

# *Travel Photography*

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# Travel Photography

A definition:

*“Travel photography is a sub-category of photography involving the documentation of an area's landscape, people, cultures, customs and history.”*

Wikipedia

# Travel Photography

Another definition:

*“Travel photography is about documenting any destination. It can include people, street life, culture, customs, celebrations, heritage, monuments, landmarks and natural or urban landscapes that offer a feel of a place.”*

Darter Photography

# Travel Photography

Yet another definition:

*“Travel photography offers a sense of place”.*

Julian Comrie FRPS



# Travel Photography

Some examples.....

[National Geographic Travel – Photo of the Day](#)

[Travel Photographer of the Year – Winners' Galleries](#)

[The 25 Greatest Travel Photographers Right Now](#)

# Travel Photography

I'm in a fabulous place with fantastic architecture, beautiful landscapes and exotic people.....

..... so why are my photos rubbish?

# Travel Photography

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# Travel Photography

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# Travel Photography

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# Travel Photography

They put scaffolding over everything!





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# Travel Photography

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# Travel Photography

So... what can I do to make better pictures?

# Travel Photography

The light is really harsh and the contrast is extreme!!

Get up earlier or go out later!

Use software to improve your shots.





Original shot – cropped only



Exposure reduced, Highlights pulled back, Shadows opened up



# Travel Photography

It's really hazy!

Use a polariser filter.

Shoot subjects that are closer to you.

Use software to improve your shots.









## Lightroom

- Dehaze Filter
- reduced Highlights
- added Contrast



# Travel Photography

There are too many people around.

Wait!











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# Travel Photography

They put scaffolding over everything!

Change your viewpoint!









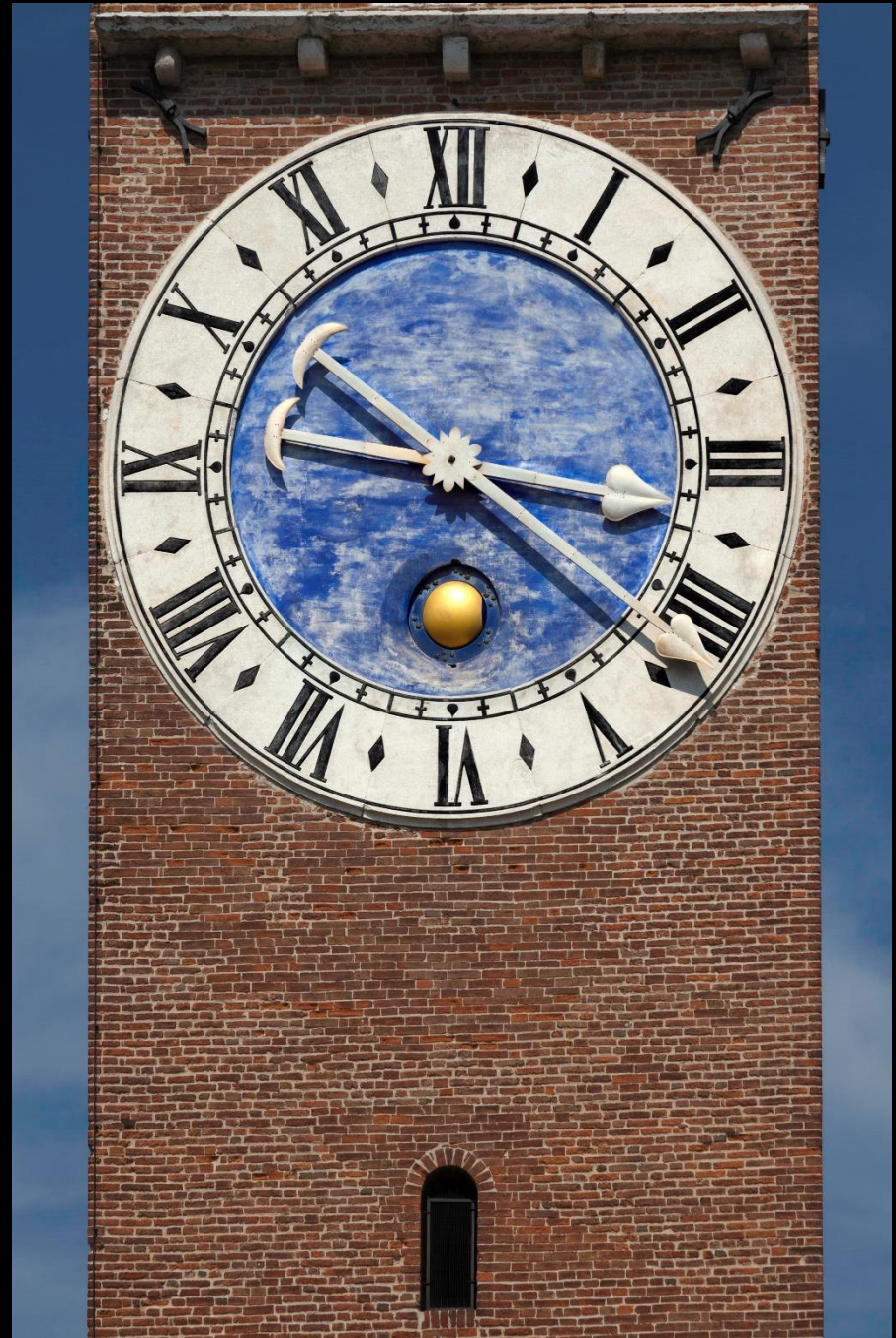


# Travel Photography

I haven't got enough time to get to where the best shot is!

Get up earlier!

Here's 100 Euros. Why don't you go shopping?





# Travel Photography

I can't be bothered to change the lens!

Crop your photo

Don't be lazy – change the lens!











# Travel Photography

I didn't bring a tripod!

Take a tripod!











# Travel Photography

I didn't bring a tripod!

Take a tripod!

Sit your camera on something solid and use the timer

Increase the ISO – but watch the noise!

# Travel Photography

Some general tips:

## Before you go:

- Think about what you want to achieve
- Research your destination – Google Maps
- Prepare your kit



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Some general tips:

## Once you're there:

- Visit the Tourist Information office
- Find out about local transport, excursions
- Check out postcard racks and tourist guide books

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- Wait for the 'moment'
- Take lots of pictures!











*The End*

