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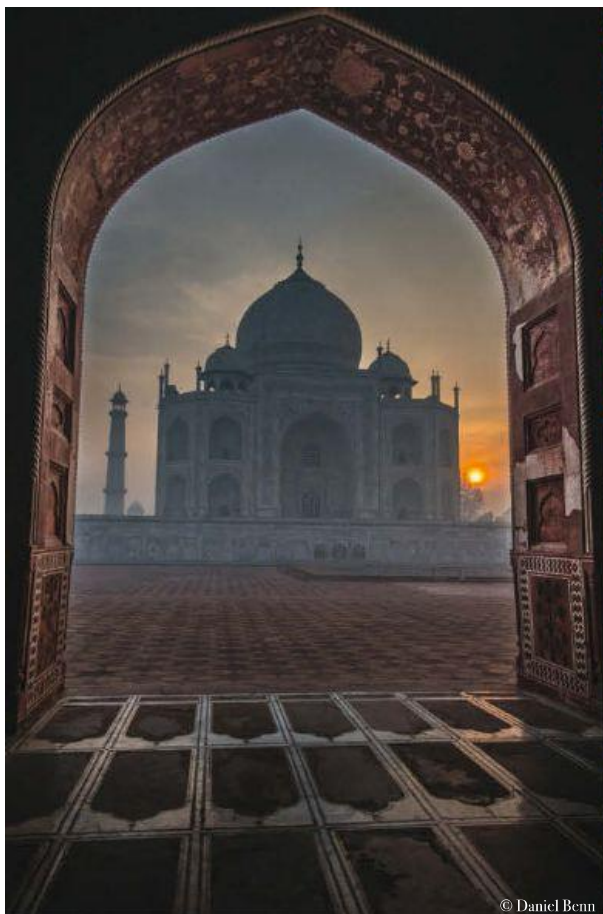
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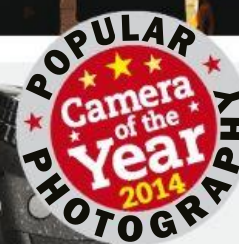
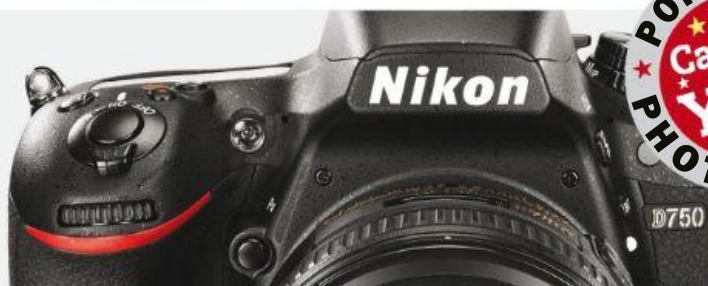
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It's winter. Embrace the cold by adopting these foolproof photo tips for dazzling shots of the season's coolest photo op: ice.

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Our first stop will be Reykjavik, the capital and largest city of Iceland, where an inspiring high-tech, music, art and cultural scene has blossomed from the quiet fishing village at its core. Located in western Iceland, the modern city offers access to spectacular geothermal hotspots and some of the most breathtaking natural landscapes in Northern Europe.

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