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JAVIER'S ROTA WEDDING CAKE MT. WINS MVA PHOTO CONTEST

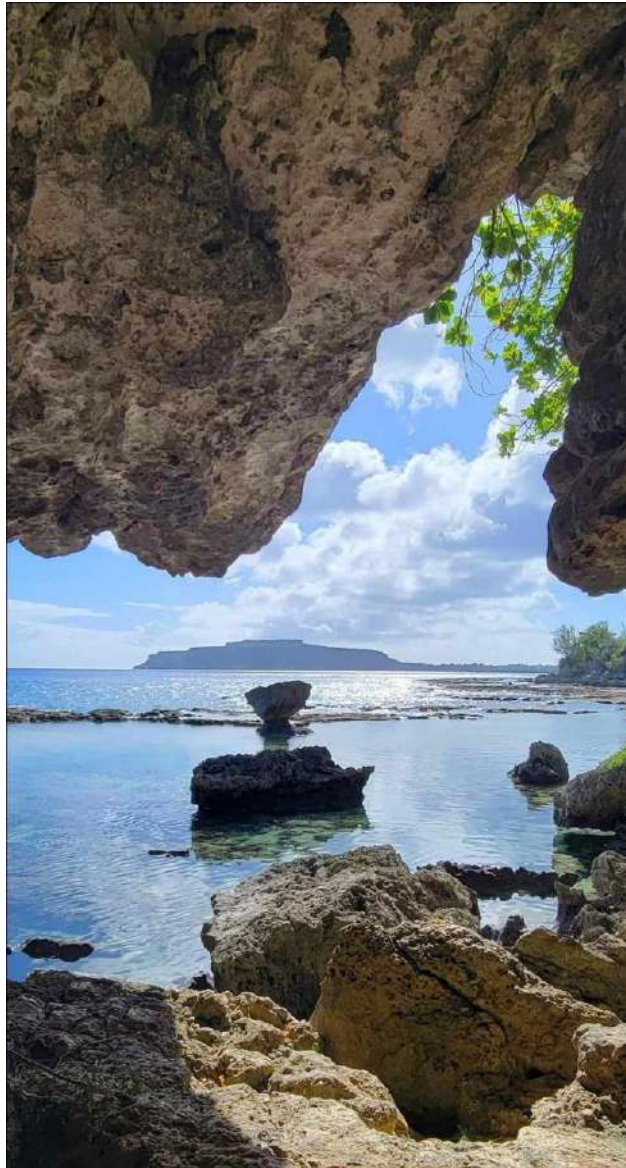
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Rota's iconic Wedding Cake Mt. captured by the lens of Elmer Javier has won 1st place in the Marianas Visitors Authority's "Capture the Beauty of The Marianas" photo contest.

The contest - held on Facebook and Instagram from May 1-27, 2024- was open to entries worldwide, inviting participants to post their favorite photo of Saipan, Rota, or Tinian in The Marianas with the hashtags #MyMarianas, #TheMarianas, #CapturetheBeautyofTheMarianas2024, and #VistTheMarianas. Winning 2nd place was an aerial view of Micro Beach in Saipan, submitted by Justin Poon. In 3rd place was a sun-splashed photo of the House of Taga in Tinian, submitted by Anan Khan.

"The beauty of The Marianas as seen through the lens of those who live or visit here is one of the best ways of sharing our beautiful islands with the world and enticing more visitors to explore Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for themselves," said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin

Duenas. “Congratulations to all the winners, and we encourage everyone to continue using these hashtags to promote The Marianas every month of the year.”

Javier, Poon, and Khan were awarded \$300, \$200, and \$100 cash prizes. Photos submitted featured Marianas’ attractions, including historical or cultural sites, beaches, or others. The contest was held as part of May Marianas Tourism Month.



A photo of Wedding Cake Mt. in Rota, The Marianas submitted by Elmer Javier wins 1st place and \$300 in the Marianas Visitors Authority’s “Capture the Beauty of The Marianas” online photo contest held in May 2024. The contest was held in celebration of Marianas Tourism Month.



A photo of the Garapan beachline in Saipan, The Marianas submitted by Justin Poon wins 2nd place and \$200 in the Marianas Visitors Authority's "Capture the Beauty of The Marianas" online photo contest in May 2024. The contest was held in celebration of Marianas Tourism Month.



A photo of House of Taga in Tinian, The Marianas submitted by Anan Khan wins 3rd place and \$100 in the Marianas Visitors Authority's "Capture the Beauty of The Marianas" online photo contest in May 2024. The contest was held in celebration of Marianas Tourism Month.

The Marianas is an archipelago of 14 islands - including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota - in the Western Pacific. The Marianas are home to indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people, as well as over 20 different ethnicities from around the world who live and work in this harmonious tropical paradise. Ancient latte stone limestone monoliths, traditional nature-based ocean navigation not reliant on modern technology, and a culture seasoned by East and West influences are just a few of the experiences found in The Marianas, where pristine sea, sand, and skies are only a 3-4-hour flight from major Asian gateway cities. From South Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights to Saipan from Seoul-Incheon. United Airlines flies three times a week from Tokyo-Narita, Japan, and daily from Guam. Hong Kong Airlines flies twice weekly from Hong Kong. Interisland travel between Saipan, Tinian, and Rota is provided by Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com, Facebook/VisitTheMarianas, or Instagram @themarianas.

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