# Travel Photography



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#### **Travel Photography Never Gets Old!**

#### Even if we do!

Photo of me with my parents returning from Germany in 1970!

Dad is carrying a bag filled with all of his rolls of film!

Those became 2 slides shows for my 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class.



Portland International Airport, Oregon

#### Traveling the World



Beijing, China

When he was going to the French Riviera on our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it was time for me to start traveling with him!

Chane had been traveling the world for many years on business while I stayed home with our two boys.





Cannes, France 2013

#### Places We Travelled to in 2019



Czech Republic/Poland Border



Singapore

#### 2019 – Rhonda

Czech Republic Greece Italy Poland

2019 - Chane

Indonesia Malaysia Philippines Singapore

#### 2019 - Both

China
India
Vietnam
Arizona
Florida
Massachusetts
Maine
New Hampshire
New York
Oregon
Vermont





India



New York City

#### **Travel Once COVID Hit**

#### 2020:



Sandy Hook, CT

#### 2021:



The local Walgreens!

Now let's go back out and see the world again!

# Old Travel Photos Can Bring Family Together!



Photo of me with my parents and German relatives in 1970!

Photo of me with German relatives in 2022!



East Berlin, Germany

Sandy Hook, CT

# **Travel Photography**

#### Agenda:

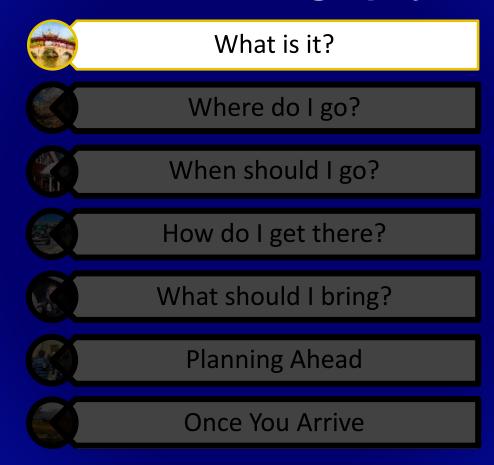
- What is travel photography?
- Where and when should I go?
- How do I get there?
- What do I bring?
- Planning Ahead and Arrival
- What should I capture?
- Working the Scene
- Local Guides and Safety
- Communicating in a Foreign Land
- Travel Tips
- Are you ready to go?







#### **Travel Photography**



### Travel Photography - What is it?

**Travel photography:** May involve the documentation of an area's landscape, people, cultures, customs and history. — *Wikipedia* 

A travel photo: An image that expresses the feeling of a time and place, portrays a land, its people, or a culture in its natural state, and has no geographical limitations. — Old PSA





Xitang, China

Mumbai, India

#### **PSA Photo Travel Division**

A Photo Travel image is a portrayal of the real world we live in, as it is found naturally. There are no geographical limitations.

Techniques that add, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted. (See more at: https://psa-photo.org/page/division-definitions)





Canada

#### **General Travel Photography - What is it?**

"A Jack of All Trades!" - Whether you go across the street or around the world!



Athens, Greece

A wide variety of photos fit into these categories or combinations of them:

- Landscape
- People
- Cultures
- Customs
- History

#### Add in:

"Portrayal of the real world we live in" and there's a lot of possibilities!

# Landscapes



Yosemite National Park, California



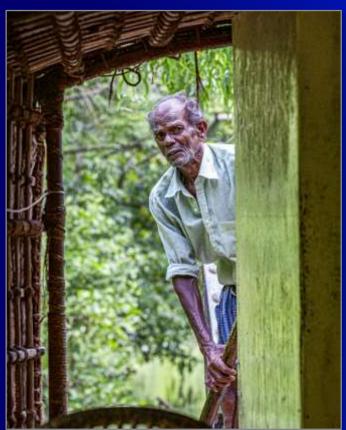
Lake Lucerne, Switzerland

Lake Como, Italy

# **People - Lifestyle Photos**



Village outside of Kochi, India



#### **Portraits**



Terrebonne, Oregon



NECCC, Amherst, Massachusetts



Xitang, China



Xitang, China

#### **Street Photos**



Shanghai, China



New York City

## Paparazzi – Photos of "Famous" People



Stephen Spielberg, Majestic Barriere, Cannes, France

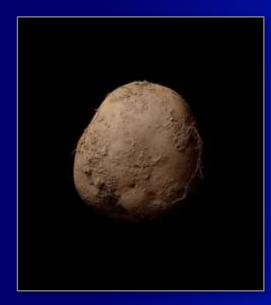
### Paparazzi – Photos of "Famous" People

"Photographer Kevin Abosch just sold a photograph of a potato for 1 million euros, equivalent to just over \$1 million.

It's a portrait of an Irish potato on top of a black background...

Aside from spuds, Abosch also photographs portraits of influential figures. Potato #345 joined a portfolio that included shots of **Steven Spielberg**, Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg, and Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai."

https://fortune.com/2016/01/25/photograph-potato/



"Potato #345" by Kevin Abosch

# **Photojournalism**



Boston Marathon, Massachusetts

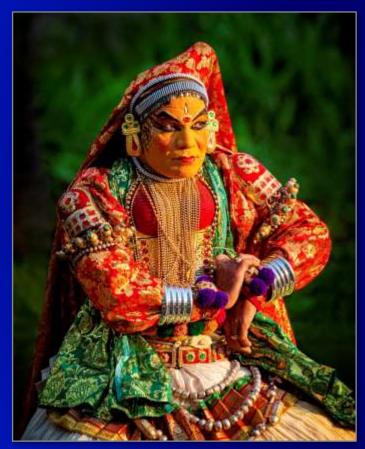


Mumbai, India



Kamataka, India

#### Culture



Kathakali Dancer in Kochi, India



Village outside of Kochi, India

#### **Fashion - Traditional**





Beijing, China

Xitang, China

# **Fashion - Contemporary**



Xitang, China

# Weddings





### **Food**

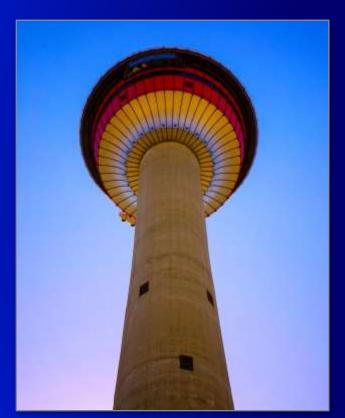


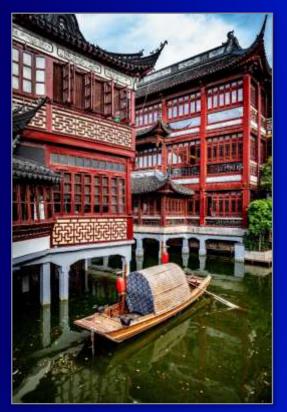


Key Lime Pie in Key Largo, Florida

Xitang, China

#### **Architecture**





Calgary Tower, Canada

Taj Mahal, Agra, India

Yu Garden, Shanghai, China

# **History - Historical/Documentary**



Roman Ruins, Italy



Auschwitz II – Birkenau, Poland

# Pieces of our past



Goldfield Ghost Town, Arizona



# **History - Recreated**



Plimoth Plantation, Massachusetts





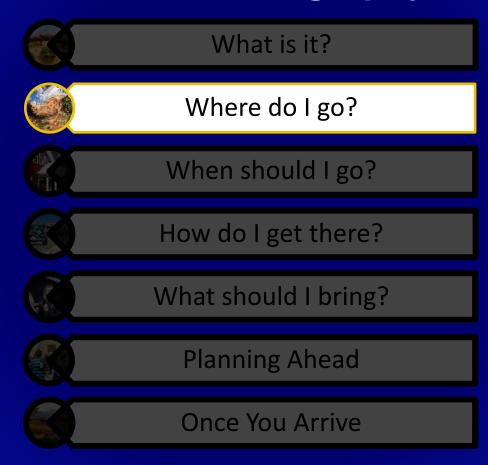
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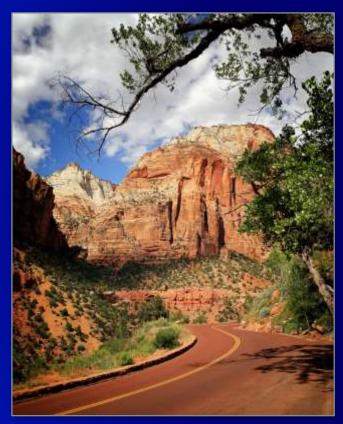


Gladstone, Oregon

#### **Travel Photography**



#### Where do I go?



Zion National Park, Utah

Anywhere the road, (or your wallet) will take you!

The choice is yours!

There are NO GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS!

#### **New York City**





Statue of Liberty, New York City

Skyline, New York City

People come to NYC from around the world and take lots of "travel photos." These are the typical "postcard" or "placemat" style photos. Most of us here in New England can drive into NYC for a day trip!

# **New York City – By Day**



Brooklyn Bridge



One World Trade Center



**Bryant Park** 

# **New York City – In Darkness**



East River and NYC Skyline



Statue of Liberty



Manhattan Bridge

# **New York City – In Black and White**



Manhattan Bridge



Brooklyn Bridge

Brooklyn Bridge

#### **Boston**



**Boston Harbor** 

Boston is another city people come to see from all over the world and can also just be a day trip for us.

### **Boston – By Land and By Sea**



Freedom Trail in front of the Massachusetts State House



**USS Constitution** 

Try following the red brick "Freedom Trail" to see the sights.



**Boston Harbor** 

#### **Boston – "A Cultural Experience"**





If you're there on a game day, enjoy a Red Sox game at Fenway Park! You can be a "Sports Photographer" too!



Watch out for flying bats!

Can you find the bat in the bottom photo?

## **New England Charm**

Many people travel here to photograph New England and you are already here!

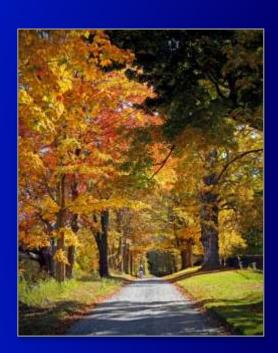




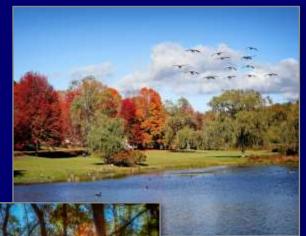


Newtown, CT

# **New England Fall Foliage Show**













# **New England Winters**













Newtown, CT

## Or, go to the other side of the world!



Da Nang, Vietnam



Beijing, China

# Or, visit "Down Under"!

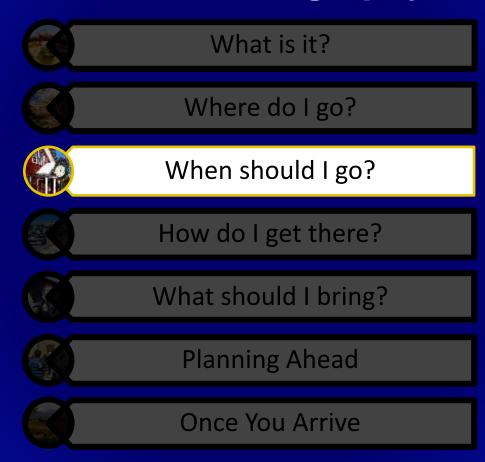


Sydney, Australia



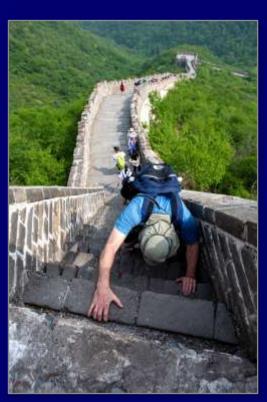
Hobbiton, Matamata, New Zealand

## **Travel Photography**



#### When should I go?





The Great Wall of China, Beijing

In general, go whenever you can and while you still can!

There's no time like the present!



All That's Entertainment @allthatnews

## When should I go?

Now that we're retired... We can relate!

How many people caught photos of us too?



#### **Season Specific Activities**



Mt. Hood, Oregon

- If you have specific things you want to do or see, research the area ahead of time.
- If you want to ski while on your trip, you might go in the winter or early spring.
- Unless, you are planning to ski on a glacier during the summer like on Mt. Hood.

## **Outdoor "Summertime" Activities**



Seaside, Oregon



Trillium Lake near Mt. Hood, Oregon

## Fall or Other Time Specific Activities

- If you want to photograph fall foliage, you probably want to go in the fall!
- If you're taking a cruise, you might want to avoid hurricane season.
- If you want to see the Northern Lights, make sure it is the right time of year.



Mabry Mill, Blue Ridge Parkway, Virginia

#### **Different Seasons of the Year**

Winter





Spring

Summer





Fall

View from Castle Hill, Newtown, CT

# **Different Times of the Day**







Midday

Sunset





Night

View from Castle Hill, Newtown, CT

## **Different Seasons and Different Times**



June 2015 – 6:30 pm

November 2018 – 10:30 am

#### **Golden Hour or Blue Hour**



Face Rock, Bandon, Oregon



Lake Lucerne, Switzerland

#### **Golden Hour or Blue Hour**

#### It happens in the morning too!



Sonoma, California



Mt. Adams Taken From Mt. Rainier, Washington

## **After Dark**



Florence, Oregon

Smithsonian, Washington D.C.

#### **After Dark**

Don't forget a tripod or find a solid surface to rest your camera on for longer exposures.





Portland, Oregon

Shanghai, China

#### Go capture the scene while it still exists!

Not everything lasts forever.

If you see it, photograph it now. Don't wait because conditions may change.

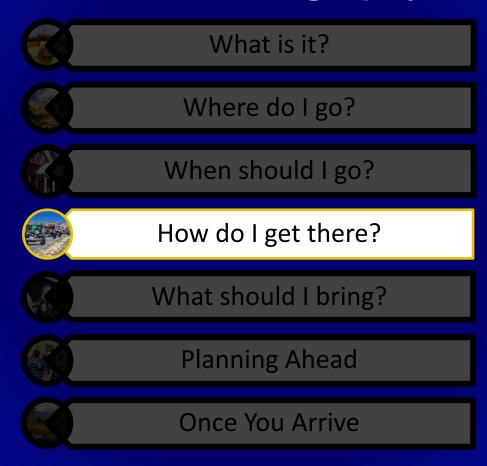




Madras, Oregon

Taken down prior to crowds coming to see the "Great American Eclipse" in 2017.

## **Travel Photography**



#### How do I get there?

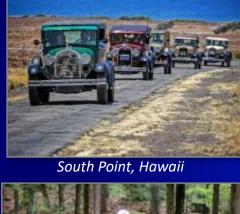
Planes, trains and automobiles, or by boat, bicycle or foot...



Newark, New Jersey



San Vincenzo, Italy





New York City



Ft. Kochi, India



Southbury, Connecticut

## **Traveling by train**

See the scenery out the window!



Florence, Italy

## Canoes, Rafts and Kayaks Work Too!







Sunriver, Oregon

Poland

Clackamas River, Oregon

On open water, consider a waterproof camera or waterproof storage container when camera's not in use!

## Or a slow, man powered boat ride



To take photos of other man powered boats!



Kochi, India

## Rickshaw rides – Slow enough to see a lot

#### And take photos!

Many drivers will make frequent stops and talk about the local sights as well.





New York City

## Walking - Places we walk to from our house

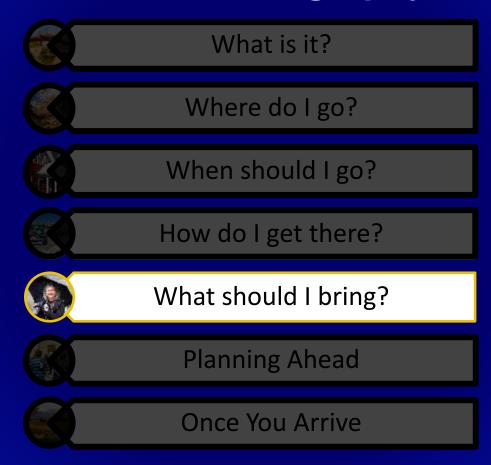


Prydden Falls, Sandy Hook, Connecticut



Warner Pond, Sandy Hook, Connecticut

## **Travel Photography**



## **Equipment**

- Camera and/or phone. The best camera is the one you have with you!
- Lenses: We use 24-70mm or 24-105mm. A mid-range 70-200mm is nice too. A 100-400mm or 100-500mm+ if shooting birds. A wide angle is good for areas like the Grand Canyon.
- Extra memory cards, spare batteries or charger, and foreign adapter plugs.
- Consider bringing a laptop, tablet, external hard drive or some device to backup your photos.
- Travel Tripod (optional, but nice). Consider for night photography, long exposures, HDR, or focus stacking. Or, look around for a flat rock, window ledge, post, etc. for some stability.

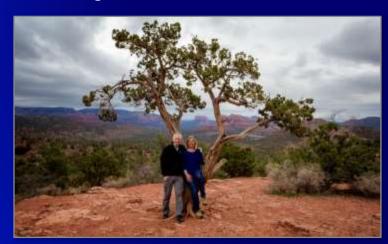


Photo taken on Canon 5D Mark III – 24mm



Photo taken on Chane's Google Pixel 3 XL phone

## **Equipment**

At times a cell phone might be your best choice.

This was taken with a handheld cell phone.

If I tried this with my DSLR, I would want a tripod and would probably want to Focus Stack it.

And I might have missed the last train...

(This took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in our club's monthly Open Monochrome competition.)



Washington, D.C.

## What else should I bring?

- Backpack/Large Purse/Camera Bag Something for extra gear in the car vs. Carrying around
- Clothes to fit the climate: Parkas & snow boots vs. swimsuits & flipflops. (Think layers and good walking shoes!)
- Wallet Identification, Cash, Credit Cards
- Phone
- Glasses if needed



Sunriver Resort, Oregon



The Leela Palace Hotel, Bangalore, India



Elm, Switzerland

#### Have a "Go Bag" Ready!

- Travel size Toiletries for things you normally use Examples: Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Dental Floss, Shampoo, Lotion, Deodorant, Hairbrush, Comb, Fingernail clippers, Q-tips, Make-up, Razor, Sunscreen, etc.
- Medicine & Travel Kit Tylenol, Antacid, Diarrhea medicine, Antibiotics, Band-aids, Sewing kit, Safety pins, Ear plugs, etc.
- Ziplock bags to keep things together, prevent leaks, or to keep things dry.
- Garbage bags for dirty laundry, shoes or misc. items.
- Laundry soap, wire hangers, clips to hang wet clothes.
- Small umbrella and/or compact raincoat. Big garbage bag = Raincoat!
- Small Backpack/Small duffle bag. Pack at the top of carryon to put essentials inside in case the carryon needs to be checked.
- Check lists. Make a list of what needs done before leaving the house and list what you want to bring with you.



Mostly fits in 1 gallon bag



Auckland, New Zealand



Mt. Thielsen, Oregon

## How much luggage can you manage?

- You probably don't need as much stuff as you think. Most places have stores if needed.
- Often cars in other countries are smaller than ours. Will it all fit?
- Do not pack your camera, lenses, medications or documents in your checked bags!
- Put undergarments, shorts, and t-shirts (change of clothes) around your camera gear.
- Put a copy of your itinerary, lodging info and your cell phone number in each bag.



San Vicenza, Italy

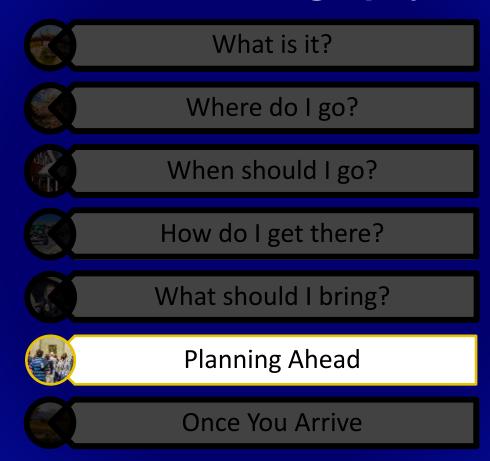


Venice, Italy



Frankfurt, Germany

## **Travel Photography**



#### Plan Ahead: Research Unfamiliar Places

#### Resources:

- Internet search
- Friends who have been there
- Fellow photographers
- Facebook groups
- **Pinterest**
- Tourist brochures
- Travel books
- Route the Tour Bus Follows
- **History Books**



Acropolis, Greece



Bob Ring and Don Toothaker's New England Photo Workshop



Boston Harbor, Massachusetts

#### **Determine your "Must Sees"**

#### Search for:

- Top Things to Do or See
- Top Things to Photograph
- Best Times to Photograph

#### **Divide List:**

- Must See
- Would Like to See
- If There's Extra Time
- Opportunistic Places (Nearby)



Portland Head Lighthouse, Maine

# **Other Places Nearby**



Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, Maine

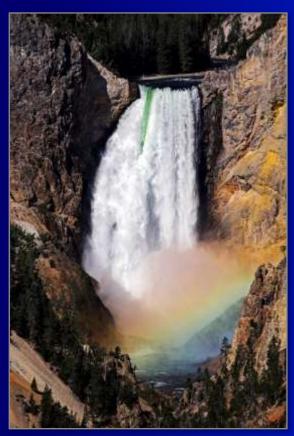


Nubble Lighthouse, Maine

#### **Are Your "Must Sees" Time Sensitive?**



Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse at Sunset, Maine



Artist's Point, Lower Fall, Yellowstone, Wyoming 9:56 am

#### Realize you need to be flexible

- Build in some flexibility to your schedule to alter days if needed.
- Schedule your "Must Sees" early in your trip.
- Have a back up plan in case you have bad weather the day you were going to visit a place outside.



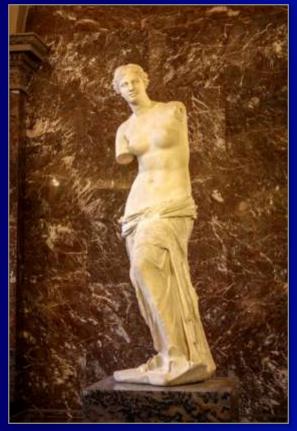
Eiffel Tower, Paris, France

#### If the weather is bad, visit a museum!



Mona Lisa

Louvre Museum, Paris, France



Venus de Milo

## The Next Day Might be Better!

With a flexible schedule, you might be able to try again for a better photo.



Eiffel Tower, Paris, France

#### **Navigating - Preparation**



Venice, Italy

- Look at maps before you leave home.
- Bring a list of your hotels and must sees with the addresses listed in the native language and a street map where they are located.
- You can use these maps to point to the place on the list or map you want to go when asking for directions or telling a Taxi driver where to take you.
- If you are renting a car, many rentals are a standard manual transmission (Stick shift). If you can't drive a stick shift, be sure to ask for an automatic when making your reservation.

## Navigate? – Or Just Wander Around!



- Get lost in Venice!
- It is small enough that you can just go out exploring and follow the signs back again.
- Enjoy Gelato and Cannoli's while you're out!



Venice, Italy

#### Practice with your camera before you leave

Don't miss the once in a lifetime photo because you can't figure out how to quickly set your camera to the right settings.



Ok, if needed, quickly switch to "green" or "auto" mode so you at least capture it.

Boston, Massachusetts

#### Looking for something? Ask Google!

Ok Google, where is the best place to photograph sunsets on Cape Cod? "I found this on the Web. Cape Cod Top 10 Sunset Spots. #1 Rock Harbor, Orleans"





Rock Harbor, Orleans, Cape Cod, Massachusetts

# Cape Cod – First Night





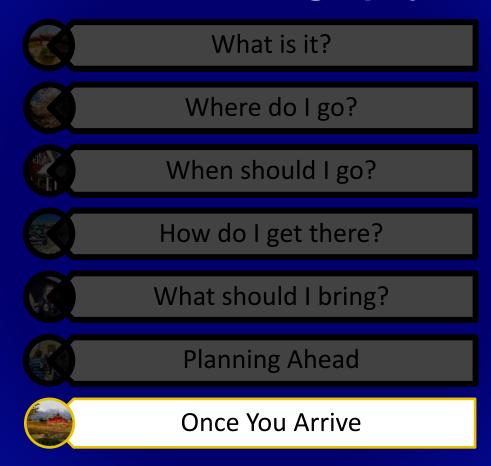
Rock Harbor, Orleans, Massachusetts

# **Cape Cod – Next Night**



Rock Harbor, Orleans, Massachusetts

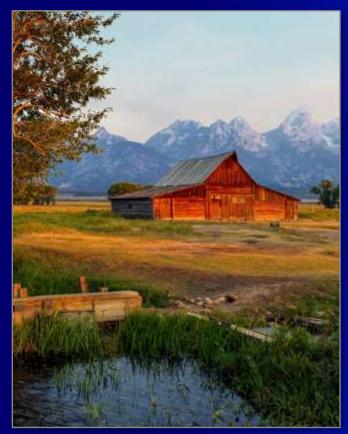
#### **Travel Photography**



#### Stop at a Visitors Center or Airport Info Rack

Pick up the travel brochures that are available when you arrive.

A photo like this was on the cover of the "Welcome to Wyoming" brochure I got at the airport when we landed.



Moulton Barn, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming

# Stop by the local gift shop or kiosk

Look at the postcard racks for ideas of what and where to take photos.

Also look at the photos in the calendars and placemats for sale too.



Paris, France

# Ask the desk clerk or concierge for photo locations







Bandon, Oregon

We saw similar photos on the wall of the hotel lobby as we checked in so asked how get to that spot.

# Ask a Park Ranger – Where are the ones that pose?







Blue Mountains, Australia

# Ask a Park Ranger – Where a specific bird might be



Roseate Spoonbill - Everglades, Florida

#### Take a Hop On Hop Off Tour

- Take the complete loop your first day for an overview of the area.
- Usually a second day pass is fairly cheap. Use it to go back to the stops you want to see.
- The upper bus deck is great for photography; the lower deck is great if it rains!



Sydney Explorer, Sydney, Australia



Open Tour. Paris. France



Boston Trolley, Massachusetts

# Take a Hop On Hop Off Tour







St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

#### You might capture more than you realize!



St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

Zoom in and see it was a photo with the Pope!



# Be ready for the unexpected – In the USA



Rockaway, Oregon



Cascade Locks, Oregon

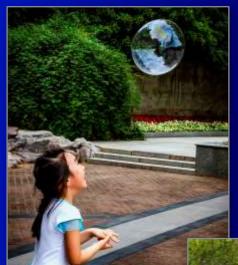


Richmond, Rhode Island



Cannon Beach, Oregon

# Be ready for the unexpected – Traveling Abroad



Shanghai, China



New Delhi, India



Dublin, Ireland



New Delhi, India



Galway, Ireland

# **Allow Time for "Stop the Car" Moments**



Conway, New Hampshire



Mitchell, Oregon

#### **Consider Some for Monochrome**



New York City, New York



Paris, France



Lindau, Germany



Goldfield Ghost Town, Arizona



North Conway, New Hampshire

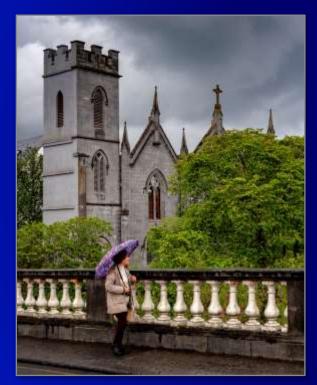
# No camera with you? Use your cell phone!



Sunriver Resort, Oregon

## Weather is often unpredictable

We'll weather the weather, whatever the weather, whether we like it or not!



Galway, Ireland



Eastern Oregon "Gold" colored fields at the end of the rainbow.

## Weather might create unexpected opportunities!

Flashfloods one day create reflecting ponds for the next.





Sedona, Arizona

#### **NECCC Digital Competition**





2019 Best Landscape Digital Pictorial Image for "Sedona Reflections"

www.NECCCPhotoConference.org

#### **Travel Photography**



#### What should I capture? Anything you like!

#### **Documentation of:**

- Landscape
- People
- Cultures
- Customs
- History

Tip: Take lots of photos of everything. You can always delete later, but you might not have another chance to take more.

#### **Expresses:**

- Feeling of a Time and Place
- Portrays a Land
- Its People
- A Culture in its Natural State



Yellowstone, Wyoming

# Landscapes



Half Dome, Yosemite, California



Princetown, Australia



Bryce Canyon, Utah



Crater Lake, Oregon



Kona, Hawaii

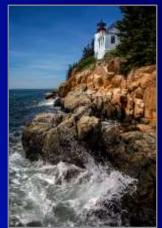


Zion National Park, Utah

# **Landscapes and Architecture**



Century Park, Shanghai, China



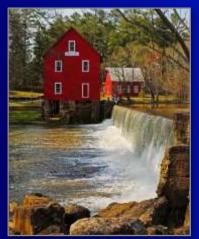
Bass Harbor, Maine



Somesville, Maine



Vista House, Corbett, Oregon

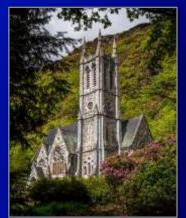


Starr's Mill, Georgia



Block Island, Rhode Island

## **Architecture and Culture**



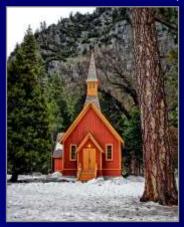
Connemara, Ireland



Florence, Italy



Auckland, New Zealand



Yosemite, California



Goldfield, Arizona



Amherst, Massachusetts



Paris, France

#### **Rural Landscapes and Culture**







The Cascade Mountain Range in Central Oregon: A Rural Scene



## **Urban Landscapes and Culture**





Washington D.C.



Little Italy, New York City



Monte Carlo, Monaco



Venice, Italy



Florence, Italy

# **Landscapes and Culture – Fishing Villages**







Malta

# **People and Culture**



Kochi, India



Shanghai, China



Ft. Worth, Texas



Central Park, New York City

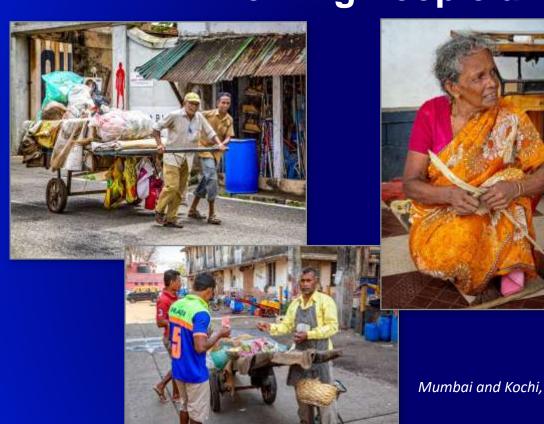


Xitang, China



Warsaw, Poland

# **Working People and Lifestyles**







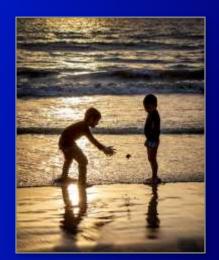
# **Lifestyles and Customs**





Kochi and Mumbai, India

# **Culture and Customs**

















Lodz, Poland

# People, Culture, and Customs



Lodz, Poland



Bangalore, India



Xitang, China



Warsaw, Poland



Monte Carlo, Monaco



Cannes, France



India

# Wildlife



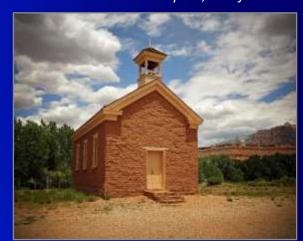




Wallaby and Koala in Australia

Lions in South Africa

Connecticut State Capitol, Hartford

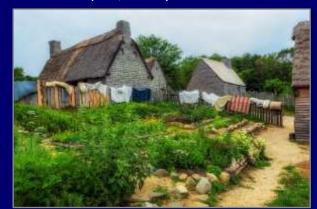


Grafton Ghost Town, Utah

#### **U.S. History**



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



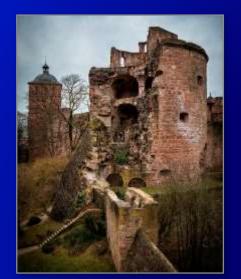
Plimoth Plantation, Massachusetts



Statue of Liberty, NYC



Newtown, Connecticut



### **Foreign History**

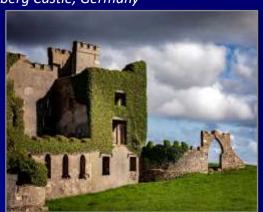


Heidelberg Castle, Germany



Hohenzollern Castle, Germany

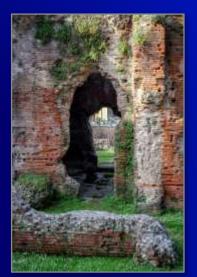
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Connemara, Ireland



Rome, Italy



Thermal Complex, Pisa, Italy



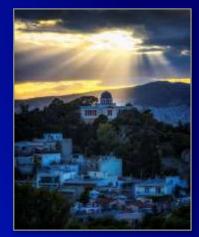
Leaning Tower, Pisa, Italy

# **Ancient History – Areopagus (Mars Hill) in Athens**













Acts 17:22-31

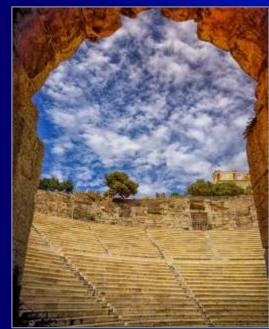
# History – Ancient Greece



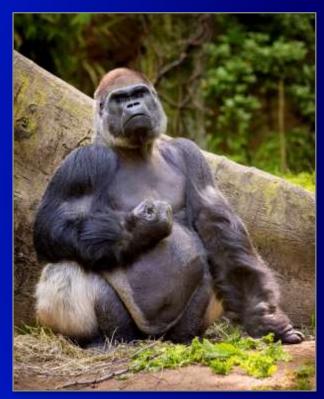








# **Emotional Impact – Subject Displaying Emotion**







Bronx Zoo, NYC

Bronx Zoo, NYC

Connemara, Ireland

#### **Emotional Impact – Inanimate Objects**



Korean War Memorial, Washington D.C.



Auschwitz, Poland



Mumbai, India

#### **Emotional Impact - People's Circumstances**



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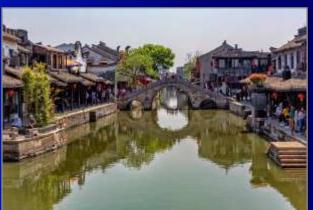
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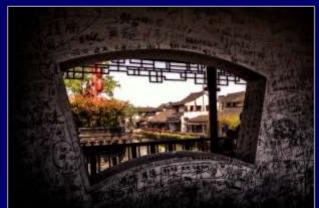


Mood (Assisted by post-processing)











Xitang, China

#### **Capture A Feeling**



Does the photo remind you not only of the location, but of how you felt while you were there?

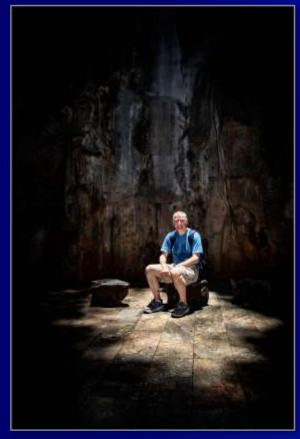
Key Largo, Florida

#### **Something Unique**

Does something different catch your eye?

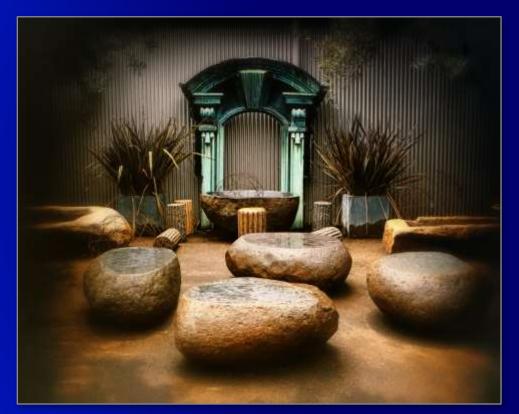
Might be an interesting subject or a unique lighting opportunity.

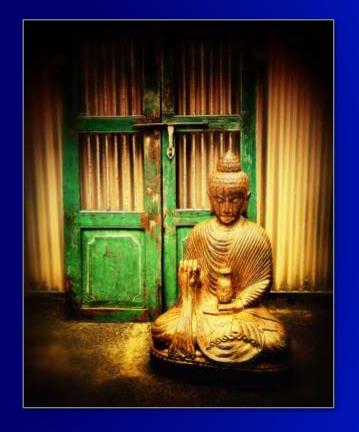
"Look for great light, then look for something to photograph." — Scott Kelby



Marble Mountain, Da Nang, Vietnam

### Zen Garden in an Exotic Foreign Land?

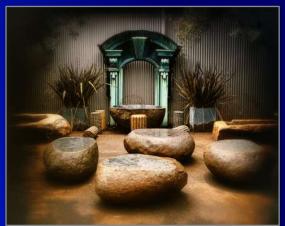


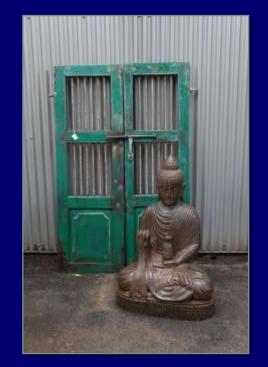


Sonoma, California

# Taken at a Garden Supply Store in California!









Sonoma, California

Bryce Canyon, Utah





Hoover Dam, Nevada & Arizona

#### Take Photos of Signs



Wyoming

It helps you remember where you took the photos and gives some information about the place.



Cody, Wyoming



New York City

#### Get photos with you in them!



Fenway Park, Boston, Massachusetts

Hand the camera to someone you trust to take your photo, or set up the timer and take it yourself!

When traveling, make sure you get some photos of yourself to prove you were actually there!



Boston Harbor, Massachusetts

#### Get photos with you in them!



Some tourist areas will have photographers there willing to take your photo and then sell them to you.

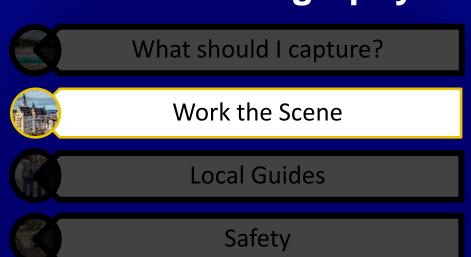
Getting their digital file allows you to do your own editing.

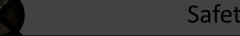


After I edited the photo

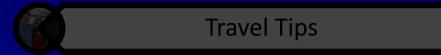
Taj Mahal, Agra, India

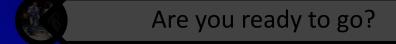
#### **Travel Photography**











#### **Work the Scene**

Take photos from different angles. Especially if you might not be back.











#### **Work the Scene**

Photograph Different Perspectives









Rockefeller Center and New York City

# Consider Including a Foreground Subject



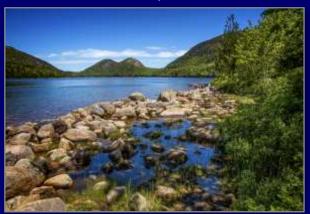
Point Judith, Rhode Island



Block Island, Rhode Island



Red Rock Canyon, Nevada



Jordan Pond, Acadia National Park, Maine

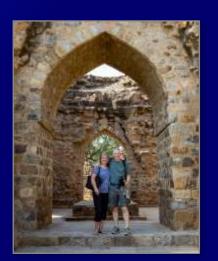


New York City, New York

#### **Look for "Frames"**



Bozeman, Montana



New Delhi, India



Lake Como, Italy





Sonoma, California

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Hyannis, Massachusetts

# **Look for Leading Lines**



New Hampshire Border



Ft. Kochi, India



Konstanz, Germany



Lake Lucerne, Switzerland



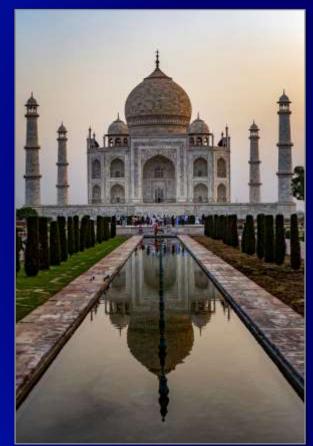
Varenna, Italy

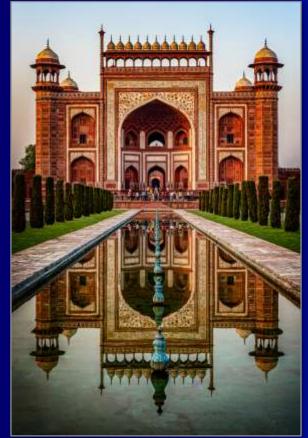


Bangalore, India



# **Look for Symmetry or Reflections**

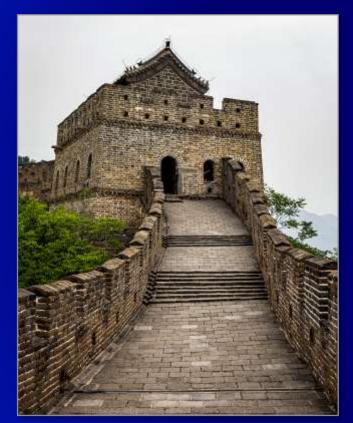


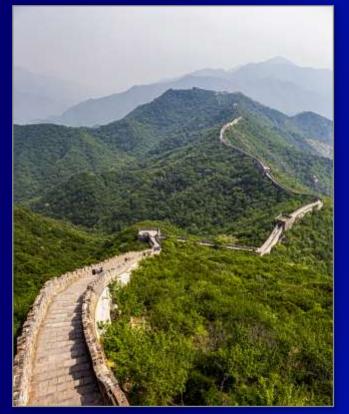


Sunrise Taj Mahal, Agra, India

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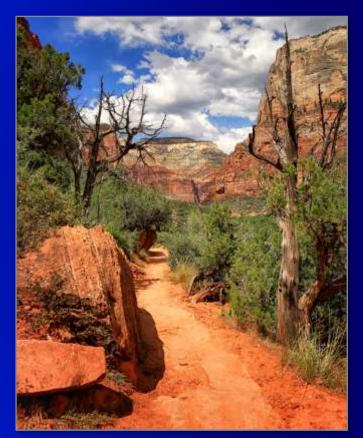
#### Remember to Look Behind You





Great Wall, Beijing, China

### **Look Behind You for the Little Things Too!**







Zion National Park, Utah

# Look for Subjects with Potential... with some help from Post-processing





# Don't be afraid to play in post-processing Try some punch by increasing saturation.





Belfast, Maine

#### **Travel Photography**



What should I capture?



Work the Scene



**Local Guides** 



Safety



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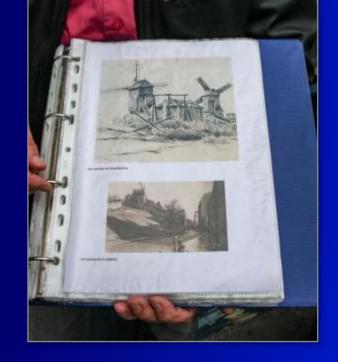
Are you ready to go?

#### **Volunteer Greeters**

They help find great locations and give you some history and advise







Moulin Rouge, Paris, France

#### **Volunteer Greeters**

They not only help find historic locations but let you get to know the people



Milan, Italy

## **Local Guides**

Hotels may offer Tour Packages with a private driver offering insight and security







Mumbai, India

## **Travel Photography**



## Personal Safety

- Watch for Pickpockets especially in crowded areas.
- If a kind looking lady asks you to hold her child, it may cost you your wallet.
- Don't show large sums of money in public.
- Keep an eye on your camera and don't leave it unattended.
- Travel with a buddy when possible!



Eiffel Tower, Paris, France

## Personal Safety vs. Being an Ambassador







Don't be a victim. Guard your things, but also remember you are representing your country. You can help shape the world's view of us when you travel abroad.



Qutub Minar, New Delhi, India

## "Safe" Drinking Water

- If there is a water bottle in the bathroom, you might want to use it to brush your teeth.
- Use the in-room coffee pot to boil water.
- Keep your mouth closed in the shower.
- Be cautious of fruits and raw vegetables washed in water.
- Avoid ice.
- Consider bringing antibiotics with you.



Bangalore, India

## Safety first when visiting places with animals

Remember these are wild animals and you are in their home!



Yosemite, California



Yellowstone, Wyoming



Everglades, Florida

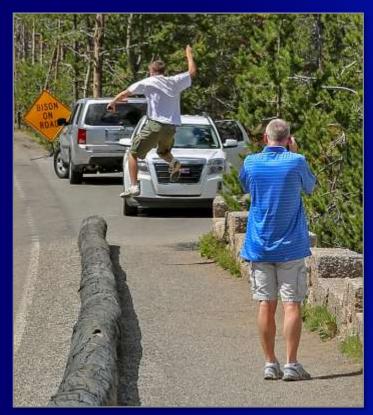
## Be cautious when mamas are with their young!



Yellowstone, Wyoming

## Also watch out when the young are with their fathers!

They could be found flying through the air without any notice!



Yellowstone, Wyoming

## Be careful even when with animal handlers!



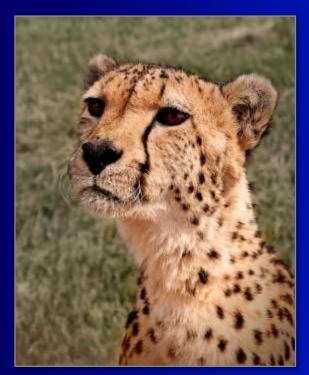
Johannesburg, South Africa

## **Follow the Rules**

Don't roll down windows in a Lion Park!







Johannesburg, South Africa

## Watch Your Step!

If it has been a while since you walked on a balance beam, stay on the path and away from the edge!



Yellowstone, Wyoming

## Watch Your Step!

- Be careful when backing up or edging forward to get that perfect photo so you don't fall off a cliff!
- Don't keep looking through your viewfinder while moving!
- Stay back from the edge!
- No photo is worth your life!



Grand Canyon West Rim, Guano Point, Arizona

## **Travel Photography**



## **Communicating in a Foreign Country**

The most important phrase – "Where's the bathroom?"



Sisters, Oregon

Many countries have "Men & Women Diagrams" and signs in English as well!

#### Learning "hello" in the local language can be helpful!

- Spanish Hola (o la)
- French Bonjour (bown zhoor)
- German Hallo/Guten Tag
- Italian Ciao (chow)

#### Where is the bathroom? (Some places charge or want tips.)

- Spanish Dónde está el baño?
- French, German, Italian Toilet, Toilette (twa-lette)
- British English, Irish WC (Water Closet), Loo, Lavatory
- Other names: Latrine, Privy, CR (Comfort Room)

We have "Western Toilets." Some places have "Squat Toilets" or "Turkish Toilets." Outside of a hotel, bring toilet paper with you.

## **Asking Directions**



Most learn English in school and can speak and understand it better than most older adults.

When all else fails, ask some local young people for help.



## Asking for permission to take a photo

If you want a close-up photo, use the international method of pointing to your camera then to them with your eyebrows raised like you are looking for an answer.

If it is a beggar you are wanting to photograph, have some money in your hand that you intend to put in their cup.



Rome, Italy

## Asking for permission to take a photo

If it is someone selling a souvenir, buy one if you can, or at least compliment them on what they are selling before holding up your camera.

If they look angry and start yelling at you, it probably isn't a good idea to take their photo!



Paris, France

## Asking for permission to take a photo

If it is someone you want to look at you and be smiling, smile and wave at them holding up your camera.

If they look at you and smile back, it is probably ok to take the photo of them.



Century Park, Shanghai, China

#### Sometimes there's no need to ask!



Galway, Ireland

"If the facade of a particular building appeals to you, the picture may be that much better if you show people walking in front of it."

National Geographic, Travel Photography Tips by Robert Caputo

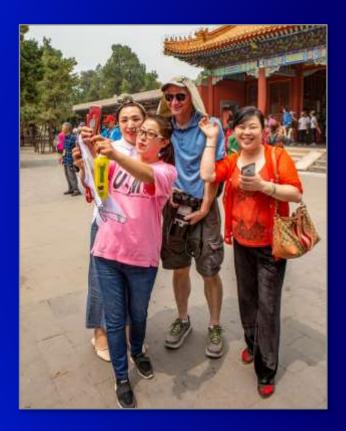
## Universal Language - All smiles for the camera





Fort Kochi, India

## Sometimes people will want photos with you!





All the girls wanted a photo taken with Chane!



Summer Palace, Beijing, China

## Sometimes people will want photos with you!



All the "old ladies" wanted a photo taken with me!



## Develop an "On the Spot" Relationship







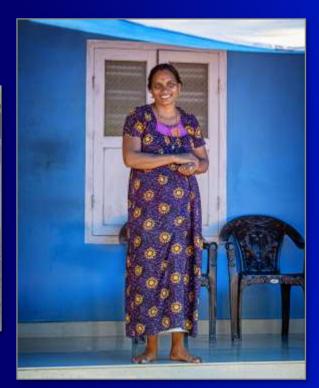
Humayun's Tomb, New Delhi, India

## Learn from the locals by watching and doing!





Village outside of Ft. Kochi, India



#### **Photo Release Waivers**

If you are wanting to sell your travel photos to National Geographic or other publications, you can get photo release form apps on your photo.



Mumbai, India

## **Travel Photography**



What should I capture?



Work the Scene



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Are you ready to go?

## **Foreign Travel Tips**

- Bring a passport with at least 6 months of validity left on it when traveling internationally.
- Check the State Department website for any VISA or immunization requirements, travel bans, or cautions.
- Leave a copy of your passport and itinerary with someone back home.
- Take photos on your phone, if password protected, of your passport and both sides of your credit cards.
- Set your phone up to make international calls.

Check what kind of electrical plugs they use. You might need to bring adapters to plug in your phone and

battery chargers as well as other devices.

- Check with a doctor about bringing antibiotics or other medicines with you.
- Credit card Check if has foreign charges/PIN

Take lots of photos and have a barrel of fun!



Robert Mondavi Winery, Napa, California

## **Create Memories That Inspire You Later**



Athens, Greece



Sandy Hook, CT

## **Travel Photography**



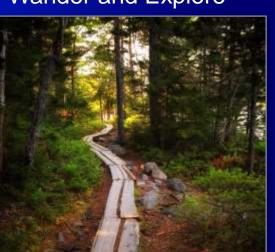
## Ask a friend, or two, or more to join you!



The Colosseum, Rome, Italy

## Which path will you take?

Wander and Explore

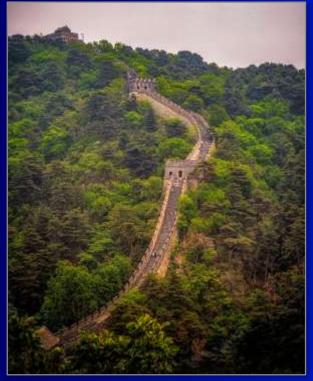


Straight there and back



McKenzie River Trail, Oregon

A Challenging Adventure



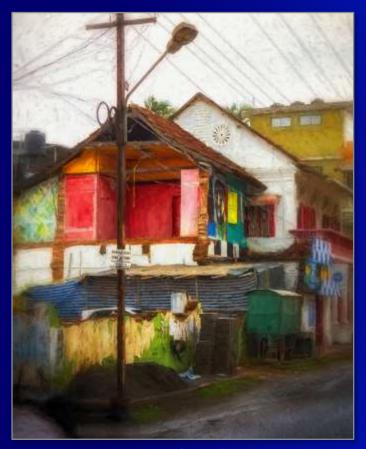
Great Wall of China, Beijing

Acadia National Park, Maine

## **Venture out!**



Kudowa-Zdroj, Poland



Ft. Kochi, India

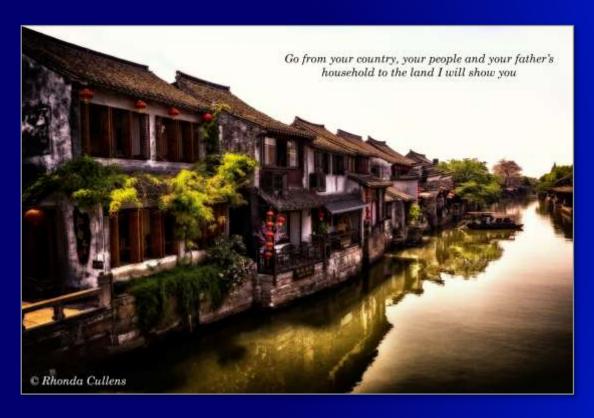
# **Enjoy!**



Lake Como, Italy

## Come on! Don't just sit there! Get up and go!





Xitang, China

# All my bags are packed, and I'm ready to go.... I'm leavin' on a jet plane...



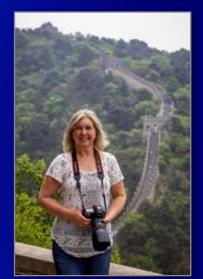
And I'm taking a camera with me!

Lodz, Poland

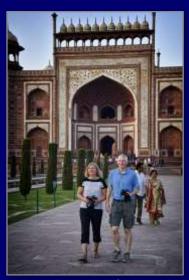
Phoenix, Arizona

## Thank you!

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