

Terms and Conditions for Participation in the 2025 Photo Contest (Professional Contest)

The organizer is Zander & Partner Event Marketing GmbH, Savignyplatz 6, 10623 Berlin.

1. Participation

Individuals are eligible to participate. A maximum of 3 images per participant are permitted. The following are excluded from participation:

- Entries that are not related to the topic or violate public decency.
- Entries that have already won prizes in other competitions.
- Entries from individuals who provide false information about their identity.
- Entries with advertising or PR content.

Participants agree that their submitted photos will be stored electronically. By submitting a photo, they agree to all points of these terms and conditions. Participation is free of charge.

The deadline for all entries is October 31, 2025.

Photos can be sent by email to fotowettbewerb@festival-of-lights.de with the subject line "Photo competition."

Participants must include their full name, residential address, age, and—if under the age of 18—the consent form of their legal guardian and contact details in case they win.

2. Type of contributions

The photos must clearly refer to the FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS 2025 and one of the official light installations. Photos showing buildings or installations that are not participating in the FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS 2025 cannot be considered.

3. Technical requirements for photos

Up to 3 images in JPG format with a maximum file size of 5 MB per photo may be submitted exclusively as a WeTransfer link or cloud download link.

The photo must be named as follows:

FIRST NAME_LAST NAME_PHOTO NAME_DATE

Collages are not permitted (no more than 1 image per file). Frames, graphic elements, text elements, and/or obvious image manipulations are also not permitted.

4. Copyrights / Personal rights

Participants warrant that:

- a) they are the sole authors of the submitted entries and hold the unrestricted exploitation rights to all images and image parts;
- b) no personal rights are infringed in the depiction of persons and that the persons depicted consent to publication within the scope of the competition;
- c) the submitted entry is free of third-party rights.

The participant indemnifies the FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS and the organizer Zander & Partner Event Marketing GmbH against all claims by third parties for infringement of their rights in the submitted image material.

Participation is open to persons aged 18 and over (aged 14 and over with the permission of a parent or guardian).

5. rights of use

Participants grant the FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS unlimited, non-exclusive rights of use in terms of time, space, and content, including the right to edit images and video files for festival media, public relations, and reporting on the festival (print, online, social media).

6. Winnings and notification of winnings

The winners will be determined within three weeks after the closing date for entries by the FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS or the organizer, Zander & Partner Event Marketing GmbH.

Notification will be sent using the contact details provided. Cash payment of the prizes is excluded. Upon handover of the prize to a transport person, the risk is transferred to the winners. The FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS or the organizer accepts no responsibility for any damage caused during delivery.

The prize cannot be paid out in cash. If the specified prize is no longer available, we reserve the right to provide a similar product of comparable value as a replacement.

The prize will only be shipped to addresses within the European Union.

7. Prices for 2025

- 1st place: Trip for two to the Festival of Lights in Zagreb, March 18–22, 2026 (including flights and hotel), valued at approximately €2,000
- 2nd place: Canon EOS R50 V + RF 14–30 lens, valued at approximately €999
- 3rd place: Sirui AT-125 travel carbon tripod + KS5 ball head, worth approx. €169
- 4th place: Polaroid Now+ including film, worth approx. €160
- 5th place: Lowepro Flipside 400AW III backpack in black, worth approx. €150
- 6th–10th place: €50 voucher for the Rausch Schokolade online shop

8. attribution

Participants agree that their name will be credited as the author when the submitted photos are published.

9. liability

The FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS accepts no liability for the loss of submitted images.

10. data protection

As the organizer, Zander & Partner Event Marketing GmbH is responsible for the collection, processing, and use of participants' personal data. Data will only be used in accordance with legal provisions and will be stored, processed, and used exclusively for the purpose of conducting the competition. This also includes the exercise of the granted rights of use.

Participants may request information about their stored personal data at any time.

The complete privacy policy is available at: <https://festival-of-lights.de/de/datenschutz/>

11. legal recourse

Legal recourse is excluded.