

Travel Photo Workshop Creating Keepsake Travel Memories

Presented by the Fort Collins Digital Camera Club Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Agenda



- What equipment to bring and what to leave at home
- How to travel with your equipment
- Keeping your photography equipment from the T.S.A.
- Get to know your camera and destination
- Titles of good travel books
- How to save your travel photos
- Good portable devices for travel
- How to enhance your vacation pictures
- How to share your photos with family and friends

Should it stay or should it go?



- What equipment to bring with you: know what you will need and keep the equipment to a minimum
 - Tripod and bean bag
 - Memory cards or film
 - Extra batteries and/or battery charger
 - As few lenses as possible
 - Lens and sensor cleaners
 - Non-descript camera bag
 - Converters for international travel (power and plugs)
- What to leave at home
 - Lenses and filters you won't use keep it simple
 - Backdrops
 - Extensive flash equipment

How to travel with your equipment



- Keeping your camera equipment safe
 - Be wary of your surroundings
 - Insurance
 - Hiding your camera equipment
- Be prepared for weather
 - Cold weather drains batteries
 - Windy conditions cause dust to get into camera
 - Wet weather can be warded off with plastic bags
- Obtain a good camera bag
 - Padded
 - Free of logos and obvious signs of expensive equipment
- Camera bag should be one of your carry-on bags

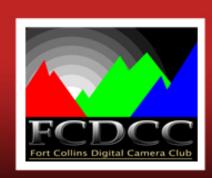
What the T.S.A. may want



- T.S.A.: Transportation Security Administration
- T.S.A. permits a photographic equipment bag in addition to one carry-on bag and one personal item
 - NOTE: check with the airline in advance; they may have additional restrictions or limitations
- Screening equipment does not affect digital cameras and electronic image storage cards
- Film may be damaged by screening equipment
- Be aware of limitations for liquids and hardware



Get intimate with your camera prior to leaving on your trip



- What do all the buttons do?
- Do you rely on auto settings?
- Do you know what each auto setting accomplishes?
- Are you a master of manual mode? Should you be before your trip?
- Do you know how and when to turn on your flash?

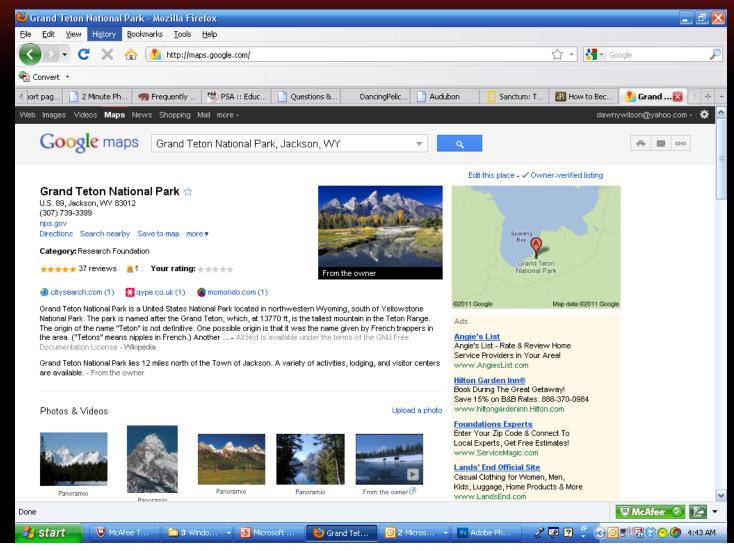
Get intimate with your destination prior to leaving on your trip



- Research the location online
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Convention and Visitor's Bureau
 - Town, state or country tourism office
 - Join an online photography forum
- Use travel books to find the best locations
- Bring guides and maps with you
- Map out possible destinations
 - Book excursions prior to leaving for your trip
 - Leave time in your travel schedule for 'wandering' days
 - Use Google maps
- Learn about the culture
- Investigate the weather average and forecast

Example of Google Maps





One good travel guide will simplify planning



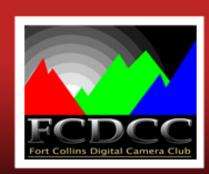
- Color photographs make a difference
- Make sure the guide includes maps
- Get the latest edition and copyright date available
- Select a destination guide as narrow as possible
- Read and tab the guide BEFORE you leave on the trip
- Available options
 - National Geographic series
 - Frommer's
 - Revealed guides
 - Fodor's
 - Lonely Planet
- Novels for the destination (i.e., Pride and Prejudice)

Back up, back up, back up



- Back up your files when traveling
 - Lost memory cards
 - Damaged memory cards
 - Erased memory cards
- Convenient devices are available
- Bring extra memory cards
- Cloud storage
- Remember to bring a USB cable and any necessary connectors and adaptors
- Photograph signs during the trip so you can label your files when backing up

Use portable devices to back up irreplaceable trip photos



- Cloud storage
 - Amazon S3
 - Dropbox
 - Oosah (accepts RAW files)
 - Box.net
 - iCloud® from Apple (available fall 2011)
- iPad® convenient camera adaptor
- External hard drive
- Laptop
- Copy memory cards to CD or DVD at a local photo store

Goals will determine what photo enhancement is needed



- Workflow
- Backing up those photos
- Use of the photos
- Just a little cropping or go for the post-processing gold
- Organize photos by dates and locations

Sharing photos with family and friends is easy and convenient



- Social networking sites
 - Facebook
 - LinkedIn
 - Twitter
- Online photo sharing sites
 - flickr
 - Picasa
 - Shutterfly
- CD and DVD
- Prints
 - Books
 - Framed prints
 - Calendars
 - Cards











Fort Collins Digital Camera Club is available to help



- For additional questions, e-mail us at info@fcdcc.com
- www.fcdcc.com
- Additional helpful web sites
 - www.tsa.gov/travelers
 - www.bhphotovideo.com
 - www.digital-photography-school.com
 - www.nationalgeographic.com
 - www.photosandthelaw.com
 - www.maps.google.com
 - www.photography-on-the.net/forum
 - www.ThePhotoForum.com
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