

Ian Dawson

Ian Dawson is a photographer drawn to the world's edges – to places where landscape, wildlife and human presence meet in fragile balance. His work is guided by a lifelong fascination with remote environments.

Originally trained in fine art, Ian built an international career as a photojournalist, picture editor and filmmaker. His work has appeared in publications including *The Sunday Times*, the BBC, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Vogue*, with assignments ranging from conflict zones and royal

tours to environmental reportage and wildlife stories. Represented by Getty Images during his press career, he developed a reputation for measured, thoughtful storytelling under demanding conditions.

In recent years his focus has turned increasingly to the polar regions – documenting landscapes, wildlife and communities at the frontline of environmental change. His approach is grounded in patience and respect, seeking to bear witness rather than impose narrative. This long-form polar work is the subject of a forthcoming fine art book created in collaboration with photographer Sue Flood, alongside exhibitions scheduled in Norway, France, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Ian was appointed a Photo Ambassador with PONANT in 2021, working aboard expedition vessels in remote regions and mentoring guests in the field. Having concluded that chapter, he now concentrates on smaller, more personal projects. Together with Sue Flood, he co-founded Midnight Sun Voyages in 2023, a company dedicated to carefully curated, small-scale photographic journeys designed for travellers who want time, depth and genuine engagement with place.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and contributed to the Society's inaugural Summit Photo in 2025, reflecting his ongoing interest in how photography shapes geographic understanding. He is also a member of The Explorers Club, The Alpine Club and the Guild of Picture Editors, and was recently invited to join the Magnum Collectors Cooperative.



Alongside his photographic career, Ian has volunteered for over two decades with Scottish Mountain Rescue. He is a qualified Mountain Leader and served for many years as both a Mountain Rescue Medic and Training Officer, helping develop operational capability and mentoring newer team members. His service was recognised with the Diamond and Platinum Jubilee Medals from Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – recognition of long and practical commitment to the team and the communities it serves.

When not travelling, Ian lives with his family in Scotland's Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park in Scotland.

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