From California and Rio to Doha and the Aichi Prefecture: Around the world in 100 blogs

(Hamburg, February 24th, 2016) Language portal bab.la is happy to announce the results of the eighth edition of the Top 100 International Exchange and Expats Blogs Competition or IX16. With over 300 participants from all over the world and 5,560 user votes, IX16 reached yet again new heights both in terms of participants and voters.

The favourite blog of the bab.la users in this edition is Brasileiras Pelo Mundo, a blog that brings together over 70 female expat columnists from all over the world. With a little over 11% of the votes, this Brazilian blog was the clear winner and worthy successor of E-Dublin, last year’s winner. IX16’s runners up are Philippine digital nomad and entrepreneur Aileen Adalid and Portuguese blogger Felipe Morato Gomes. Two real travel experts; Aileen has been travelling fulltime since she was 21, and Felipe did not one, but two tours around the world! The first ten blogs in the ranking receive online language courses offered by Babbel.

“This year’s competition shows a glimpse of the wide range of travel blogs available online, from professional bloggers with thousands and thousands of readers, to travellers with personal blogs for friends and family”, explains Brigitte van de Pas (Project Manager IX16). “The 100 winning blogs truly cover all corners of the world, from North and South America to the Middle and Far East. As digital nomads, expats, exchange students, and world travellers are all represented in this list, everyone who enjoys reading about living and travelling abroad will definitely find a few blogs to his or her liking in bab.la’s IX16!”

The final ranking for the Top 100 International Exchange and Expats Blogs 2016, including a Google Map with the location of all bloggers who made it to the Top 100, can be found at:


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