

Getting Ready for a Photography Workshop

- ✓ **Sign up early** (possible savings), book your flight, and rental car (possible savings). (Need a passport?)
- ✓ If you are not experienced with **raw capture** (.nef, .cr2, .orf, .dng), start using it. Use a highly capable editing program, and upgrade your memory cards.
- ✓ You can download an **editing program** and “try” it for 7/30 days (Adobe Lightroom/Photoshop CS/Elements), so plan on doing that about two weeks before the trip, and learn what you can.
- ✓ You will want to bring a capable **laptop**, and establish an organizational scheme for your files.
- ✓ You will need a sturdy **tripod** and a capable head (ball head?).
- ✓ Don't forget **electronics**: card reader, cables, spare batteries, and a charger. (Voltage converters?)
- ✓ Read your **camera manual(s)** one more time. (Get a phone app for your manuals.) Setup your camera, including your presets.
- ✓ Start a **checklist** of things to bring, and stuff to get.

Use a Checklist to Organize the Pre-Travel Process

(See our Facebook or Yahoo! Group's "Files" Page)



Travel Checklist

Well Before:

- (Intl.) Passport good for trip+3 months, electrical converters/adapters: <http://www.interpower.com/>
- (U.S.) National Park Service membership.
- Get AAA (Plus), Roadside assistance phone numbers.
- Book reservations (check forecast weather).
- Arrange for pet/house sitter.
- (Intl.) International plan for wireless phone if talk/text/data wanted (GPS maps need cellular/wifi).
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Just Before:

- (Drive) Change oil/filter, check fluids.
- (Drive) Rotate & inspect tires, tire pressures, all equipment for changing spare.
- Pickup prescriptions, medicines, toiletries.
- Pet foods, treats, medicines.
- Notify newspaper, credit card banks.
- Mow lawn, set watering timer, check faucets off, water plants, and service spa/pool.
- Pay bills.
- Raid ATM for cash / (Intl.) convert currency, traveler's checks.
- Photocopy passports, drivers license, health insurance cards, reservations.
- Charge phones, tablets, cameras, camcorders, laptop, shaver. (Intl.) electrical converters/adapters.
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Packing: (Fly) Carry-on = 36" [18"x14"x8"] personal item + 45" [22"x14"x9"] bag [22 lbs-], total 40 lbs-., Checked = 62" [≈29"h] bag, 50 lbs-, probably a surcharge; 126" and 100 lbs max. with surcharge.

- Shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, lotions. (Fly) 1 qt. Ziploc™ w/ 3.4 oz-. bottles, removable.
- Personal-hygiene items. (Fly) No scissors with blades over 4"), aspirin, allergy pills, prescriptions.
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss.
- Comb or brush.
- Razors/shaver and shaving gel. (Fly) No picks, straight razors, defensive spray in carry-on.
- Hair dryer, CPAP machine. (Fly) Carry-on, leave in bag.
- Shoes, slippers, flip-flops, water shoes.
- His clothes, swim suit.
- Her clothes, swim suit.
- Dirty clothes bag.
- Insect repellent. (Fly) If 3.4- oz..liquid, include in Ziploc™ bag.
- Antibacterial wipes.
- Travel-size detergent. (Drive) Windshield cleaner. (Fly-Intl. to US) Powders to 12 oz. in checked.
- Sunscreen and sunglasses.

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- ✓ Do not pack **lithium** batteries in checked luggage; must be in carry-ons with terminals covered.
- ✓ **Prioritize** photographic equipment over others items when packing carry-ons/backpacks.
- ✓ (Your tripod may not fit in a 22" carry-on without removing the head. Tape the wrench/tool to the legs.)
- ✓ Your first day of the workshop may have some classroom time followed by late day shooting in the field. Don't push your **schedule** for getting to the meeting place.
- ✓ Plan on photography as your **priority** for the duration; eating, then sleeping, come next.
- ✓ Keep nutrition bars/**snacks** with you all the time. **Nap** when you can. **Water** intake is critical. Hiking is very likely. (Boots & socks.)
- ✓ A hands-free **lighting** system can be handy at 5 AM on the trail.
- ✓ Consider the **climate**. (Utah is high and dry, with strong UV rays.)
- ✓ Be flexible with **clothing/hats**. Prepare for cold, hot, and rain.
- ✓ **Spouses** may be welcome, but forget spas & fancy restaurants.

My Photography Workshops

- 12 students for 2 instructors = 6:1 ratio.(4:1 soon)
- Canon, Fuji and Nikon savvy instructors.
- Typical U.S. 5 day Workshop = \$1,480.
- Alumni get a discount = \$1,260.
- Discounts for back-to-back workshops.

- Alumni are offered a special workshop each year.
- Typically, start about noon, end about 2 PM on the fifth day.
- Daily, meet well before sunrise for carpool to a scouted site.
- Students explore 1 or 2 areas while instructors check with you.
- Instructors don't tell you what or how to shoot.
- Return to town for breakfast ~9 AM. (Some eat together.)
- Downloading, organizing, rating, and editing done mid-day, in a conference room, using Lightroom. (Handout provided.)
- Instructors are Windows and Mac OS X knowledgeable.
- You can add Photoshop to your workflow.
- Snacks and drinks made available during class time.
- Several images are submitted by each student after each field session for a slideshow.
- Students and instructors critique images on our laptops.
- About 4 PM, carpool to a scouted sunset site.
- Return to town ~8 PM for dinner. (Some eat together.)
- Recharge yourself and camera batteries until about ~4-5 AM...



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2012 Calendar

- Costa Rica's Treasures
- Savannah & Her Lowcountry
- Charleston, a Southern Belle
- Springtime on the Outer Banks
- Maine's Acadia National Park
- Scottish Highlands & the Isle of Skye
- Provence & Her Charms
- Paris, City of Light
- Summertime on the Maine Coast
- Zion & Bryce Canyon National Parks
- Arches & Canyonlands National Parks
- Santa Fé & Taos, Georgia O'Keeffe Land
- New England Fall Foliage
- Lighthouses of the Outer Banks
- Death Valley Nat'l Park
- Joshua Tree National Park - Alumni & non-beginners
- Private Photo Workshops
- Private Lightroom Workshops
- Scouting & Shooting Days