

Tips on Trips

CAPTURING BOTH THE PRETTY AND THE GRITTY



Sand Sculptures. l'Islet sur Mer, QC – July 2024

Topics

- ▶ About us and our travels
- ▶ Why we travel
- ▶ Planning for photography
 - ▶ Equipment
- ▶ Keeping safe and other considerations
- ▶ Types of travel
- ▶ Photography considerations
 - ▶ Light
 - ▶ Genres
 - ▶ Other thoughts



Abandoned House – St Pedro la Laguna, Guatemala – February 2014

Georgette & Manfred Mueller

- ▶ 66 countries visited
 - ▶ Developed and developing countries
- ▶ Extensive travel in Canada
 - ▶ All provinces and territories except Yukon
- ▶ Self-directed and organized travel
 - ▶ Photo tours and workshops



Joggins Fossil Cliffs, Nova Scotia – October 2025

Why We Travel

- ▶ Rest and recreation
- ▶ Visit family or friends
- ▶ Explore / learn
 - ▶ Cultural experiences



Pula Arena, Pula, Croatia – September 2025.

General thoughts about travel

- ▶ Time vs money
- ▶ Cultural differences
- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Safety



Hospital Room, Bumthang, Bhutan – October 2014.

High on Travel

- ▶ Georgette and Manfred have been visiting places that are off the beaten track for many years
- ▶ A highlight (pun intended) was Mount Everest base camp



Georgette & Manfred, Everest Base Camp, Tibet, China, May 2004

It's not all luxury

- ▶ Food and conditions may surprise you
- ▶ Keep an open mind
- ▶ Capture your experiences!



Restaurant – Northern Arunachal Pradesh, India – November 2014.

Accommodations may make you laugh

- ▶ Take a well deserved rest after a long day
- ▶ Standards, and rooms, can surprise you...



Hotel Room – Northern Arunachal Pradesh, India – November 2014.

When Nature Calls – keep smiling!



Toilet Facilities, Southern Ethiopia – November 2023.

Local Transportation

- ▶ Who needs bridges?



Successful River Crossing, Southern Ethiopia – November 2023.

Local Transportation

- ▶ Can be exciting
 - ▶ or just frustrating



Unsuccessful River Crossing, Southern Ethiopia – November 2013.

Local Transportation

- ▶ The local ferry may be out of service
 - ▶ Dugout canoes do work



Crossing the Omo River, Ethiopia – November 2013.

Posing with the locals



Manfred with Hamar Women, Omo Valley, Ethiopia – November 2013



Georgette with two Karo Warriors, Omo Valley, Ethiopia – November 2013.

Some stays are in higher class locations



Houseboat interior, Alleppey, Kerala, India – February 2016.

Houseboat on the Kerala Back Waters

► Our overnight “home”



Houseboats, Backwaters, Kerala, India – February 2016



Houseboat, Alleppey, Kerala, India – February 2016

Room with a Throne

- ▶ We stayed in a suite that had a throne
 - ▶ For senior monks



Hotel Suite with Throne, Trashigang, Bhutan – October 2014.

So, what is travel photography?

- ▶ Photography when you are away from home
 - ▶ If you didn't bring the right equipment, too bad...
- ▶ May not be familiar with the location
- ▶ Use public or private transport to get there
- ▶ Self-directed or organized trip
- ▶ Tends to incorporate a few specific genres
 - ▶ Illustrate things seen and done on the trip



Manfred – Day of Holi, Barsana, Uttar Pradesh, India – March 2017

Types of Travel

- ▶ Self-Directed Travel
- ▶ Tours
 - ▶ Regular Tour
 - ▶ Cruise or Resort excursions
 - ▶ Photo Tours
- ▶ Photography Workshops



Fishing Stages, Cavendish, NL - 2016

Self-directed

- ▶ You take care of everything yourself!
 - ▶ Transportation
 - ▶ Accommodation
 - ▶ Itinerary
 - ▶ Travel documents



Kilmacdaugh Monastery, Gort, County Galway, Ireland – October 2024.

Getting out of your Comfort Zone

- ▶ Places you have not been to before
 - ▶ Climate / Weather
- ▶ Different language / culture
- ▶ New modes of travel
- ▶ Unfamiliar foods
- ▶ Great learning experiences



Theyyam, Kerala, India – February 2023

Cultural Differences

- ▶ Be prepared for some shocks and surprises
 - ▶ Things that are taboo to us may be on open display in other cultures



Store front, Punakha, Bhutan – October 2024.



Tshechu Festival, Thimpu, Bhutan – October 2024

Planning

- ▶ Where to go?
- ▶ When to go?
 - ▶ Weather
 - ▶ Event timing
- ▶ How to get there?
- ▶ What to do there?
- ▶ Where to stay?



Gardener Robot, Ghibli Museum, Tokyo, Japan – August 2015

Travel Light – Photo Gear

- ▶ A superzoom lens weighs a lot less
 - ▶ Smaller sensor = smaller camera / lenses
- ▶ Don't take gear you won't use
- ▶ Spare / backup camera
 - ▶ Phone camera



Chang La Pass, Ladakh, India – January 2017.

Photo Gear

- ▶ What we show here

- ▶ Two cameras
- ▶ 3 lenses
- ▶ 4 batteries
- ▶ Memory cards
- ▶ Charger
- ▶ Card reader
- ▶ Blower brush
- ▶ Spirit level

- ▶ What we don't show

- ▶ Camera Bag
 - ▶ Backup
- ▶ Laptop
- ▶ Phone(s)
- ▶ Microfiber cloth



Equipment taken on September 2025 trip to the Balkans.

Accessories – Must-haves

- ▶ Spare memory cards
 - ▶ Enough to record entire trip
 - ▶ Card reader for backups
- ▶ Spare batteries
 - ▶ Enough for full day of shooting
 - ▶ Battery charger & adaptor
- ▶ Lens cleaning cloth
- ▶ Blower to clean sensor
- ▶ Good camera strap



Selling Banana Leaves, St Pedro la Laguna, Guatemala – February 2014

Accessories – Should-haves

- ▶ Filters
 - ▶ Polarizer
 - ▶ Reduce glare
 - ▶ Plain or UV
 - ▶ Protect lens in harsh environment
- ▶ Lens hood
 - ▶ Reduces flare
 - ▶ Protects lens's front element



Details – Scissor Arch, Wells Cathedral, Somerset, England – September 2024

Regular Camera vs Phone Camera

Regular

- ▶ Advantages
 - ▶ Versatility
 - ▶ Image Quality
 - ▶ Fast to use
- ▶ Disadvantages
 - ▶ Size and weight

Phone

- ▶ Advantages
 - ▶ Availability
 - ▶ Size and weight
- ▶ Disadvantages
 - ▶ Range
 - ▶ Use in bright conditions
 - ▶ Image quality
 - ▶ Slow to use
 - ▶ Shutter lag



Mursi Women and baby – Omo Valley, Ethiopia – November 2013

Specialty Lenses – Super Telephoto

- ▶ Wildlife / Bird photography
 - ▶ At least 400mm FF equivalent needed for good images
 - ▶ Camera phones have limited capability



Desert Elephants, Palmwag, Namibia – November 2011.

Specialty Lenses – Ultra-wide Angle

- ▶ Building interiors
 - ▶ ~24 mm or wider
- ▶ Some landscape work
- ▶ Get in front of crowds



Sainte-Amélie Church, Baie-Comeau, QC – July 2024

Specialty Lenses – Perspective Correcting

- ▶ Shift / Tilt lens
 - ▶ Exterior architecture
 - ▶ Interior architecture



Saare Lighthouse, Saaremaa Island, Estonia – September 2017.

Drones

- ▶ Ensure it is legal to use drones where you are going
 - ▶ Restrictions on use



Heading Home, Srinagar, Kashmir, India – January 2023

Camera Support

- ▶ Tripod
 - ▶ Long exposure
 - ▶ Night photography
 - ▶ Flowing / Soft water
 - ▶ Travel tripod if using shared transport
 - ▶ Regular tripod for road trips
 - ▶ Quick release plate



Pangong Lake, Ladakh, India – January 2017

Safety and Security

- ▶ Watch your step!
- ▶ Don't be a target
 - ▶ Especially after long flight
- ▶ Don't advertise your gear
- ▶ Keep your gear secure
 - ▶ Some gear could make you more of a target
 - ▶ Cotton Carrier harness for camera is secure
- ▶ Back up your images daily
- ▶ Guides can offer advice



Manfred – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - 2019

Always be vigilant

- ▶ Expect the unexpected
- ▶ Women need to be extra vigilant



Dynamite and Accelerant - Potosi Miner's Market, Bolivia – March 2019.



Demonic Theyyam, Kerala, India – February 2023

Special Risks for Women

- ▶ Be aware at all times – keep your gear and belongings safe
- ▶ Leave the bling at home
- ▶ Dress modestly
- ▶ Personal comfort: washroom facilities may be lacking or challenging
- ▶ Being stared at can be disconcerting
- ▶ Sometimes safer in groups or with a male companion
- ▶ Take a deep breath - Some practices can appear outright misogynistic or shock your sensibilities

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Becoming a Woman: Female Circumcision



Lago, bride from Arhore



Baro, woman from Arhore



Pitta, woman from Arhore



Lago, woman from Arhore

Lago: The day the eight goats are brought, that's the day we are circumcised.

Baro: The girls are not cut. You are cut when you become a bride.

Pitta: What do they cut? Do they cut your vagina, or what do they cut?

Lago: The girls were cut a lot in the past. Nowadays they cut less than in former times, but still it is a lot what they cut. After you have been circumcised you stay inside the house for two months.

Kerri: Bride! Is the cutting bad? Wouldn't it be good to abandon this custom?

Lago: No. You have to do it. When you are a girl you want to have it done because it is your tradition. Your grandmother, your mother, everybody has had it done. If you were told "You will not be circumcised!" you would be very unhappy and think "Why? What have I done wrong? Am I a Hamar woman? Why don't they do it for me?" Then you would run away.



Lago as a bride in Arhore - performing bridal rituals



Nyendite - a young girl from Dassanetch doing the daily chores



Jean: Is it true that Dassanetch girls are circumcised?

Elcic: It is true. Once there are a few girls of the same age group it is said that it is time for them to be circumcised. While they are cut the girls are held by their mothers. One after the other is cut.

Peggy: How old are the girls?

Naukwa: They are young. Nyendite has already been cut. But girls can be circumcised at any age. A woman who grew up without being cut will have it done after giving birth to her first child. It is good to do it then, as a woman has much pain during delivery anyway.

Peggy: Do Dassanetch men marry women from other groups, where women are not circumcised?

Elcic: If a Dassanetch man marries a Hamar woman she will be treated like a Dassanetch woman who has not been cut as a girl.

Jean: Are you considered a wild animal if you are not cut?

Elcic: Yes. People insult you and say that you are like a wild animal. The clitoris must be removed because, we say, it is something male. To become a woman you have to cut off the clitoris. To insult someone you say "You are a clitoris!"



Jean, woman from England



Elcic, woman from Dassanetch



Peggy, woman from Dassanetch



Naukwa, woman from Dassanetch

Cultural Sensitivity and Respect

- ▶ Respect local culture and sensitivities
 - ▶ Avoid “Travel Porn”
 - ▶ Respect vulnerable persons
- ▶ Do not shoot people who do not want to be photographed
 - ▶ Get permission
- ▶ Respect other photographers
 - ▶ Watch out for “entitled” photographers



Old Woman, Nandgaon, Uttar Pradesh, India – March 2017

Don'ts...

- ▶ **Do not photograph!**
 - ▶ Military or police
 - ▶ Critical infrastructure
- ▶ In some places it is taboo to photograph:
 - ▶ Women
 - ▶ Children
 - ▶ Religious sites
- ▶ Avoid flash or tripods, especially for interior shots



Indian Army High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS), Gulmarg, Kashmir, January 2023

Seeing the World Through a Lens

- ▶ What images are you bringing home?
 - ▶ Story Telling
 - ▶ Snapshots
 - ▶ Personal shots
 - ▶ Fine art photographs
 - ▶ Memories to share
 - ▶ Social Media
 - ▶ Website
 - ▶ Photo books
 - ▶ Framed prints



Sacrifice – Theyyam, Kerala, India – February 2023

Types of Images

- ▶ Documentary
 - ▶ Images that document your trip
 - ▶ Share your trip with others
- ▶ Snapshots
 - ▶ Share moments of your trip with family and friends
- ▶ Fine Art
 - ▶ Hang on your walls



Man on Street, Turkey - 2023

Documentary



Travertine Pools, Pamukkale, Turkey - 2023

Snapshot



Georgette and Manfred at Holi, Barsana, Uttar Pradesh, India – March 2017

Fine Art



Two Men in Shikaras, Dal Lake, Srinagar, India- administered Kashmir, January 2023.

Opportunities for Travel Photography

- ▶ Self-directed travel
- ▶ Tours
 - ▶ Includes resort and cruise-based tours
- ▶ Photo tours
- ▶ Photo workshops



Quidi Vidi, NL – September 2016

Self-directed Travel

- ▶ Must take care of everything yourself
 - ▶ Itinerary
 - ▶ Transportation
 - ▶ Documentation
 - ▶ Tickets, Passports, Visas, ETAs
 - ▶ Accommodation
 - ▶ Meals
- ▶ If you drive yourself, you can often carry more photo gear



Camping, Namib-Naukluft National Park, Namibia – November 2011.

Tours

- ▶ Not targeted specifically at photographers
- ▶ Stand-alone
 - ▶ Booked through tour operator
 - ▶ Generally longer duration
- ▶ Cruise and resort
 - ▶ Handled by resort or cruise line
- ▶ You will be “competing” with “non-photographers”



Bull Jumping, Omo Valley, Ethiopia – November 2013

Photo Tours

- ▶ Personal or group
 - ▶ Cost differential
- ▶ Photographer-led
 - ▶ Itinerary may be similar to regular tours
 - ▶ Leader may provide technical and composition advice
- ▶ May include briefings / debriefings
 - ▶ Critique sessions
- ▶ Participants may have a wide range of skills



Lathmar Holi, Nandgaon, Uttar Pradesh, India – March 2017

Photo Workshops

- ▶ Photographer-guided
 - ▶ Assignments and critiques
 - ▶ Generally, more localized than photo tours
- ▶ Participants may have a wide range of skills



Hat Shop, Panajachel, Lake Atitlan, Guatemala – February 2014

Storytelling Through Imagery

- ▶ Think about the story you are trying to tell about your trip
 - ▶ Stories need a beginning, middle and end:
 - ▶ An establishing shot
 - ▶ A series of descriptive shots
 - ▶ A concluding shot
- ▶ Plan your shot before you press the shutter release
 - ▶ There can be happy accidents, but they are the exception
 - ▶ Don't "Spray and Pray"



Old Woman at Cave Temples, Badami, Karnataka, India – March 2016.

Shooting in popular locations

- ▶ Travel is extremely popular right now
 - ▶ Popular sites can be overrun by visitors
 - ▶ Cruise ships and bus tours bring significant numbers of visitors to popular sites
 - ▶ This can make photography challenging
- ▶ Try to avoid busy times
 - ▶ Check cruise ship schedules, if possible
- ▶ Use wide angle lens and step in front of crowds
- ▶ Be at front or back of tour groups
 - ▶ Get off the beaten track



Old Town – Dubrovnik, Croatia – September 2025.

Look for opportunities

- ▶ Look for areas tucked away from the busy spots
- ▶ Look for opportunities
 - ▶ Interesting side stories
- ▶ May be more challenging in group tour settings



Dubrovnik Side Street, Croatia – September 2025.

Light

- ▶ Natural Light
 - ▶ Soft Light
 - ▶ Golden Hour
 - ▶ Blue Hour
 - ▶ Hard Light
 - ▶ Shade
 - ▶ Diffuse
- ▶ Artificial Light
 - ▶ Flash
 - ▶ Night



Old Town – Tallinn, Estonia – Golden Hour to Blue Hour – May 2016.

Soft Light

- ▶ Daylight
 - ▶ Golden Hour / Blue Hour
 - ▶ These periods get shorter as one gets closer to the equator
 - ▶ Evening and morning light are different
 - ▶ Long, soft shadows
- ▶ Much loved by landscape photographers



Cabot Trail Sunrise, Baddeck, Nova Scotia – October 2025.

Hard Light

- ▶ Hard, distinct shadow at mid-day
- ▶ Generally, not desirable light
- ▶ Often the only light we have as travellers



Sitting child, Nandgaon, Uttar Pradesh, India – March 2017

Shade

- ▶ Generally pleasing light that shows textures
- ▶ Two types of shade:
 - ▶ Open
 - ▶ Can result in hot spots
 - ▶ Closed
 - ▶ Can be dark, which requires appropriate camera adjustments
 - ▶ Lack of interesting shadows



Interpreters – Roman Baths, Bath, England – September 2024

Diffuse Light

- ▶ Non-directional light
- ▶ Reveals textures well
- ▶ Skies can be uninteresting and lack texture
- ▶ Prepare for the weather



Whitby Abbey, Whitby, North Yorkshire, England – September 2024.

Fill Flash

- ▶ Use flash to partially compensate for marginal ambient light conditions



Karo Woman, Omo River Valley, Ethiopia – November 2013.

Artificial Light

- ▶ Good white balance may be impossible
 - ▶ Mixed light
 - ▶ Strange colour casts may result
- ▶ Poor light sources
 - ▶ Fire
 - ▶ Fluorescent lights
 - ▶ Especially “cool white”
 - ▶ Cheap LED lighting



Fire Theyyam, Kerala, India – February 2023.

Night Light

- ▶ High contrast shots
 - ▶ Strange colour temperatures
- ▶ High digital noise
 - ▶ Use aggressive noise reduction in post



Parked Motorcycles, Safina Plaza, Bangalore, India – February 2016.

Photographic Genres

- ▶ Landscape
 - ▶ Natural Landscapes
 - ▶ Urban Landscapes
 - ▶ Cityscapes
 - ▶ Seascapes
- ▶ Documentary
 - ▶ Street
 - ▶ People
 - ▶ Event
 - ▶ Sports



Windmill, Saaremaa Island, Estonia – September 2017

Photographic Genres

- ▶ Architecture
 - ▶ Exterior
 - ▶ Interior
- ▶ Nature
 - ▶ Wildlife
 - ▶ Birds
 - ▶ Flowers
 - ▶ Insects
- ▶ Still life
 - ▶ Food
 - ▶ Found still life



Two Children, Nandgoan, Uttar Pradesh, India – March 2017

Landscape Photography

- ▶ Lighting
 - ▶ Hard midday light is challenging
 - ▶ Golden Hour / Blue Hour
- ▶ Sky
 - ▶ Could be distracting
 - ▶ Can be improved in post-processing
- ▶ People and manmade objects
 - ▶ Can help with your story
- ▶ Usually need foreground, middle ground and background



Point Pelee National Park , Ontario - Panorama – After the Storm – July 2015.

Landscape

- ▶ Traditional landscape photographs contain no man-made elements



Cappadocia, Turkey, November 2023

Landscape

- ▶ Manmade influence can be very powerful
- ▶ Canadian photographer Edward Burtynsky has made a career revealing human influences on the natural environment



Cappadocia, Turkey, November 2023

Urban Landscape

- ▶ Urban architecture can result in an abstract-like image
- ▶ Note how long focal length compresses and flattens the image



Dubrovnik Street, September 2025

Incorporate story-telling elements

- ▶ Human element adds interest



Laundry Day in Old Dubrovnik, Croatia – September 2025.

Seascapes



Bay of Fundy, Joggins, Nova Scotia – October 2025.

Seascapes



Baltic Sea Shoreline, Saaremaa Island, Lithuania – September 2017

Seascapes



Houseboats on Dal Lake, Srinagar, Kashmir, India – January 2023.

Documentary Photography

- ▶ Documentary
- ▶ Street Photography
- ▶ Photojournalism

- ▶ “True Representation” of what you saw
 - ▶ Don't add or remove anything in post
 - ▶ “Restricted Editing”



Street Food, Srinagar, Kashmir, India – January 2023.

Interpretive Documentary

- ▶ Same types of subjects as Documentary
 - ▶ More aggressive edits
- ▶ Show the subject in a way that the photographer wants to portray it



Street Food, Srinigar, Kashmir, India – January 2023.

Documentary

- ▶ Document the event
- ▶ Limited post-processing



Blowing Waterford Crystal, Waterford, Ireland – October 2024

Street Photography

- ▶ All subjects show faces or are in profile
- ▶ Not just on streets



Three Boys, Île aux Marins, Saint Pierre et Miquelon, France – September 2016

Street Photography - Markets

- ▶ Markets are interesting locations for street photography
 - ▶ Usually people



Market, Ziro, Arunachel Pradesh, India – October 2014.

Event Photography

- ▶ Time of travel must coincide with the event
 - ▶ Multi-day
- ▶ Lathmar Holi (Hindu Festival of Colours)
 - ▶ Special protection needed for photo gear
 - ▶ Appropriate dress is essential!
 - ▶ Your clothes may not survive!!!



Holi at the Temple, Nandgaon, Uttar Pradesh, India – March 2017

Event Photography

- ▶ Time of travel must coincide with the event
 - ▶ One-day event
- ▶ Spituk Gustor Festival, Ladakh, India
 - ▶ Winter festival based on Tibetan calendar
- ▶ Sports photography is a type of event photography



Gustor Festival, Spituk Monastery, Ladakh, India – January 2017.

Architecture

- ▶ Architectural photography is generally limited to the interior and exterior of buildings used by people
- ▶ A more expansive view includes structures other than buildings



Old House – Old Srinigar, Kashmir, India – January 2023.

Architecture - Exteriors

- ▶ Keep vertical lines vertical
- ▶ Specialized lenses
 - ▶ Shift / tilt (Perspective Correcting)
- ▶ Post-processing



Château Albert Hotel, Village Historique Acadien, Bertrand, New Brunswick – September 2022.

Architecture - Interiors

- Perspective correction required in interior shots too



Kaunas Cathedral, Kaunas, Lithuania – September 2017.

Architecture - Details

- ▶ Architectural details can stand alone as strong images



Nature

- ▶ Animals
- ▶ Birds
- ▶ Flora
- ▶ Insects



Cape Fur Seals, Cape Cross, Namibia – November 2011.

Nature - Animals

- ▶ Unusual PoV can be very effective



Caiman, Iguazu Falls, Argentina – February 2019.

Nature - Birds

- ▶ Many shots (but not all) need a specialized lens
 - ▶ Long focal length



Pelicans, Lake Chamo, Arba Minch, Ethiopia – November 2013

Flora

- ▶ Mountain wildflowers are often beautiful and their colours can be stunning
 - ▶ Critically endangered Himalayan Gentian



Himalayan Gentian, Bhutan – October 2014

Flora

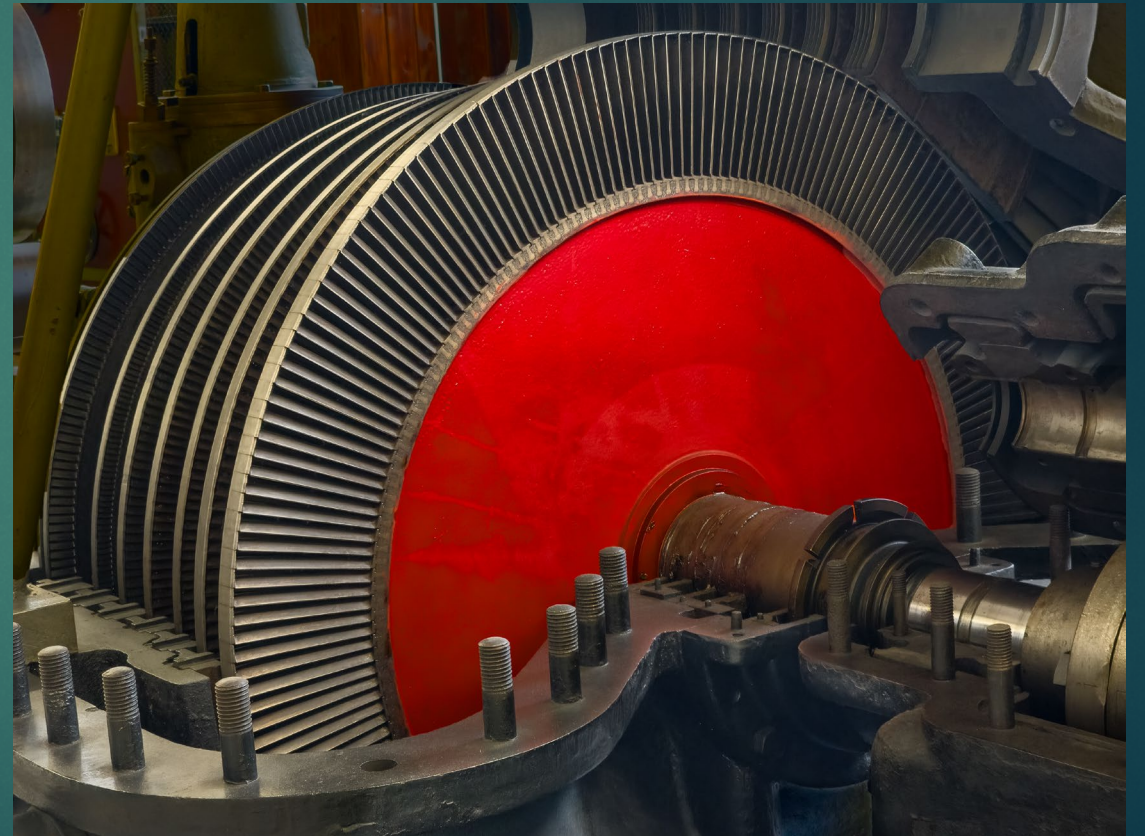
- Cacti, fungi or trees



Cardón Cacti, Nuevo Amanecer, Bolivia – March 2019

Still Life Photography

- ▶ Man-made or natural subjects
 - ▶ Inanimate objects
- ▶ Can show motion
- ▶ Can include secondary human elements
- ▶ Close-up crops of subject can make an effective image



Steam Turbine stages, Nikola Tesla Museum of Technology, Zagreb, Croatia – September 2025.

Food Photography

- ▶ A new opportunity every time you have a meal
- ▶ Show local cuisine



Scampi Dinner, Dubrovnik, Croatia - September 2025

Flat Lay Photography

- ▶ Flat lay photography works well for plated food
- ▶ Sometimes referred to as a “pizza shot”



Dinner, Dubrovnik, Croatia - September 2025.

Markets

- ▶ Markets are excellent locations for food photography
- ▶ “Found still life”



Eggs - Russell Market, Bangalore, Karnataka, India – March 2017

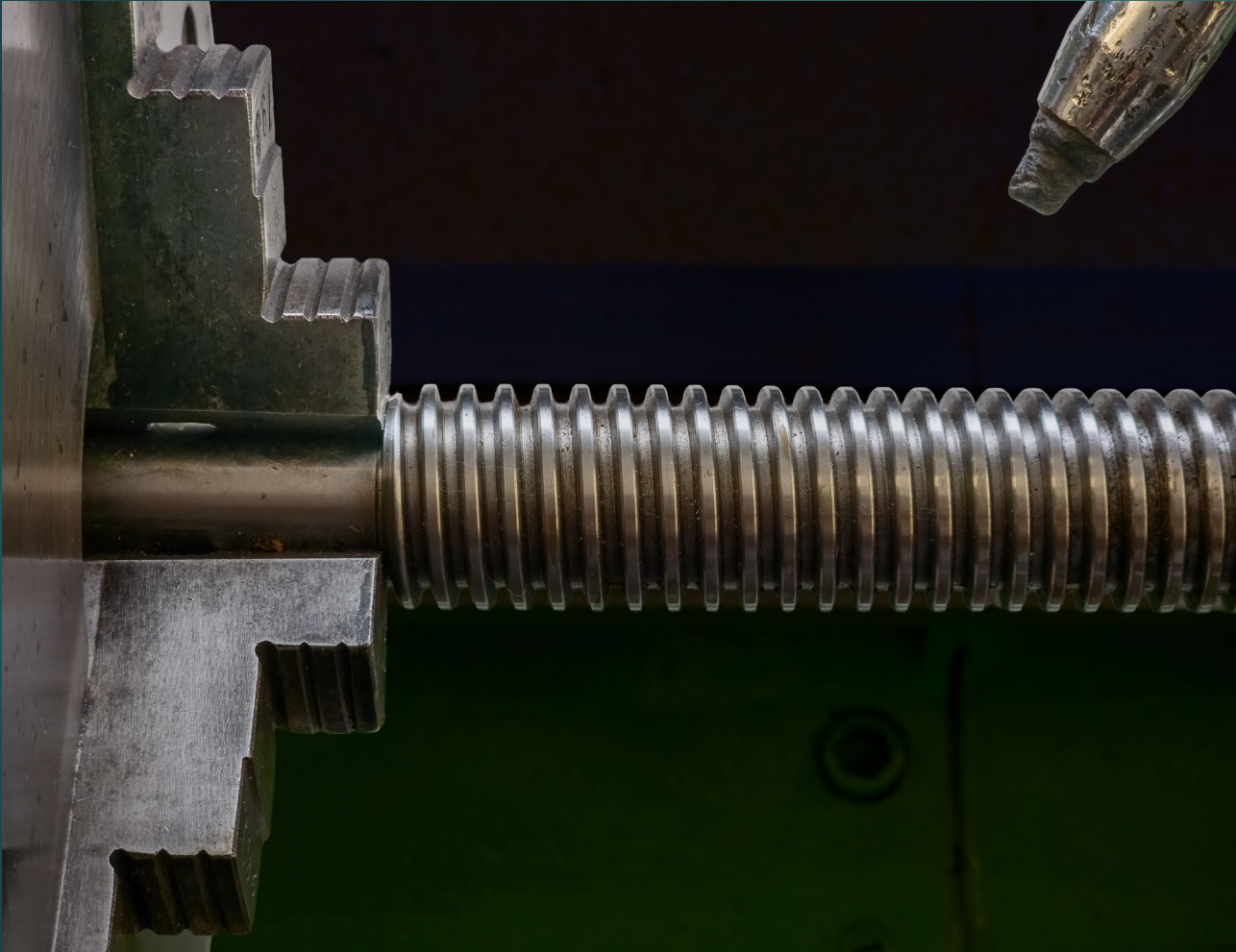
Street Food

- ▶ Shots at street food stalls



Street Food, Srinigar, Kashmir, India – January 2023

Found Still Life



Lathe and Workpiece, Nikola Tesla Museum of Technology, Zagreb, Croatia – September 2025.

More thoughts

- ▶ Scouting
- ▶ Story Telling
- ▶ Panoramas
- ▶ Perspective distortion
- ▶ People in scenes
- ▶ Shooting from behind
- ▶ Get in close



Georgette, Owariasahi, Aichi, Japan – April 2015

Scouting

- ▶ Scout the scene
 - ▶ May need to revisit a scene in better conditions
- ▶ Taken at 10:30 AM
 - ▶ SOOC JPEG



Cap-des-Rosiers Lighthouse, Gaspé, Quebec – July 2012.

Scouting

- ▶ Returned at 7:50 PM
- ▶ Light at golden hour was far more interesting



Cap-des-Rosiers Lighthouse, Gaspé, Quebec – July 2012.

Story Telling

- ▶ **Establishing shot**
 - ▶ Detail shot
 - ▶ Closeup



Rundale Palace, Bauska Municipality, Latvia – September 2017.

Story Telling

- ▶ Establishing shot
 - ▶ **Detail shot**
 - ▶ Closeup



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 - ▶ **Closeup**



Rundale Palace, Bauska Municipality, Latvia – September 2017.

Panoramas

- ▶ Stitching multiple images together to create a panorama can be very effective
 - ▶ Lightroom, Photoshop, etc. include tools to create these



Salar de Chiguana, Bolivia – February 2019.

Panoramas

- ▶ 11 separate images are stitched together to create the panorama
- ▶ Useful if your lens is not wide-angle enough to capture the whole scene
- ▶ Many phone cameras have a pano feature



11 individual shots - Salar de Chiguana, Bolivia – February 2019.

Perspective Distortion

- ▶ Usually from shooting up at a building
- ▶ Looks like building is about to collapse
- ▶ Correct in post



Helsinki Cathedral, Finland – May 2016.

People in scenes

- ▶ Very popular location with many visitors
- ▶ Want a scene without people in it



Lighthouse, Peggy's Cove, NS – September 2022.

People in scenes

- ▶ Multiple shots taken and overlaid in Photoshop
 - ▶ Can automate
- ▶ Tripod use is desirable but not 100% necessary
 - ▶ Need support to hand hold



Lighthouse, Peggy's Cove, NS – September 2022.

Shooting from behind

- ▶ Generally, must have a good compositional reason to shoot from behind
 - ▶ Applies to
 - ▶ People
 - ▶ Animals
 - ▶ Vehicles



Atsuta Shrine, Nagoya, Japan – August 2015.

Get in close

- ▶ “If your image isn’t good enough, you’re not close enough”
 - ▶ *Robert Capa, photojournalist*



Hindu Pilgrims, Lathmar Holi, Nandgaon, Uttar Pradesh, India – March 2017.

Closing Thoughts...

- ▶ Photographs help safeguard your memories – good and bad
- ▶ Bring back stories with your images
- ▶ Enjoy your travels!



Pesuta Wreck, Tlell, Graham Island, Haida Gwaii, BC – July 2010

Or, as an Alternative...

- ▶ You could always stay home...
- ▶ But where's the fun in that?





The End

QUESTIONS?