

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 5th Grade Class.



Portland International Airport, Oregon

Traveling the World



Beijing, China

When he was going to the French Riviera on our 25th 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

*Some places visited
multiple times



India



New York City

Travel Once COVID Hit

2020:



Sandy Hook, CT

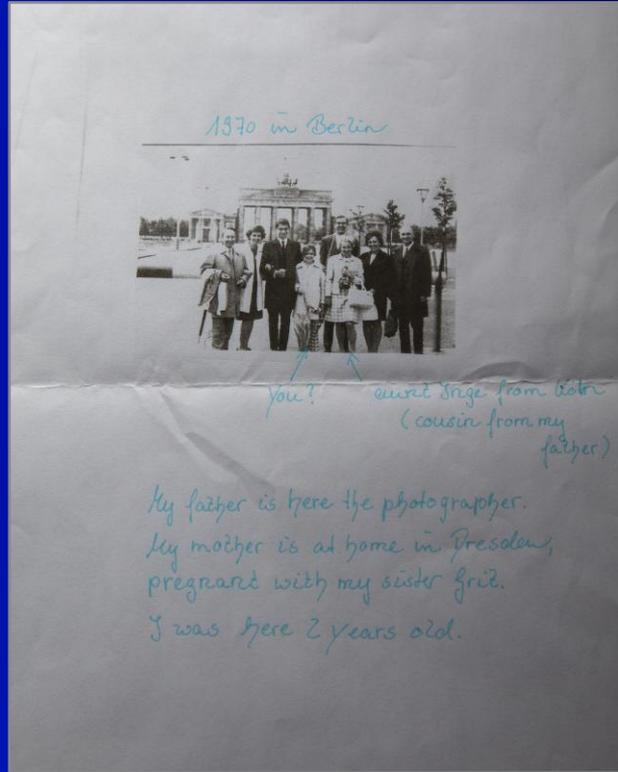
2021:



The local Walgreens!

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

Old Travel Photos Can Bring Family Together!



East Berlin, Germany

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



Photo of me
with German
relatives in
2022!

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



What is it?



Where do I go?



When should I go?



How do I get there?



What should I bring?



Planning Ahead



Once You Arrive

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



Painted Hills, Oregon

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



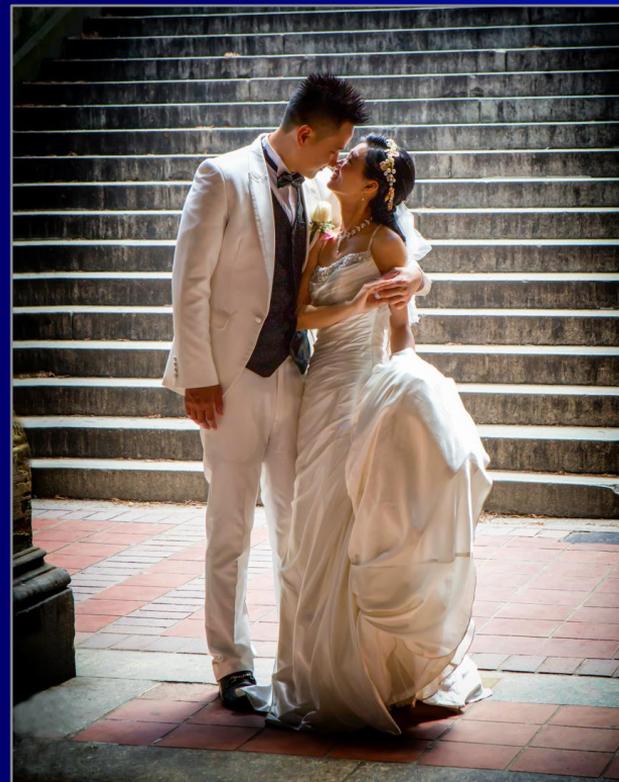
Xitang, China

Fashion - Contemporary



Xitang, China

Weddings



New York City

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



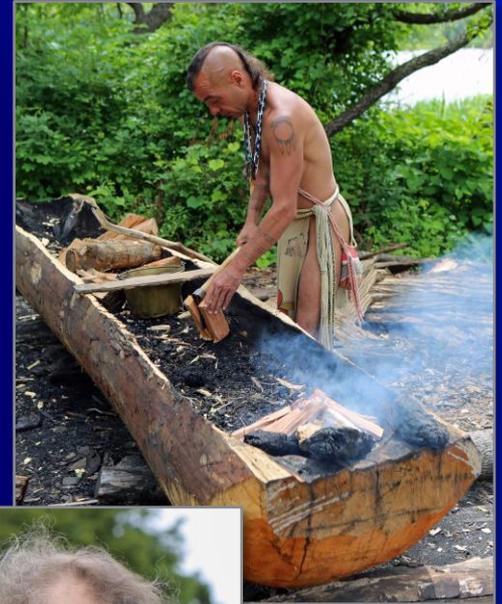
Auschwitz II – Birkenau, Poland

Pieces of our past

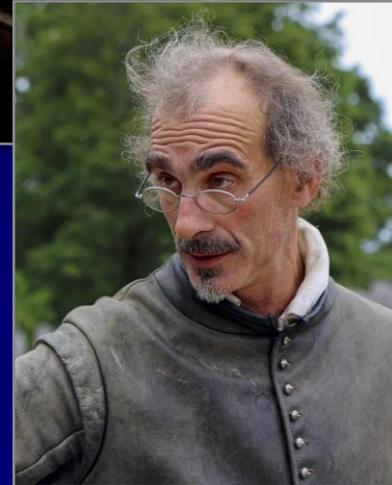


Goldfield Ghost Town, Arizona

History - Recreated



Plimoth Plantation, Massachusetts



History Restored



Gladstone, Oregon

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Planning Ahead



Once You Arrive

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



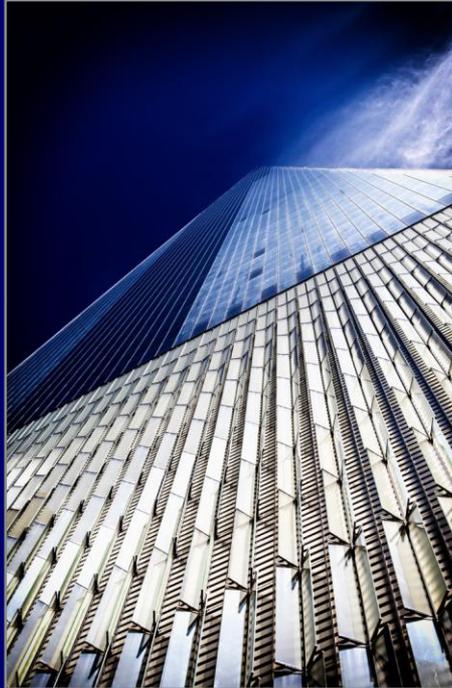
Skyline, New York City

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

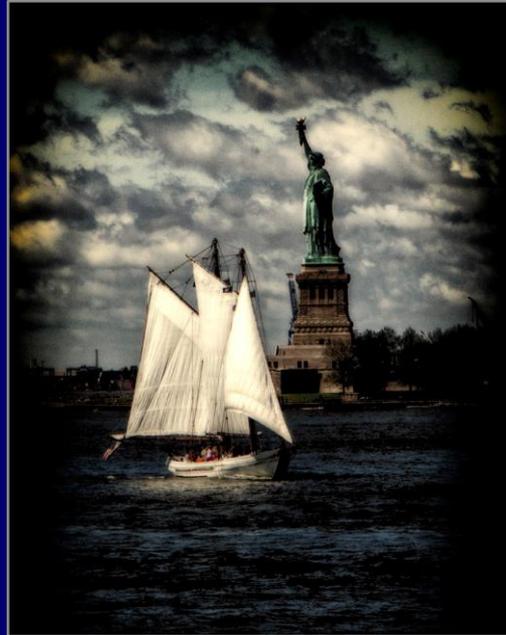


Bryant Park

New York City – In Darkness



East River and NYC Skyline



Statue of Liberty



Manhattan Bridge

New York City – In Black and White



Brooklyn Bridge



Manhattan 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



Boston Harbor

Try following the red brick
“Freedom Trail” to see the sights.

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?

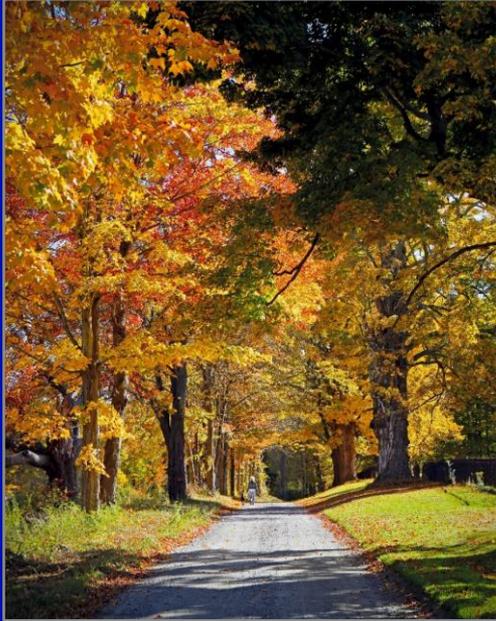
New England Charm

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



Newtown, CT

New England Fall Foliage Show



Newtown, CT



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

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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!

Why you shouldn't wait until retirement
to travel



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

Sunrise



Midday



Sunset

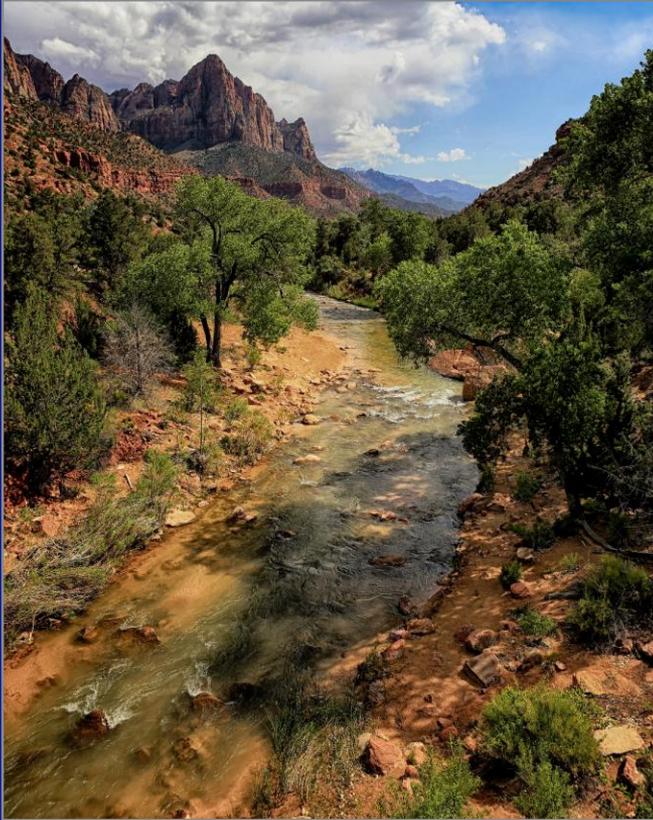


Night



View from Castle Hill, Newtown, CT

Different Seasons and Different Times



June 2015 – 6:30 pm



November 2018 – 10:30 am

Zion National Park, Utah

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

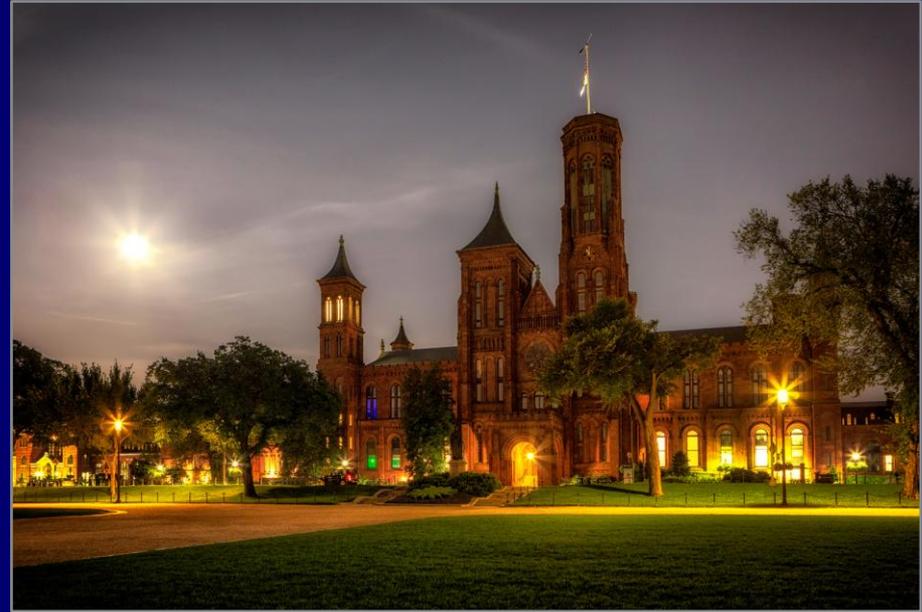


Mt. Adams Taken From Mt. Rainier, Washington

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.

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Once You Arrive

How do I get there?

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



Newark, New Jersey



San Vincenzo, Italy



South Point, Hawaii



New York City



Ft. Kochi, India



Southbury, Connecticut

Traveling by train

See the scenery out the window!



San Vincenzo, Italy



The Alps, Switzerland



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.

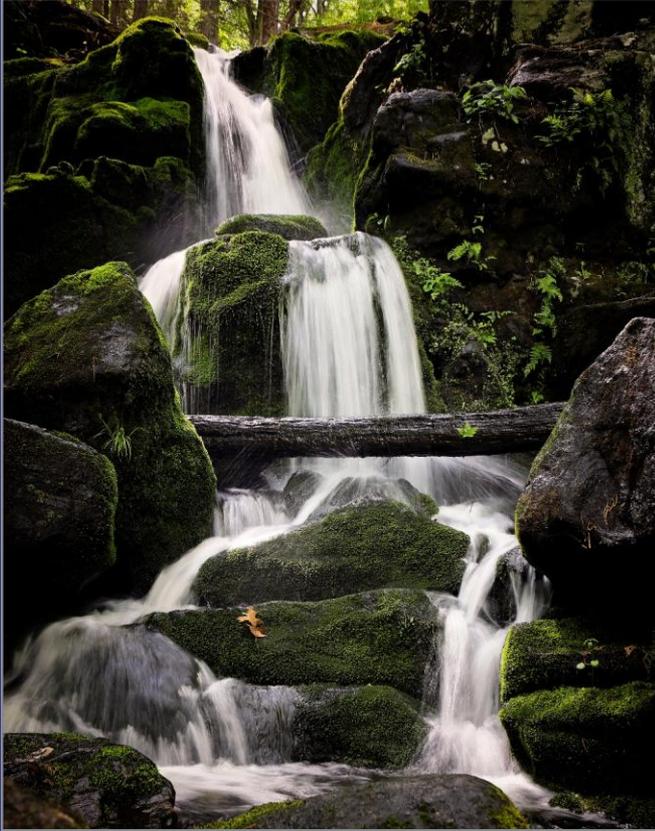


Xitang, China



New York City

Walking - Places we walk to from our house



Prydden Falls, Sandy Hook, Connecticut



Warner Pond, Sandy Hook, Connecticut

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Once You Arrive

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

Sedona, Arizona

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 1st 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

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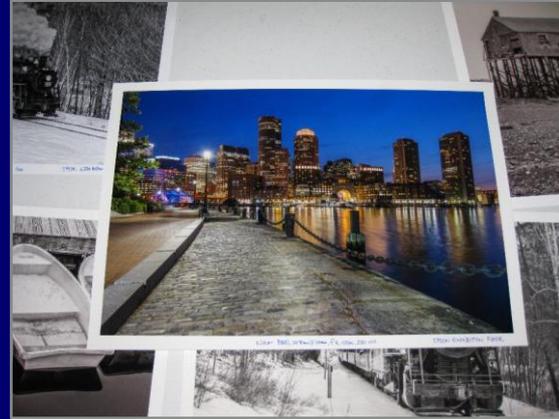
Plan Ahead: Research Unfamiliar Places

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

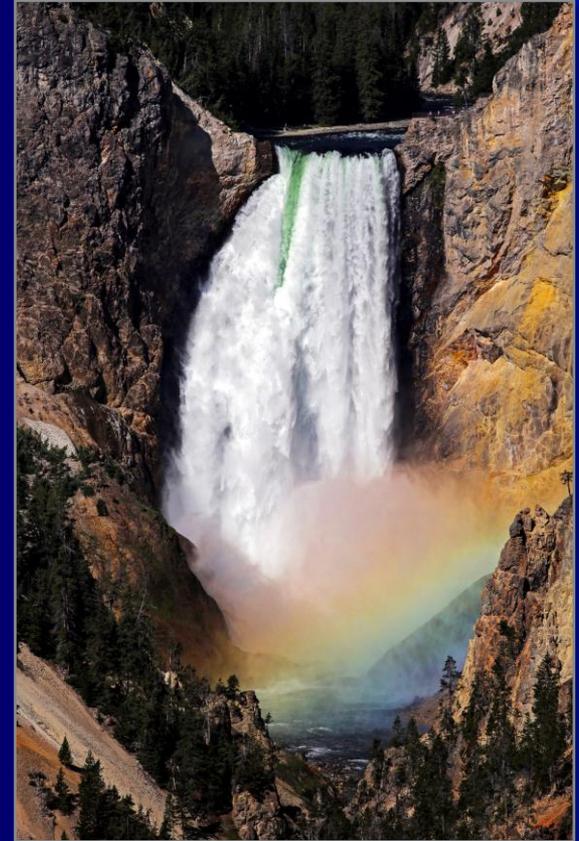


Nubble Lighthouse, Maine

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.



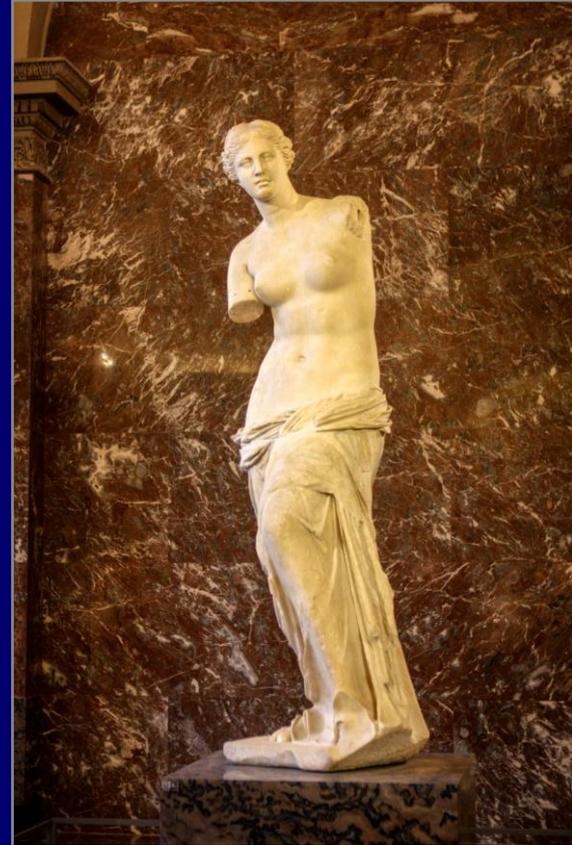
Eiffel Tower, Paris, France

If the weather is bad, visit a museum!



Mona Lisa

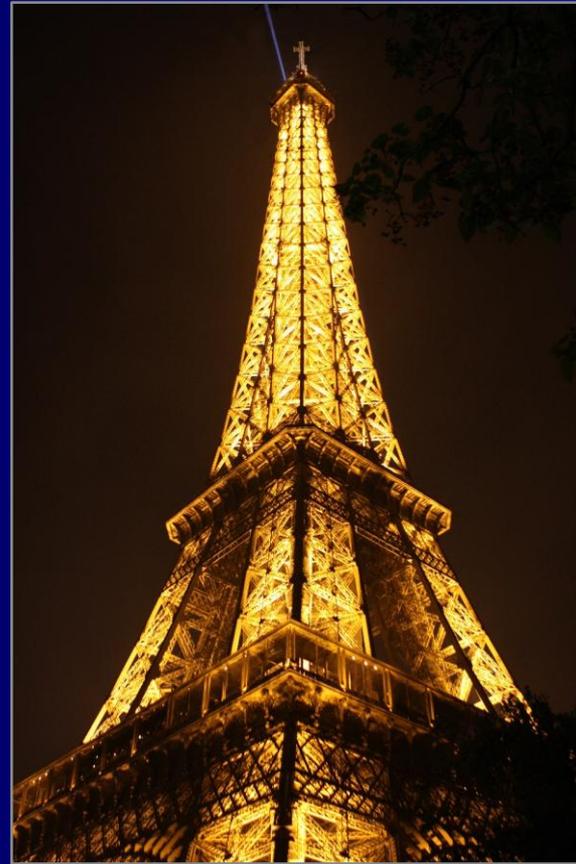
Louvre Museum, Paris, France



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”



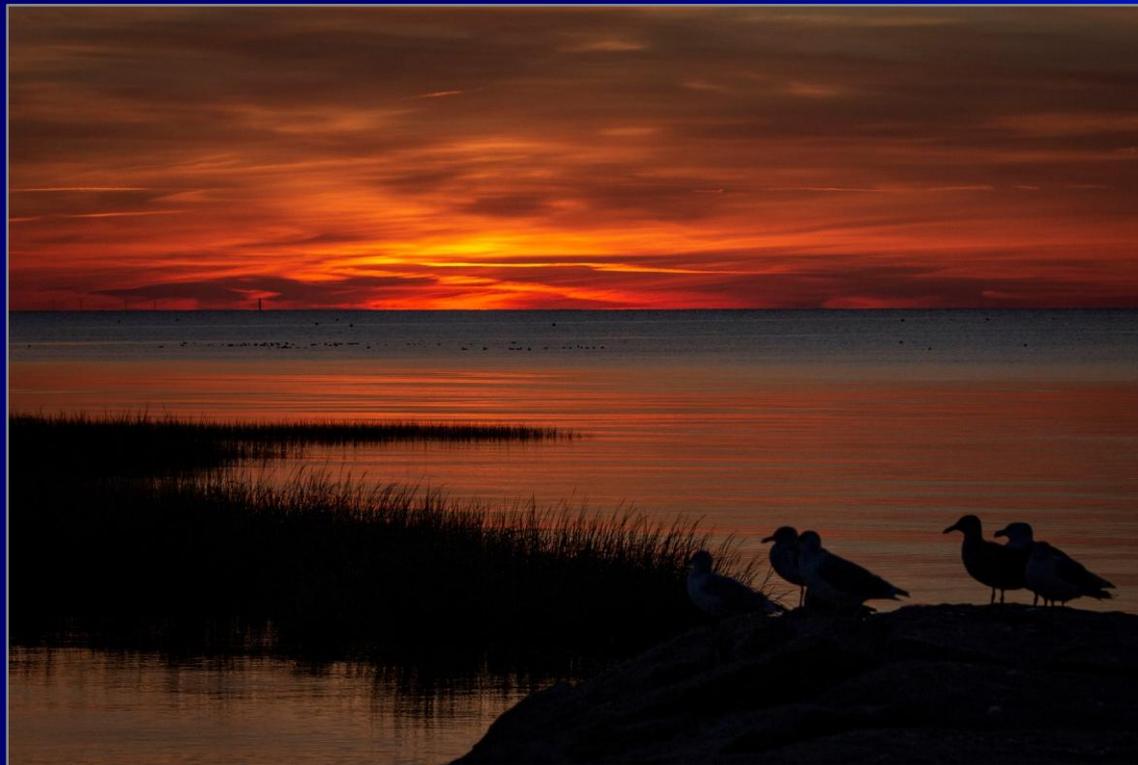
Rock Harbor, Orleans, Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Cape Cod – First Night



Rock Harbor, Orleans, Massachusetts

Cape Cod – Next Night



Rock Harbor, Orleans, Massachusetts

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Planning Ahead



Once You Arrive

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

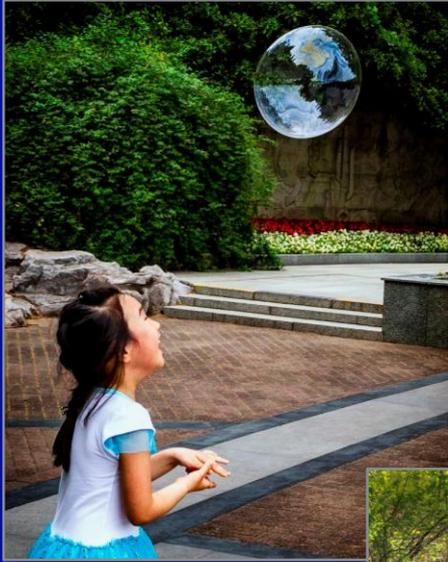


Richmond, Rhode Island



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

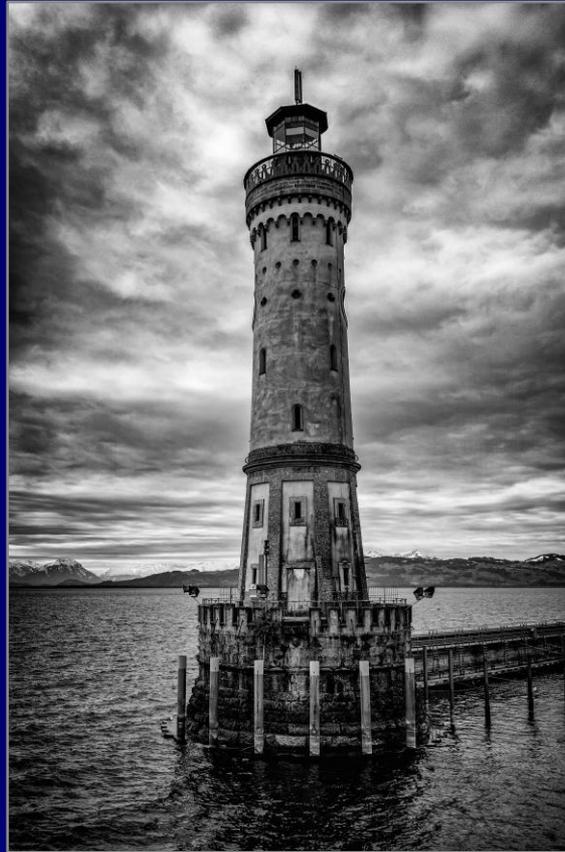
Consider Some for Monochrome



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.NECCPhotoConference.org

Travel Photography



What should I capture?



Work the Scene



Local Guides



Safety



Communicating in a Foreign Land



Travel Tips



Are you ready to go?

What should I capture? Anything you like!

Documentation of:

- Landscape
- People
- Cultures
- Customs
- History

Expresses:

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

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



Yellowstone, Wyoming

Landscapes



Half Dome, Yosemite, California



Princetown, Australia



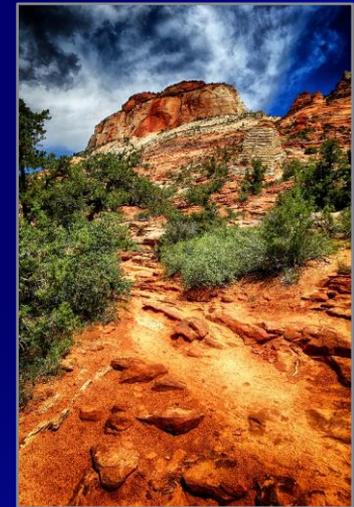
Bryce Canyon, Utah



Crater Lake, Oregon



Kona, Hawaii



Zion National Park, Utah

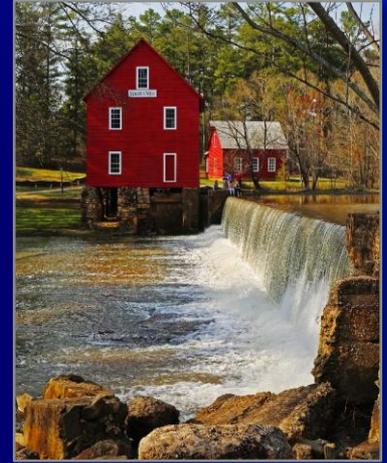
Landscapes and Architecture



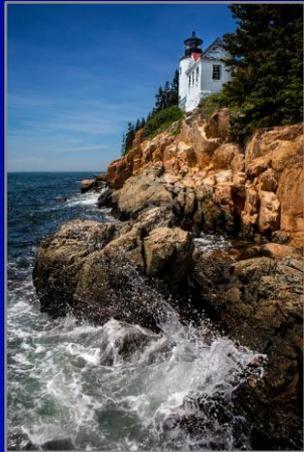
Century Park, Shanghai, China



Somesville, Maine



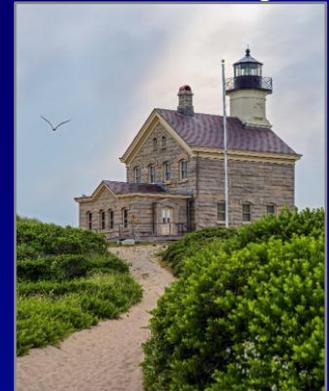
Starr's Mill, Georgia



Bass Harbor, Maine

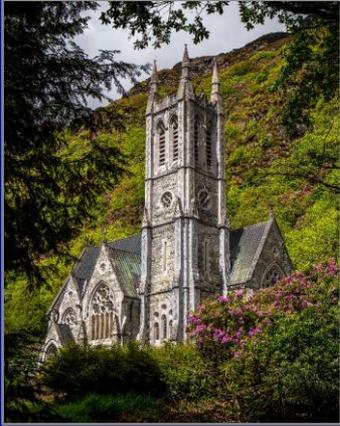


Vista House, Corbett, Oregon



Block Island, Rhode Island

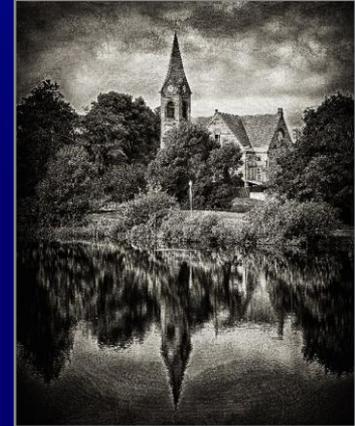
Architecture and Culture



Connemara, Ireland



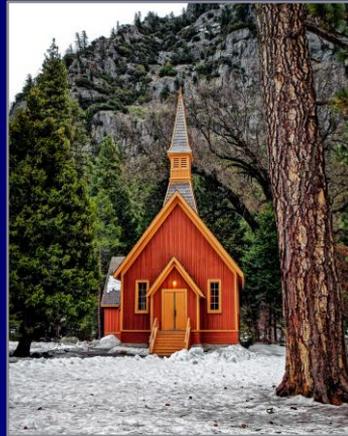
Auckland, New Zealand



Amherst, Massachusetts



Florence, Italy



Yosemite, California



Goldfield, Arizona



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



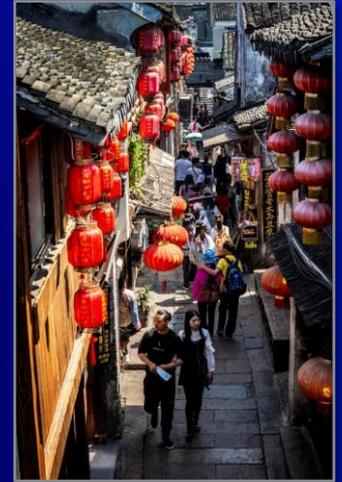
Kochi, India



Shanghai, China



Ft. Worth, Texas



Xitang, China



Central Park, New York City



Warsaw, Poland

Working People and Lifestyles



Mumbai and Kochi, India

Lifestyles and Customs



Kochi and Mumbai, India

Culture and Customs



Mumbai and Kamataka, India

People, Culture, and Customs



Lodz, Poland



Lodz, Poland



Bangalore, India



Xitang, China



Warsaw, Poland



Monte Carlo, Monaco



Cannes, France

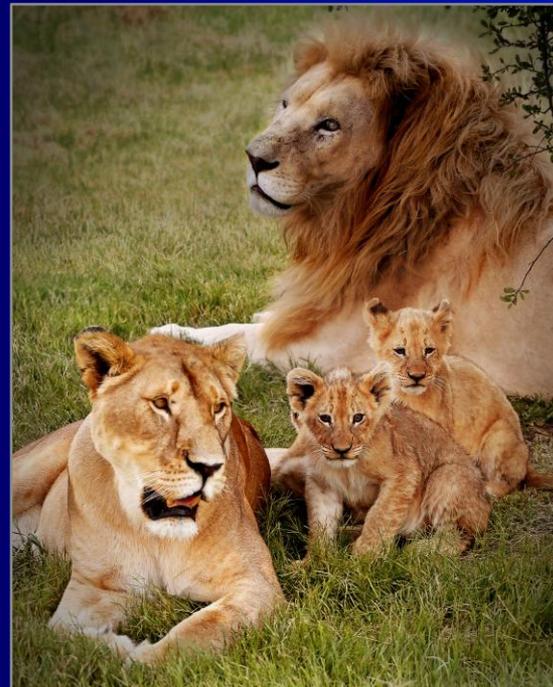


India

Wildlife



Wallaby and Koala in Australia



Lions in South Africa

U.S. History



Connecticut State Capitol, Hartford



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Statue of Liberty, NYC



Grafton Ghost Town, Utah



Plimoth Plantation, Massachusetts

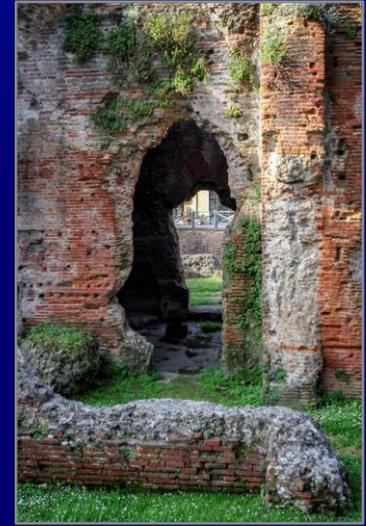


Newtown, Connecticut

Foreign History



Heidelberg Castle, Germany



Thermal Complex, Pisa, Italy



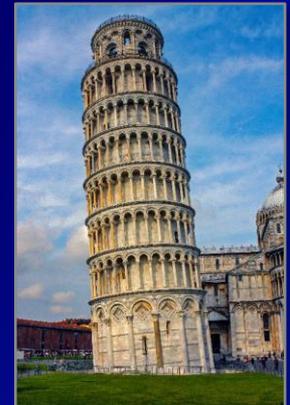
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Connemara, Ireland

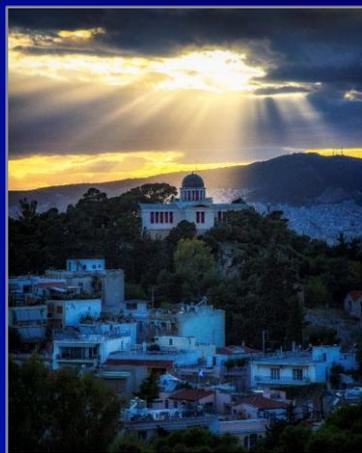


Rome, Italy



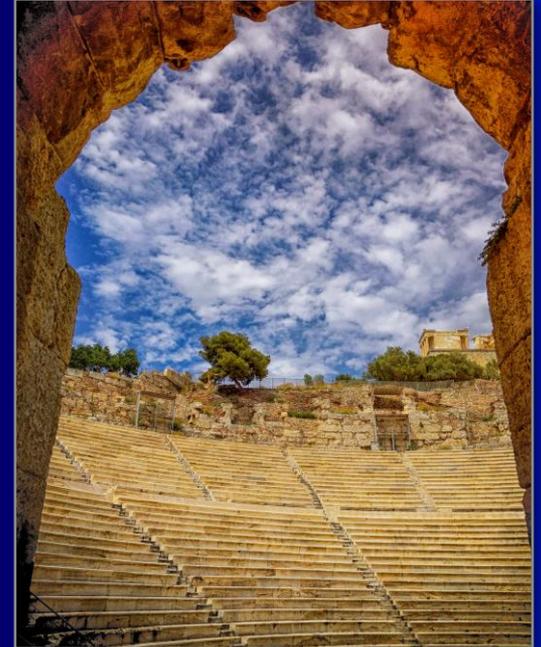
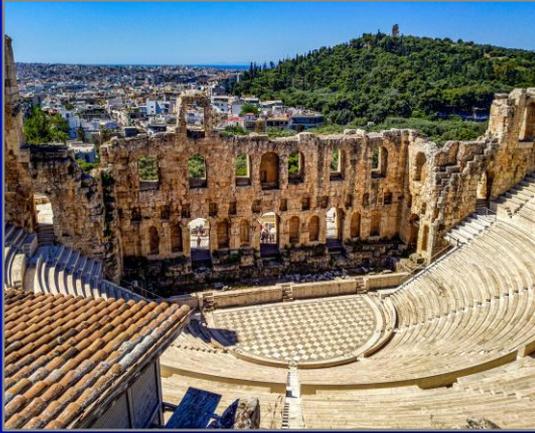
Leaning Tower, Pisa, Italy

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

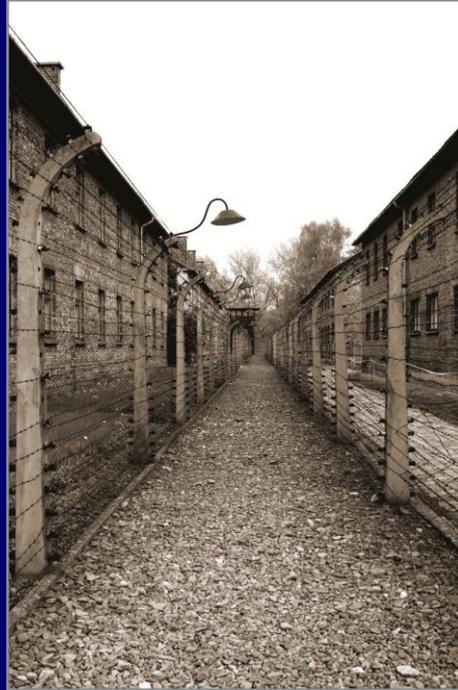


Connemara, Ireland

Emotional Impact – Inanimate Objects



Korean War Memorial, Washington D.C.



Auschwitz, Poland



Mumbai, India

Emotional Impact - People's Circumstances



India

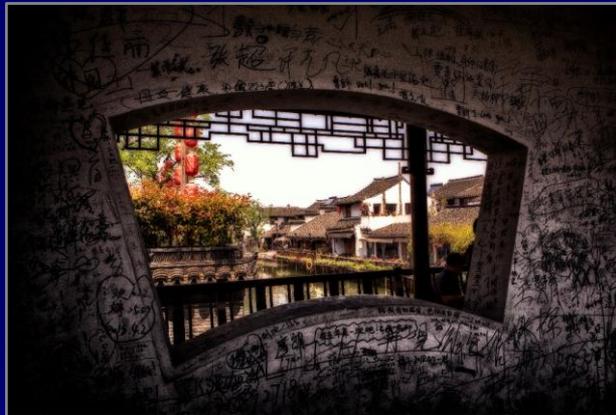
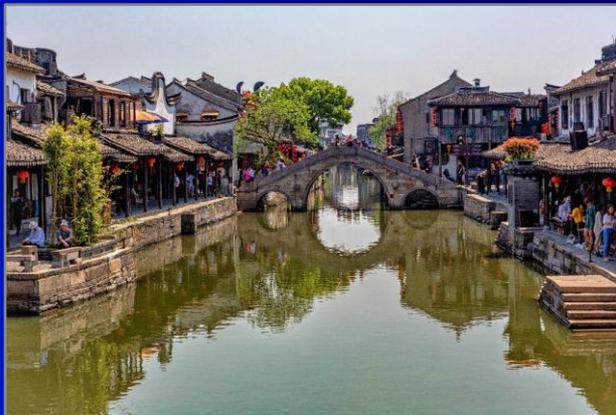
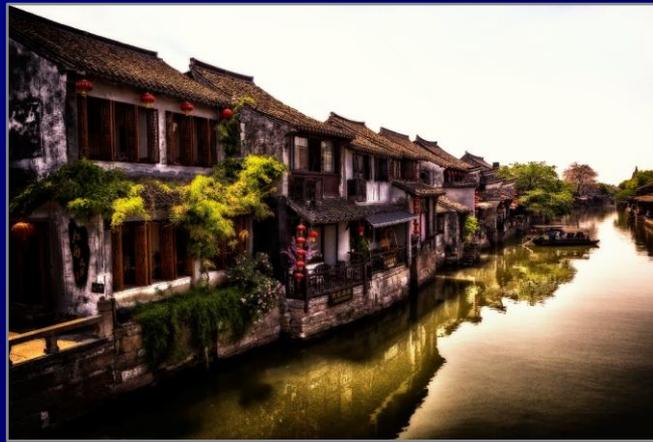
Emotional Impact - People's Circumstances



Mumbai, India

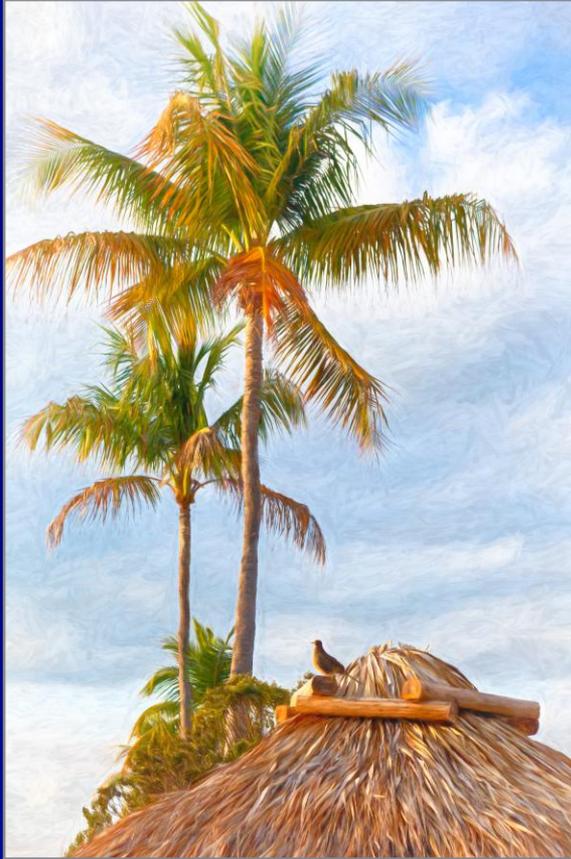
Mood

(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

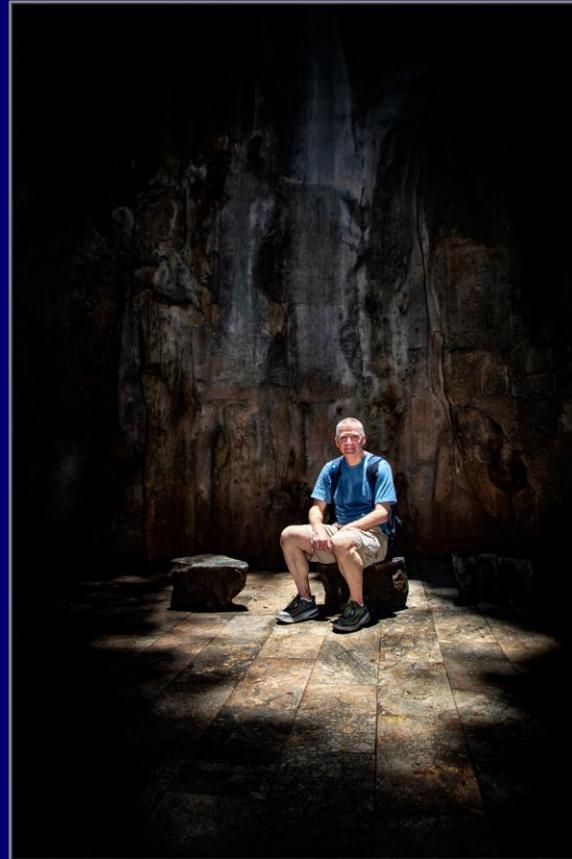
Something Unique

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

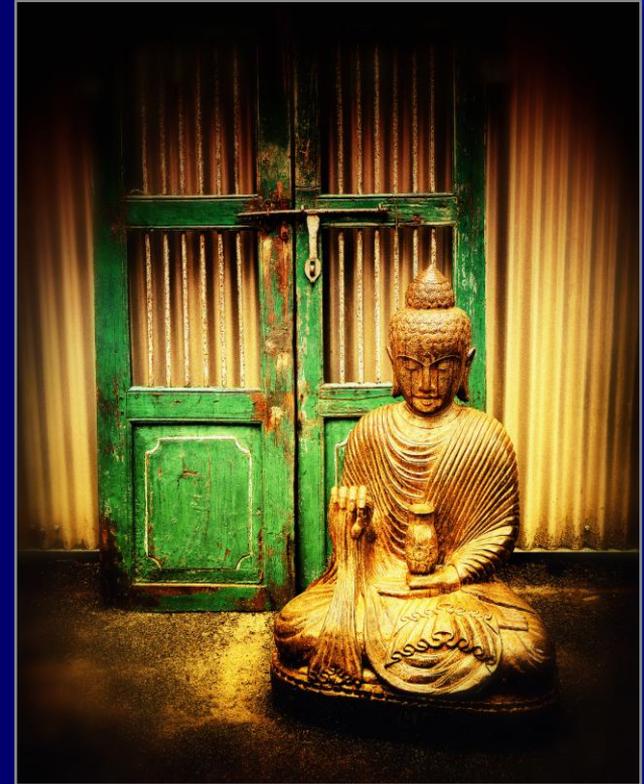


Marble Mountain, Da Nang, Vietnam

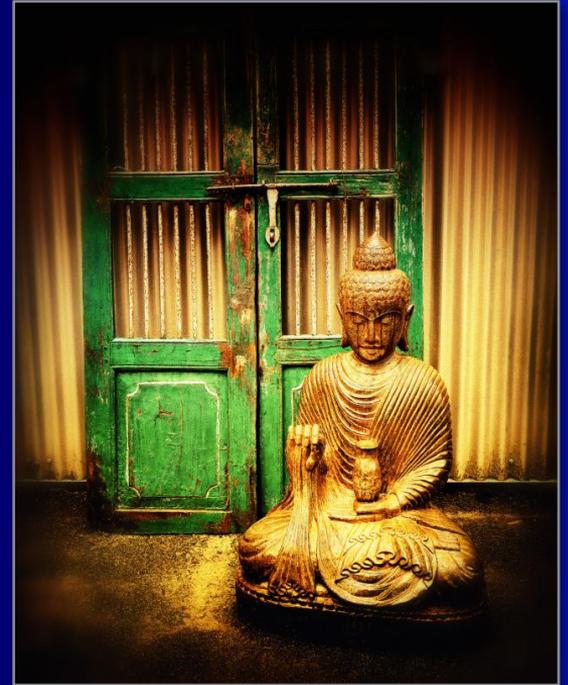
Zen Garden in an Exotic Foreign Land?



Sonoma, California



Taken at a Garden Supply Store in California!



Sonoma, California

Take Photos of Signs



Bryce Canyon, Utah

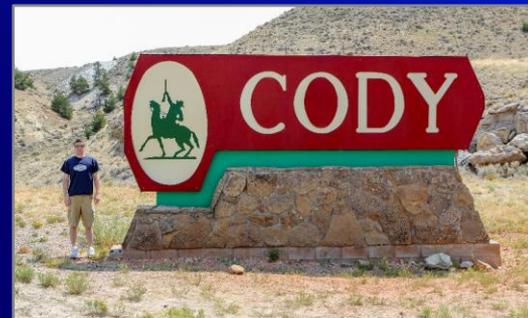


Hoover Dam, Nevada & Arizona



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.



Taj Mahal, Agra, India

After I edited the photo

Travel Photography



What should I capture?



Work the Scene



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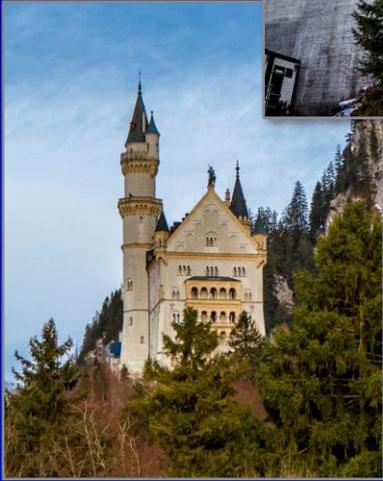
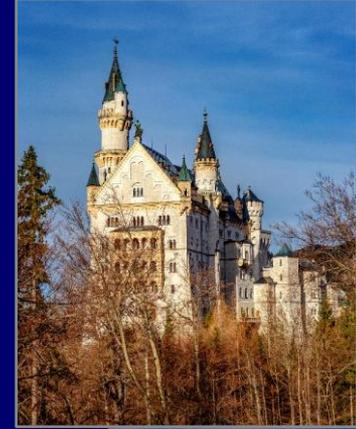
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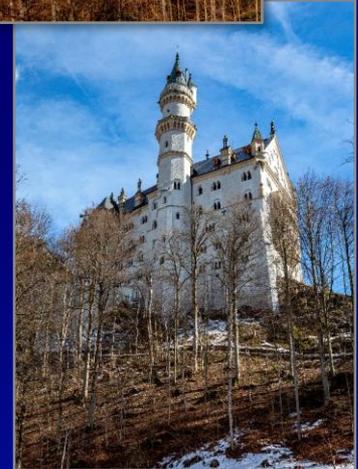
Are you ready to go?

Work the Scene

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



Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany



Work the Scene

Photograph Different Perspectives



Rockefeller Center and New York City

Consider Including a Foreground Subject



Point Judith, Rhode Island



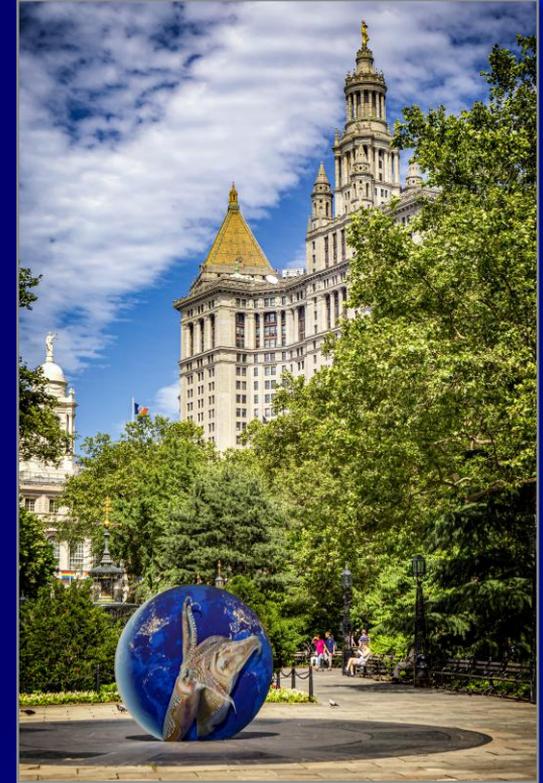
Red Rock Canyon, Nevada



Block Island, Rhode Island



Jordan Pond, Acadia National Park, Maine



New York City, New York

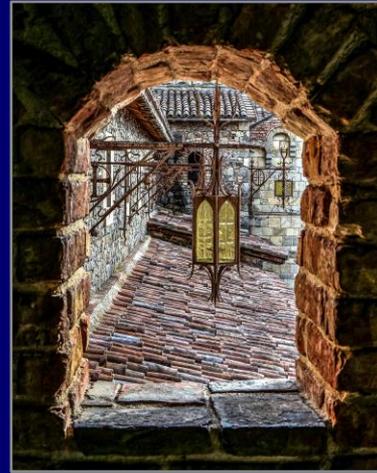
Look for “Frames”



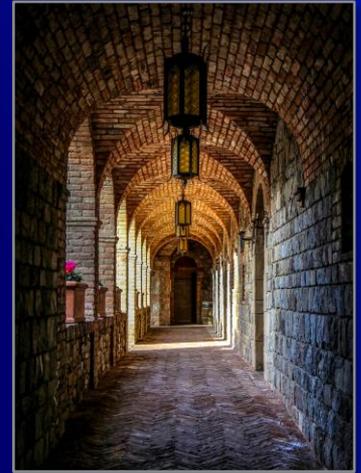
Bozeman, Montana



New Delhi, India



Napa, California



Lake Como, Italy



Sonoma, California

Look for Leading Lines



Hyannis, Massachusetts



New Hampshire Border



Konstanz, Germany



Varenna, Italy



Fort Worth Stockyards, Texas



Ft. Kochi, India



Lake Lucerne, Switzerland



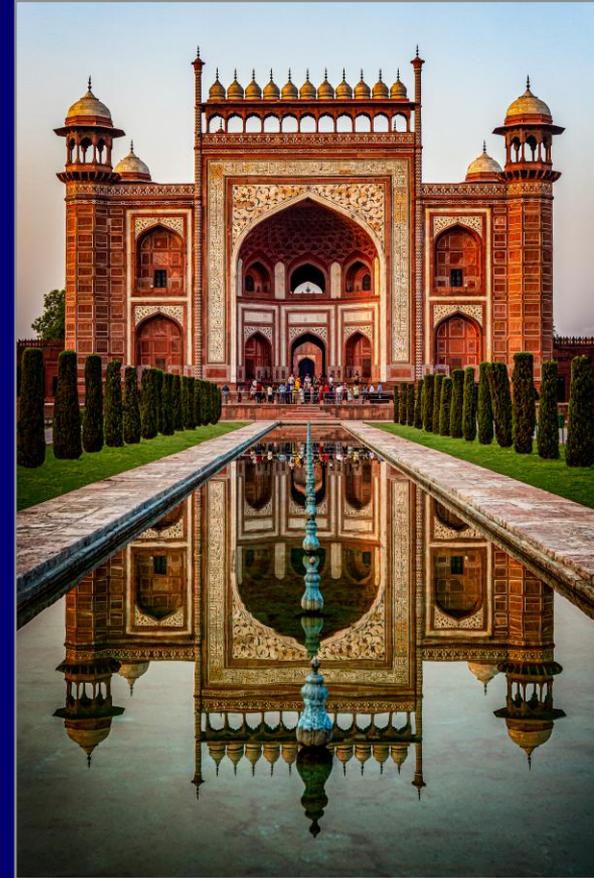
Bangalore, India

Look for Symmetry or Reflections



Sunrise

Taj Mahal, Agra, India



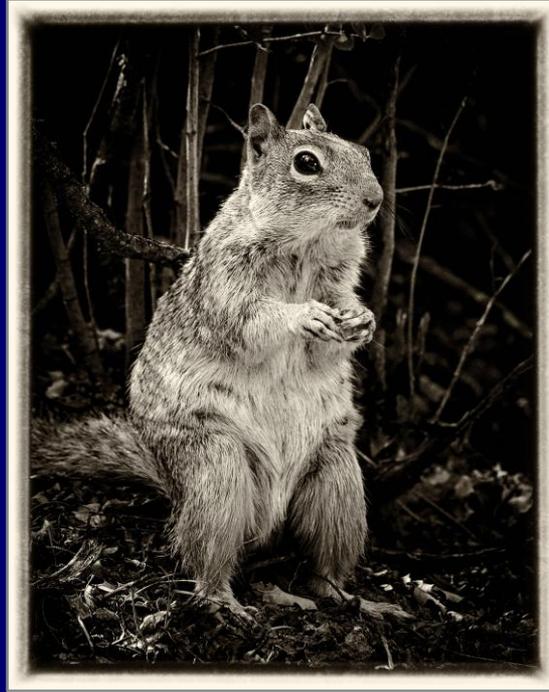
20 minutes later

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



Village near Kochi, India

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



Belfast, Maine

Travel Photography



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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

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Are you ready to go?

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

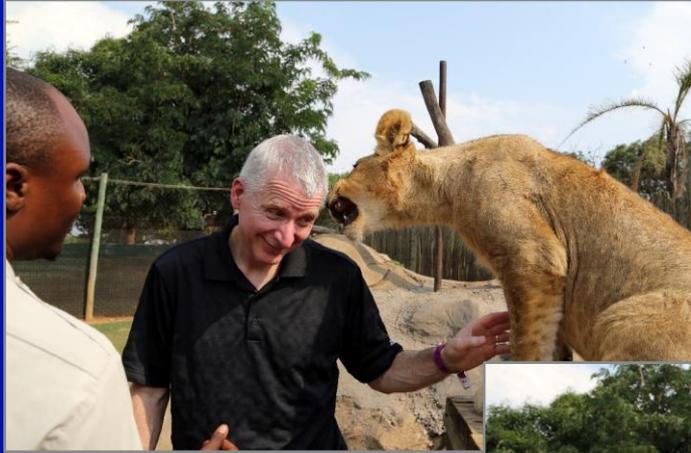
Also watch out when the young are with their fathers!

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



Yellowstone, Wyoming

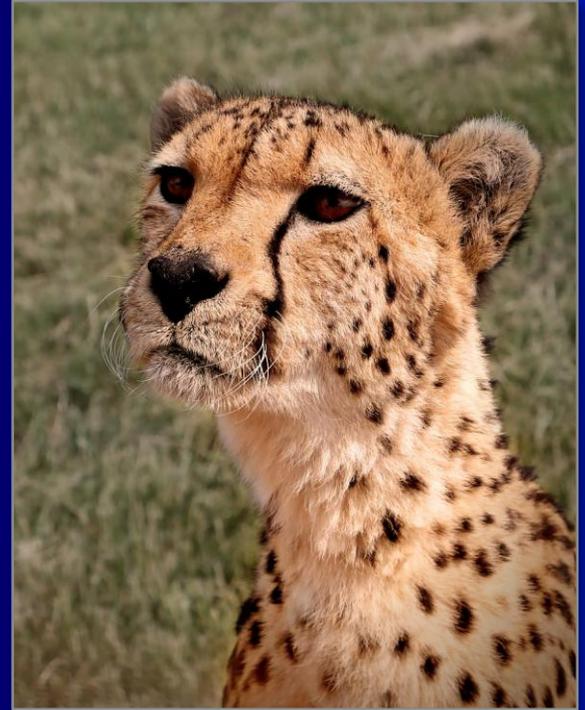
Be careful even when with animal handlers!



Johannesburg, South Africa

Follow the Rules

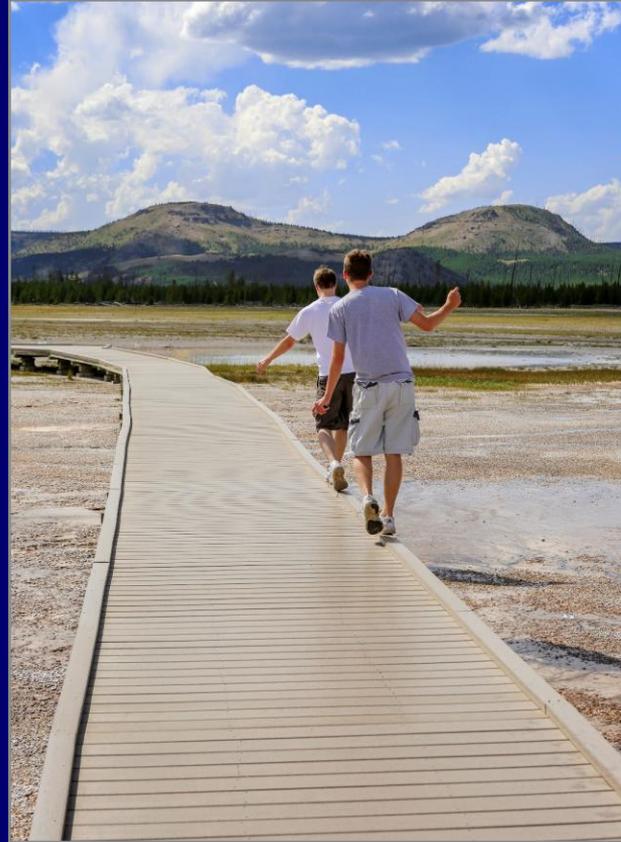
Don't roll down windows in a Lion Park!



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

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Are you ready to go?

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.



Florence, Italy

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!

Summer Palace, Beijing, China

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

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What should I capture?



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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



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Sandy Hook, CT

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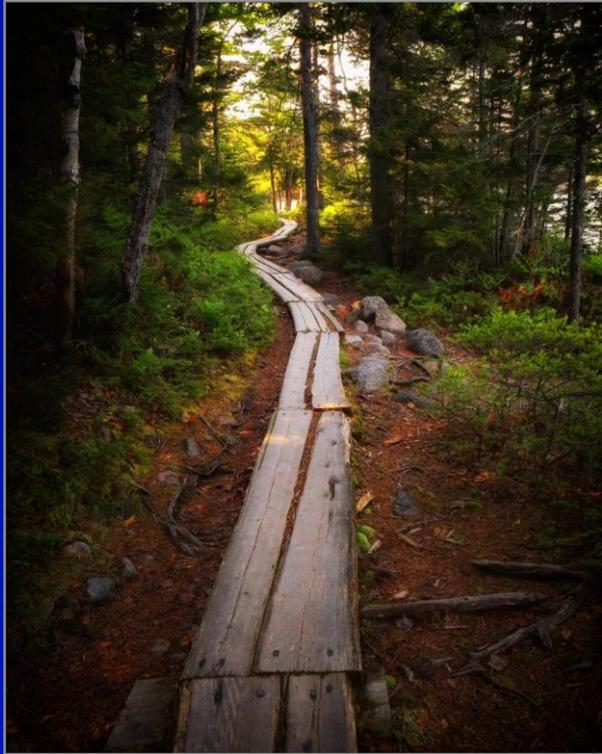
Ask a friend, or two, or more to join you!



The Colosseum, Rome, Italy

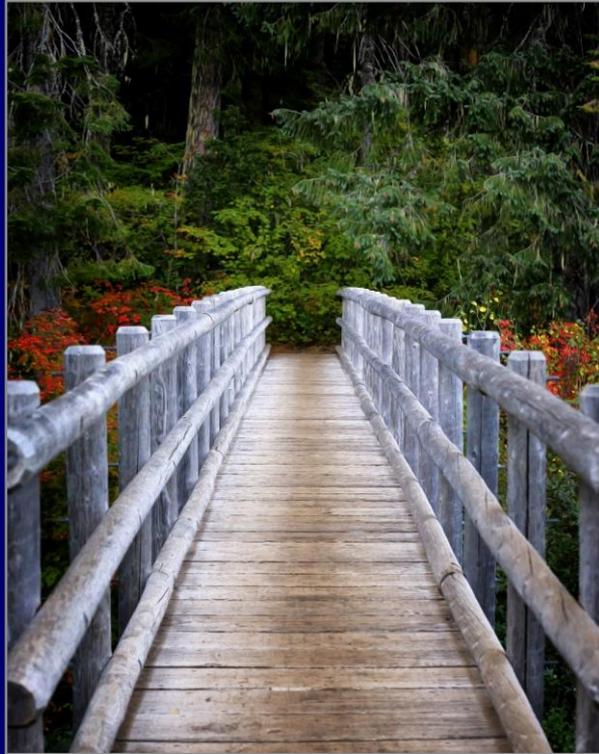
Which path will you take?

Wander and Explore



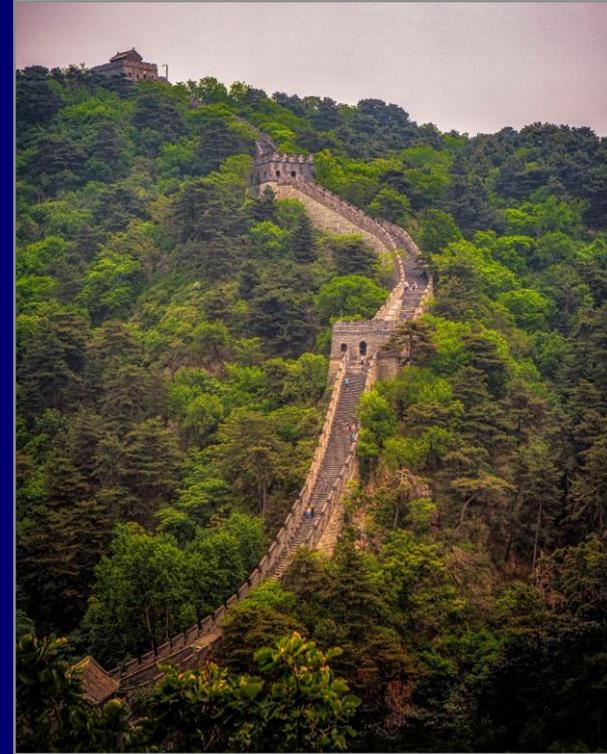
Acadia National Park, Maine

Straight there and back



McKenzie River Trail, Oregon

A Challenging Adventure

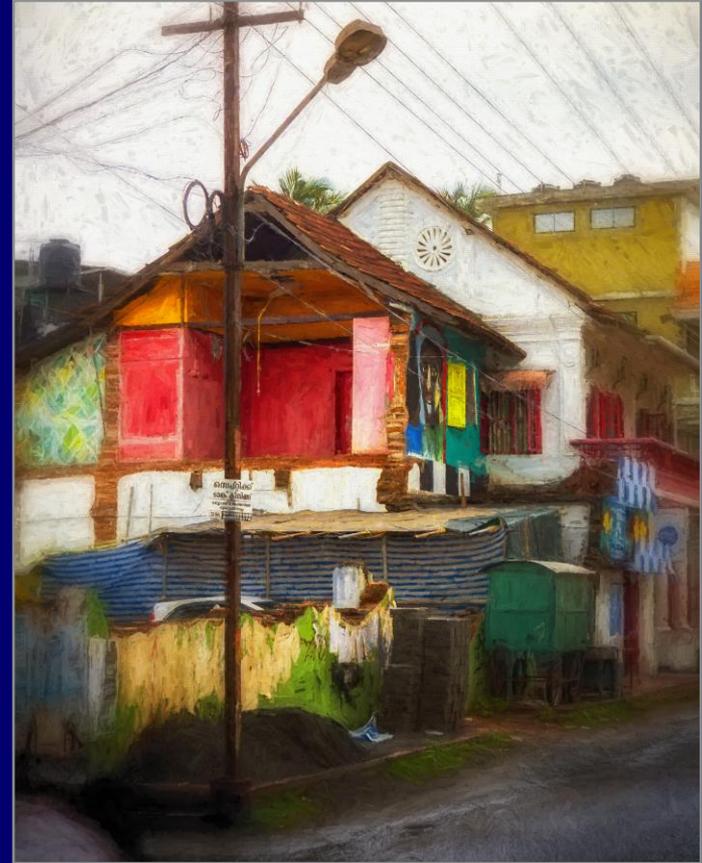


Great Wall of China, Beijing

Venture out!



Kudowa-Zdroj, Poland



Ft. Kochi, India

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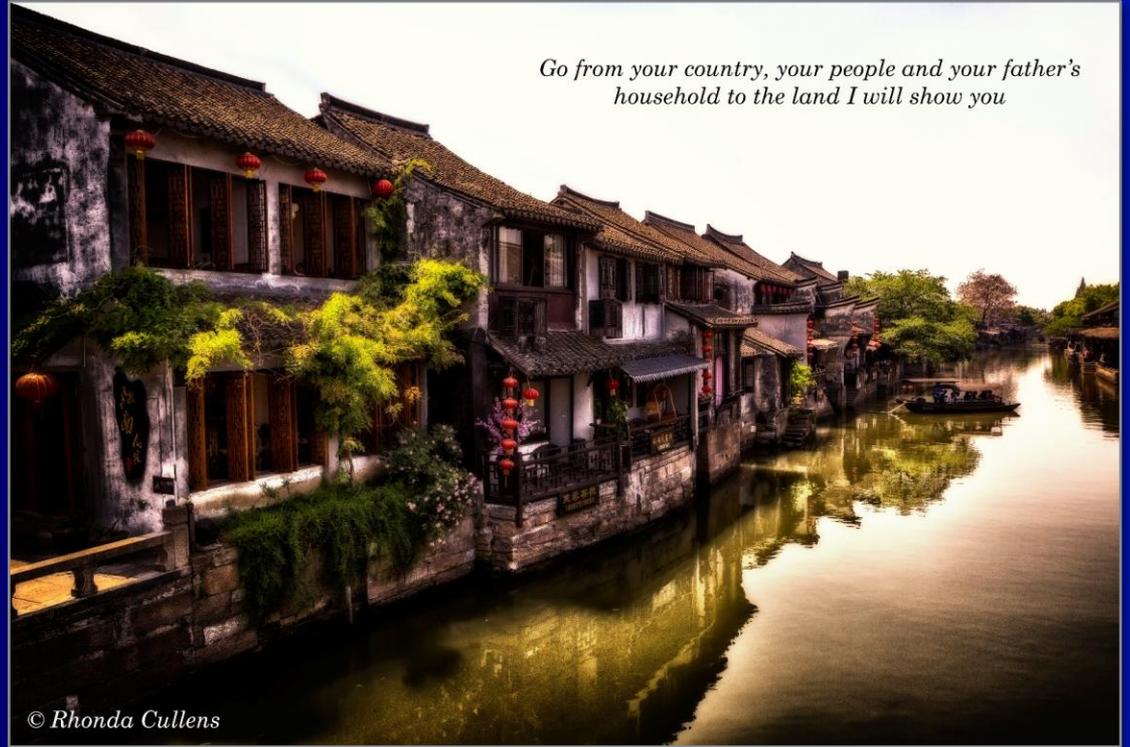


*Go and enjoy choice food
and sweet drinks*

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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...



Lodz, Poland



And I'm taking a camera with me!

Phoenix, Arizona

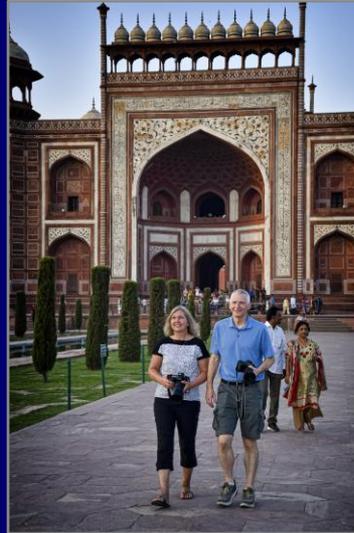
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