



PRESS RELEASE FINISTERRA BRASIL 2025

133 films from 30 countries were the films received for the 4th edition of the Finisterra Brasil Film Art & Tourism Festival, an international film and documentary festival and tourism promotion that took place at the Centro de Cultura in Porto Seguro from June 22 to 27.

During the several days of the festival, Porto Seguro welcomed several directors, producers, members of the jury and the festival organizers, most of whom came from Europe, but there were also competitors from Zambia.

There were several free sessions open to the public, with special participation from schools linked to CEMPEC.

Also at this festival, but out of competition, the Brazilian film “André Simião - O cabra da Peste” was presented, directed and produced by Dan Hudson from Porto Seguro.

As with the Finisterra Portugal festival, which is heading towards its 13th edition, it is common to invite filmmakers to show their work and thus show it to the general public.

During the festival, participants also had the opportunity to visit Porto Seguro, Arraial d’Ajuda and Santa Cruz Cabralia.

They took several tours around the region, including visits to Recife de Fora, Reserva da Jaqueira and Parque Aquático. They also visited Arraial d’Ajuda Eco Resort, which is very important for these types of events, which mainly aim to showcase the region for large and small film productions.

By doing the tours, we are showing “locations” that directors who came to Brazil to receive their awards may be motivated to come and film in the Porto Seguro Region, Bahia.

There were around 70 awards divided into 20 categories. Portugal had a strong participation, with around 30 films and 24 trophies, and Spain with 29 films that won 15 trophies. There was also participation from distant countries such as Australia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Italy, Germany, Greece and many others.

The big winner was the promotional video “Vira do Minho” from Portugal by Flávio Cruz from Viana do Castelo, which received 7 awards: In addition to the festival's Grand Prize, it also received Best Post-production; Best Director; Best Soundtrack; Best Portuguese Film; 1st Prize for Tourist Cities and 1st prize for best tourism promotion film. In addition to these awards, he also received 2nd Prize in Documentary with the video “Cantadeiras do Vale do Neiva” and with the film “Mãos da Romaria da Agonia” he received 2nd Prize in the Places in History Category and 3rd prize in the Tourism Promotional Video category. In total, Flávio Cruz received 10 trophies in this 4th edition of Finisterra Brasil. In 2022, he had already received 5 awards and was in 2nd place in the overall classification. This time he is in first place and well ahead of the second place.



Since participating in the Finisterra festivals, Flávio Cruz has participated in countless other festivals, where he has won many awards and promoted Viana do Castelo like no one else. This has also earned him recognition as a “citizen of merit” by the Viana do Castelo City Council.

This shows how much audiovisual production can have a strong impact on a country, a region, a city, or a simple place.



List of Awards

3rd Prize Best Religious Touristic Film

Agostinho's Mountain

Alberto Pereira – SYNAPSIS

Portugal

2nd Prize Best Religious Touristic Film

The Cathedral That Never Was

Nobilis Bellator

Spain

1st Prize Best Religious Touristic Film

I Am Afraid II

Nobilis Bellator

Spain

3rd Prize Best Mountain Touristic Film

Apricity

Morgan Maassen
United States América

2nd Prize Best Mountain Touristic Film

Carved in Stone

Tiago Cerveira
Portugal

1st Prize Best Mountain Touristic Film

Allegoria

Nobilis Bellator
Spain

3rd Prize Best Beach & Sea Touristic Film

Beach of Europe – Pozzuoli

Boas Schwartz, Annette Scheurich
Germany

2nd Prize Best Beach & Sea Touristic Film

Beaches of Europe - The Dune of Pilat

Herbert Ostwald, Annette Scheurich
Germany

1st Prize Best Beach & Sea Touristic Film

South Georgia. In the heart of the Wild

Andrill Andreiev, Olga Andreiev
Ukraine

3rd Prize Best Travel Touristic Film

TJ

Fábio Reitano, Wow Tapes
Italy

2nd Prize Best Travel Touristic Film

South Georgia. In the heart of the Wild

Andrill Andreiev, Olga Andreiev

Ukraine

1st Prize Best Travel Touristic Film

We All Start Somewhere

Alen Tkalcec, Tajana Bukovic

Croatia

3rd Prize Best Destination Touristic Film

Australian Night Skies

Filippo Rivetti

Australia

2nd Prize Best Destination Touristic Film

Braga, Sounds Like Future

Ricardo Gaspar, Diana Carvalhido, Carlos Coelho; Paulo Rocha

Portugal

1st Prize Best Destination Touristic Film

Mauthausen

Panagiotis Kountouras & Aristarchos Papadaniel

Greece

3rd Prize Best Nature & Wildlife Touristic Film (Ex aequo)

Garajonay. The Ancient Forest of Europe

Carlos Perez Romero

Spain

3rd Prize Best Nature & Wildlife Touristic Film (Ex aequo)

The Island of the Giant Mothers

Carlos Perez Romero

Spain

2nd Prize Best Nature & Wildlife Touristic Film

Allegoria

Nobilis Bellator

Spain

1st Prize Best Nature & Wildlife Touristic Film

South Georgia. In the heart of the Wild

Andrill Andreiev, Olga Andreiev

Ukraine

3rd Prize Best Places in History Touristic Film

Iraq: A Journey Through History and Rebirth

Filippo Tenti

Italy

2nd Prize Best Places in History Touristic Film

Hands of Romaria d'Agonia

Flávio Cruz

Portugal

1st Prize Best Places in History Touristic Film

Mauthausen

Panagiotis Kountouras & Aristarchos Papadaniel

Greece

3rd Prize Best Human Life Touristic Film (Ex aequo)

Allegoria

Nobilis Bellator

Spain

3rd Prize Best Human Life Touristic Film (Ex aequo)

TJ

Fábio Reitano, Wow Tapes

Italy

2nd Prize Best Human Life Touristic Film

I Am Afraid II

Nobilis Bellator

Spain

1st Prize Best Human Life Touristic Film

Mauthausen

Panagiotis Kountouras & Aristarchos Papadaniel

Greece

3rd prize Best Services Touristic Film

Never be Lonely- Zupa Dubrovacka

Hervé Tirmarché, Spomenka Saraga

Croatia

2nd Prize Best Services Touristic Film

Cabreira - The Companion's Village

Tiago Cerveira

Portugal

1st Prize Best Services Touristic Film

Kaštela - A Taste of Perfection

Marko Kapitanovic

Croatia

3rd prize Environment & Sustainability Touristic Film

Oh the People you meet with Michaela Guzzi in Singapore

Michaela Guzzi, Scott Tinkham

United States América

2nd Prize Environment & Sustainability Touristic Film

Kusamalira: na African Conservation Story

Ruurd Kouwenhoven, Green Safaris Foundation

Zambia

1st Prize Environment & Sustainability Touristic Film

The Island

Mahmut Tas

Turkey

3rd prize Best Advertising Touristic Film

Leiria does not exist without you

Pedro Vieira, Tiago Cardoso– Slideshow Lda.

Portugal

2nd Prize Best Advertising Touristic Film

TJ

Fábio Reitano, Wow Tapes

Italy

1st Prize Best Advertising Touristic Film

Its where you want to be

Ana Domingues – Slideshow Lda.

Portugal

3rd Prize Best Timelapse Touristic Film

Allegoria

Nobilis Bellator

Spain

2nd Prize Best Timelapse Touristic Film

I Am Afraid II

Nobilis Bellator

Spain

1st Prize Best Timelapse Touristic Film

Time- Barcelona

Jordi de Temple

Spain

3rd Prize Best Drone Touristic Film
Litli Hrutur Volcanic Eruption (Iceland)
Filippo Rivetti
Australia

2nd Prize Best Drone Touristic Film
Desert of the Mists
Cristiana Bontemps
Monaco

1st Prize Best Drone Touristic Film
South Georgia. In the heart of the Wild
Andrill Andreiev, Olga Andreiev
Ukraine

3rd Prize Best TV Series/ Blogger/Vlogger/YouTuber Touristic Film
Scandinavia. Into the Darkness
Mi-Yong Brem, Verena Feige, Annette Scheurich
Germany

2nd Prize Best TV Series/ Blogger/Vlogger/YouTuber Touristic Film
Scandinavia - Into the Light
Mi-Yong Brehm, Verena Feige, Annette Scheurich
Germany

1st Prize Best TV Series/ Blogger/Vlogger/YouTuber Touristic Film
We All Start Somewhere
Alen Tkalcec, Tajana Bukovic
Croatia

3rd Prize Best Promotion Touristic Film
Hands of Romaria d'Agonia
Flávio Cruz
Portugal

2nd Prize Best Promotion Touristic Film

Its where you want to be

Ana Domingues – Slideshow Lda.

Portugal

1st Prize Best Promotion Touristic Film

Vira do Minho

Flávio Cruz

Portugal

3rd Prize Best Short Documentary Touristic Film

Carved in Stone

Tiago Cerveira

Portugal

2nd Prize Short Documentary Touristic Film

The Island

Mahmut Tas

Turkey

1st Prize Best Short Documentary Touristic Film

Malia

Morgan Maassen

United States América

3rd Prize Best Documentary Touristic Film

Iceland. The Awakening of Life

Carlos Perez Romero, 1080 Wildlife Productions

Spain

2nd Prize Best Documentary Touristic Film (Ex aequo)

Scandinavia - Into the Light

Mi-Yong Brehm, Verena Feige, Annette Scheurich

Germany

2nd Prize Best Documentary Touristic Film (Ex aequo)

Cantadeiras do Vale do Neiva

Flávio Cruz

Portugal

1st Prize Best Documentary Touristic Film (Ex aequo)

Garajonay. The Ancient Forest of Europe

Carlos Perez Romero

Spain

1st Prize Best Documentary Touristic Film (Ex aequo)

The Island of the Giant Mothers

Carlos Perez Romero

Spain

3rd Prize Best Cities Touristic Film

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Pedro Vieira, Tiago Cardoso– Slideshow Lda.

Portugal

2nd Prize Best Cities Touristic Film

Travel Notebooks: Cairo, Egypt

Silvia de Gennaro

Italy

1st Prize Best Cities Touristic Film

Vira do Minho

Flávio Cruz

Portugal

1st Special Prize of the Jury

The Art of Living

Pedro Matos, Carla Pereira, Pedro Viegas, New Light Pictures

Portugal

2nd Special Prize of the Jury

Leone's Almería

Paulo Fajardo, Daniel Louro, Rosa Santos Gonçalves
Portugal

3rd Special Prize of the Jury

Again Lisbon

Pedro Matos, João Viegas – New Light Picture
PORTUGAL

4rd Special Prize of the Jury

Município de Vila do Bispo | The Wait | Winter

Tiago Cardoso, Slideshow Lda.
Portugal

Best Portuguese Touristic Film

Vira do Minho

Flávio Cruz
Portugal

Best Cinematography/Photography Touristic Film

Garajonay. The Ancient Forest of Europe

Carlos Perez Romero
Spain

Best Soundtrack Touristic Film

Vira do Minho

Flávio Cruz
Portugal

Best Script/Screenplay/Argument Touristic Film (Ex aequo)

Cabreira - The Companion's Village

Tiago Cerveira
Portugal

Best Script/Screenplay/Argument Touristic Film (Ex aequo)

Mauthausen

Panagiotis Kountouras & Aristarchos Papadaniel

Greece

Best Creativity/Innovation Touristic Film

Travel Notebooks: Cairo, Egypt

Silvia de Gennaro

Italy

Best Visual Effects Touristic Film

Travel Notebooks: Cairo, Egypt

Silvia de Gennaro

Italy

Best Director/Direction Touristic Film

Vira do Minho

Flávio Cruz

Portugal

Best Post Production Touristic Film

Vira do Minho

Flávio Cruz

Portugal

BIG AWARD FINISTERRA BRAZIL 2025

Vira do Minho

Flávio Cruz

Portugal