

Ramp Up Your Travel Photography

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Research the Location

- * **Internet Photo Sites – Flickr, 500px, Google, etc.**
- * **Photo.net Travel forum**
- * **Travelocity**
- * **Books – Eyewitness Travel books, National Geographic travel guides**
- * **Maps – Google Earth**
- * **Talk to other photographers**
- * **Talk to other Travelers**
- * **Local Postcards / books**

Make a Shot List

- * **Find a new perspective**

- * High / Low Angles
- * Perspectives
- * Reflections

- * **Long exposure**

- * **Depth of Field**

- * **Black & White**

- * **Panorama**

- * **Tilt-shift**

- * **Candid photos / street photography**

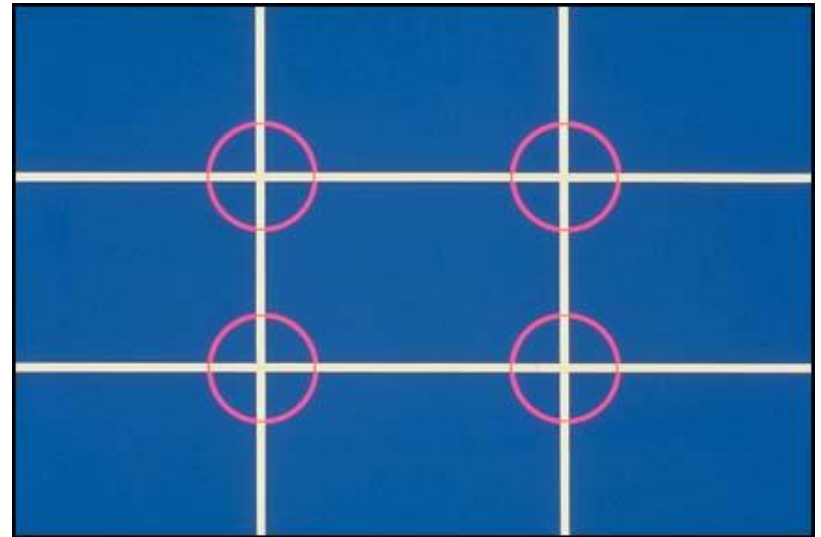
- * **Time of day – sunset/sunrise/night photography**

- * **Weather – rain / fog / harsh light**

- * **Look behind you**

Travel Photo Composition

- Rule of Thirds
- Strong subject
 - Keep compositions simple
 - Avoid clutter
- Visual Energy



Travel Photo Composition

- * **Leading lines – lead the eye into the scene**
 - * **Diagonals**
 - * **S-curves**
- * **Framing - if it doesn't add to the photo leave it out**
- * **Balance**
 - * **Color and weight in a picture**
 - * **Symmetrical and asymmetrical**

Travel Photo Composition

- * **Repeating patterns**
- * **Texture**
- * **Odd numbers of subjects**
 - * 3 subjects are better than 2
- * **Crop carefully and watch your horizon**
- * **Light**
- * **Space**

Travel Photo Composition

- * **Scale – including people**
- * **Vivid colors**
- * **Spirals**
- * **Wide Angle**

Explore

- * **Tourist sights**
 - * **Seek a different perspective**
- * **Looks for high points**
 - * **City overview**
- * **Wander down alleys**
- * **Talk to the locals**
- * **Check out the postcards**
- * **City Celebrations**
 - * **Decorations**
- * **Nature's phenomenon**
 - * **Northern lights**
 - * **Thermal areas**
- * **Unique architecture**
- * **Get lost**

Travel Tools

* Apps

- * Photographer's Ephemeris
- * Lightroom
- * Snapseed
- * Mextures
- * Enlight
- * Aviary
- * Maps.me (offline maps)

* Tripod

- * Monopod – Gorilla pod
- * Remote shutter release (long exposures)
- * Photo bag – lightweight
- * Lens filters – polarizer
- * Extra batteries / memory cards
- * Lens cleaning cloth
- * Lenses – wide angle, zoom

Post Processing

- * **Photoshop**
- * **Lightroom**
- * **HDR effects**
- * **Nik Color Effex Pro**
- * **Nik Silver Effex Pro**
- * **Photomatix**

Displaying and selling your photos

- * **Photo sharing websites**
 - * Flickr, 500px, Instagram, Shutterfly,
- * **Social Media**
 - * Facebook, Twitter, Snap Chat, etc
- * **Galleries / Bookstores / Coffee shops / Newspaper**
- * **Contests**
 - * State/County Fair, Photo magazines, Internet
- * **Stock photo sites**
 - * Getty Images, Microstock, Shutterstock, Corbis, Veer

Thank You

- * Flickr – www.flickr.com/photos/toshio1
- * Facebook – Photography by Toshio