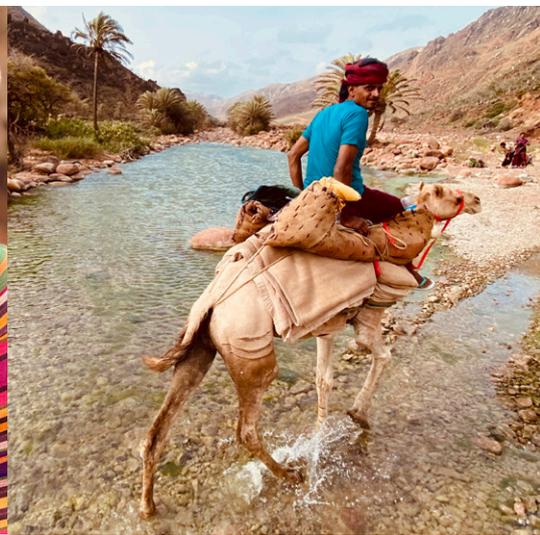




SOCOTRA KHALIFA BIN ZAYED FOUNDATION

Exploring the island of Socotra 350 km/12 days in 2020 on camelback,
following the ancient tracks of the Frankincense.

Osan Filming & Abu Dhabi Art Hub for the film production
with the support of Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation.



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2021 Winners – Children



Anna Aiko
Honorable Mentions





ZAYED THE INSPIRER

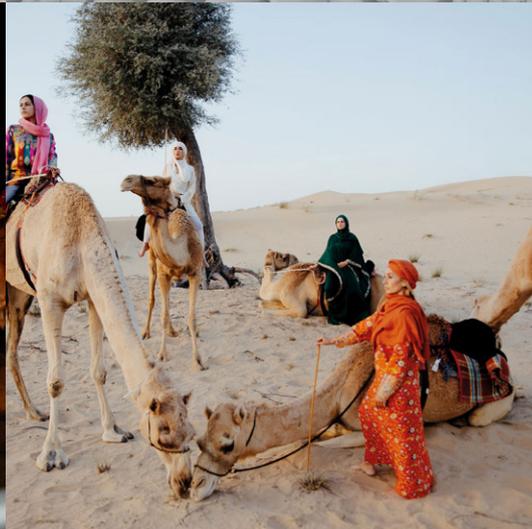
The Arab world was like a fairytale since my childhood, and that's what inspired me to come to the UAE to pursue my passion for camelback exploration and photography.





VOGUE ARABIA

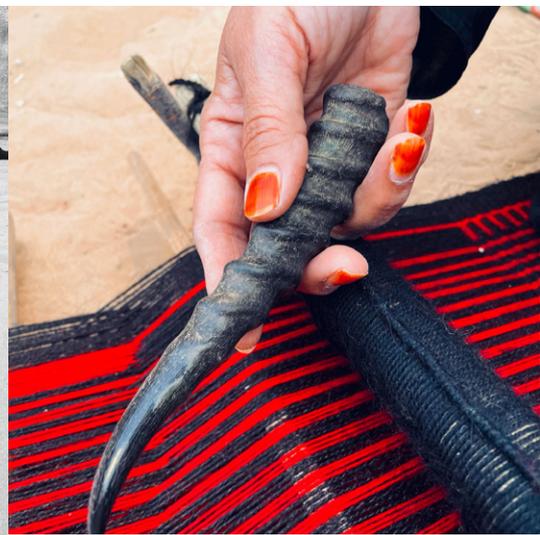
April Issue 2021
My dream became true.





INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Spotlighting inspiring women and honoring the empowered women in 2021, I captured on Apple's latest model, iPhone 12, the Women of the Desert in Dubai. Featured in worldwide medias.



≡ **VOGUE**

≡ **DAZED**

≡ **ELLE**

**Women Global Month 2021:
quando le donne fotografano le donne**

**These photographs offer a rare glimpse
into the lives of Bedouin women**

For International Women's Day,
Five Female Photographers
Explore Gender and Womanhood





IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Winner & Honorable Mentions
7 iPhone Photography Awards 2018-2021
10 International Photography Awards 2019-2020
2 Nelson Mandela University - Mobile Photo Competition 2019
1 Rakayib The Empty Quarter, Camel Club KSA - Mobile Photo Competition 2019



≡  **IPPAWARDS**

≡ *ipa* ~ int'l photography awards ~

≡ **NELSON MANDELA**
UNIVERSITY

2018 Winners – Travel

CAMEL SHIP

Dimensions Of Diversity



Silk Road
Anna Aiko
1st Place – Travel

Anna Aiko
Honorable Mention

3rd Place
Anna Aiko - Rakayib Family



SILK ROAD PHOTO EXHIBITION TOKYO MYOAN GALLERY

Traveling with a passionate interest in the heritage of the Silk Road,
India, China, Mongolia, Ouzbekistan, Turkey, ...
The exhibition was at Tokyo Myoan Gallery in 2018.



≡ NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY

≡ IPPA AWARDS 2007

≡ ipa ~ int'l photography awards ~

A Woman & Her Story

2018 Winners – Travel

ORIENTALISM



2nd Place
Anna Aiko - Mother Love

Anna Aiko
Honorable Mentions

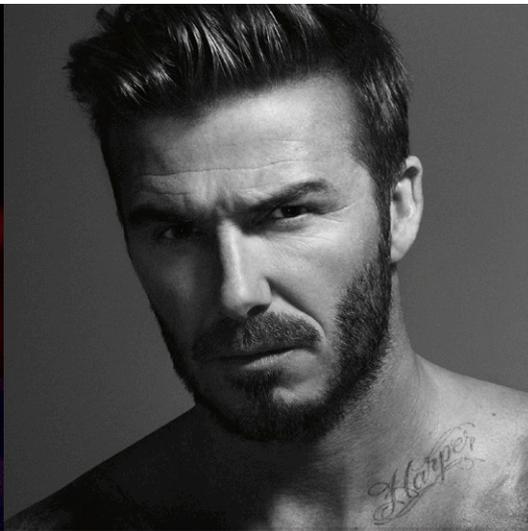
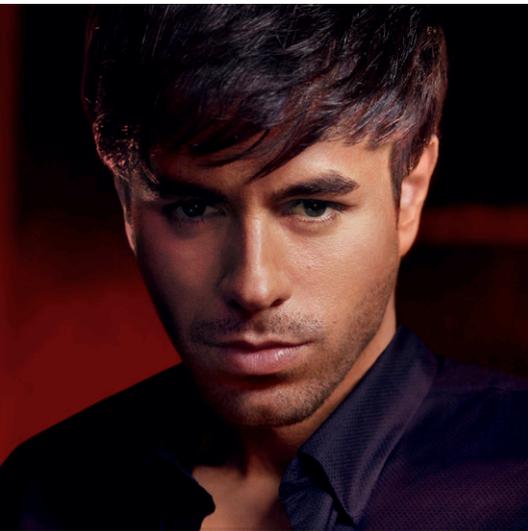
Anna Aiko
Honorable Mention

DAVID
BECKHAM
CLASSIC
REVISE YOUR CLASSICS



ART DIRECTION

Lived and worked in Paris for 20 years as Art Director in the luxury industry, involving creative collaboration with celebrities and internationally renowned photographers for perfumes and fashion brands.



ENRIQUE
IGLESIAS

DAVID
BECKHAM

KYLIE MINOGUE
K Parfums

Cartier

LV
LOUIS VUITTON

HEIDI KLUM

Kilian
PERFUME AS AN ART

JIL SANDER

KENZO
PARIS



MEDIA

Worldwide medias,
awards, press, newspapers, magazines, TV, SNS and foundations.



بيوت سعودية تفتح أبوابها لسائحة يابانية في 14 مدينة




IPPA AWARDS

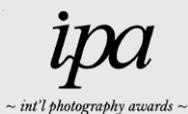
2018 Winning Photographers



Anna Aiko
 Japan/France
1st Place - Travel


ARAB NEWS

Japanese camelback rider fosters love for the Arabian Peninsula following expedition



PROFILE

Born in Tokyo in 1979 and raised between Japan and France.
Lived and worked in Paris for 20 years as Art Director in the fashion/luxury industry.
Since 2015, I have been capturing by iPhone along the ancient path of the Silk Road.
From 2019, I'm exploring the Arabian Peninsula on camelback.
Fluent in English, French and Japanese.

ART DIRECTION

AIR PARIS AGENCY

David Beckham
Enrique Iglesias
Kylie Minogue
Heidi Klum
Peuterey
Jil Sander
Osiao
Maysu
Clarins

FREELANCE

Cartier
Louis Vuitton
Kenzo
Kilian Paris
Sisley Paris
Junko Shimada
Corbier Agostini
One is Art
TonySame Japan

MASTER'S DEGREE 2004

ESAG PENNINGHEN
Graphic Designer

LYCÉE FRANÇAIS
INTERNATIONAL DE TOKYO

CAMEL EXPLORATION

ZUBAIDA TRAIL

Award-Winning Documentary
Film directed by Dunya Alatva

DARB ZUBAYDAH

2024 | 94 km/3 days
2023 | 93 km/3 days
2022 | 360 km/13 days
2021 | 91 km/3 days

HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED HERITAGE CENTER

GLOBAL CAMEL RACE EXPATS
2021 | 2nd Place Winner
2020 | 2nd Place Winner

HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED HERITAGE CENTER CAMEL TREK

2020 | 600 km/10 days
2019 | 700 km/15 days

SOCOTRA KHALIFA BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN FOUNDATION

2020 | 350km/12 days

RAKAYIB THE EMPTY QUARTER CAMEL CLUB KSA

2019 | 640 km/22 days

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

2021 | Honorable Mention
2020 | 3rd Place Winner
2020 | Honorable Mention
2019 | Honorable Mention
2018 | 1st Place Winner
2018 | 2 Honorable Mentions

INTERNATIONAL
PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS
2020 | Honorable Mention
2019 | 9 Honorable Mentions

NELSON MANDELA
UNIVERSITY
MOBILE PHOTO COMPETITION
2019 | 2nd & 3rd Place Winner

RAKAYIB
THE EMPTY QUARTER
CAMEL CLUB KSA
MOBILE PHOTO COMPETITION
2019 | Honorable Mention

TOKYO MYOAN GALLERY
PHOTO EXHIBITION
2018 | Silk Road



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