



Fourteen participants took part in the first ever cover shot challenge for Explore Sri Lanka presented by Cinnamon Nature Trails and powered by BT Store. The challenge unfolded at the Minneriya National Park focusing on The Gathering, hailed as the sixth greatest animal spectacle in the world, which afforded participants the opportunity to capture alluring pictures of the magnificent beasts.



Winner

Kishan Samarasinghe

“Disciplined and Synchronised” Parched land at Minneriya: over 200 elephants quench their thirst at the receding waters of the lake once built to support a civilization. Governed by the wise matriarch, these elephants need to survive for three more weeks till heavens open up with much needed rains. Till then they find refuge and forage along the grass plains resulting in The Gathering at Minneriya.

Cover of Explore Sri Lanka, October 2014. He also wins a 21-inch iMac from BT Store and a weekend stay for two at a Cinnamon Resort hotel of his choice.

The Minneriya Gathering gave the contestants many opportunities to paint on a photographic canvas their artistic skills on how they want to portray this amazing congregation of elephants At The Minneriya national park.

Other Participants

- Ayesha Moosa
- Ayshcharya Pinto
- Chullante Jayasuriya

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- Prasanna Ambigaibagan
- Kumudini Kathriarachchi
- Chamindrika Weerasuriya

Contestants photographed the Minneriya gathering on two elephant safaris and a photography workshop was conducted by Chitral Jayatilake and Vimukthi Weeratunge at the Cinnamon Lodge. The participants were afforded facilities to edit their images and submit them while at the Cinnamon Lodge as well. further A morning bird watching session on day 2 made the event the perfect photographic holiday.

The winner of the iOS Challenge was not selected as the submissions were limited and did not meet the quality requirement

