Travel Photography

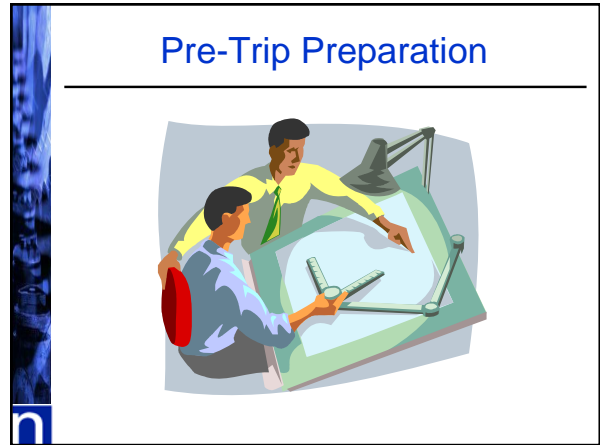Bill R. Naifeh
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Today Topics:

- Questions and Answers
- Pre-Trip Preparation
- When You are There
- Post Processing
  - Software
  - Web
  - Books
- Hands on Training

Histograms

- For a complete explanation of histograms, please go to Ken Rockwell's website at:

  http://www.kenrockwell.com/tech/histograms.htm

Pre-Trip Preparation

Pre-trip Planning

- Guidebooks
  - DK Publishing
  - (www.dk.com)

Pre-trip Planning

- Photography Guidebooks

Pre-trip Planning

- Google Maps

Pre-trip Planning

- Travel Lists
  - Clothes (by Season and by Reason)
    - Do not dress like Americans
  - Standard Toiletries
  - Specialized Lists
    - Carry on
    - Beach
    - Mountains
- Segregated Travel Stuff

Travel Lists

Clothes for Casual Business Trip:

⊞ **Summer Weather:**

Item	Overnight	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
Casual Shoes	1	1	1	1	1
Black Tennis Shoes	1?	1?	1?	1?	1?
Belt	1	1	1	1	1
Polo Shirts	2	3	4	4	4
Casual Slacks	1	2	2	2	2
Jeans (Black)	1	1	2?	2?	2?
Casual Socks	3	3	4	4	4
T-shirts	2	3	3	3	3
Handkerchiefs	2	3	4	4	4
Sport Coat	1?	1?	1?	1?	1?
Dress Shirt	1?	1?	1?	1?	1?
Tie	1?	1?	1?	1?	1?
Athletic Socks	1	1	2	2	2
Tennis Shoes	1?	1?	1?	1?	1?
Swimming Suit/Shorts	1	1	1	1	1

Travel Lists

Basic Packing List – P&S

- Point and Shoot Camera
- Case
- Instruction Manual
- Multiple SD Cards
- Extra Battery and/or Battery Charger

Advanced Packing List – P&S

- Basic Packing List, plus:
- Notebook Computer
- SD Card Reader for Notebook
- USB Hard Drive
- Power Plug Converter ??
- Cord for Sunglasses
- Table Tripod with Ball Head?
- Polarizer and/or Neutral Density Filters

Basic Packing List – DSLR

- DSLR w/ 18-200mm Nikon Lens
- Case or Backpack Insert
- Lens Hood
- UV Filter (for protection)
- Polarizer
- Extra CD Cards
- Extra Batteries and/or Battery Charger
- Lens Cleaning Cloth
- Lens Brush

Advanced Packing List – DSLR

- Basic Packing List, plus:
- Notebook Computer
- CD Card Reader for Notebook
- USB Hard Drive
- Power Plug Converter ??
- Cord for Sunglasses
- Small Tripod?

Photo-Trip Packing List

- Additional Lenses:
  - Wide Angle (Tokina 11-16mm)
  - Portrait (Nikon 85mm)
  - 2.8 Nikon (17-50mm)
  - Additional Filters for lenses
  - Neutral Density Filters
- Tripods
  - Tabletop
  - Backpack
- Point and Shoot Camera
- Second Camera Body

You are not in Kansas

- Learn the *Faux Pas* before you go:
  - Do not handle fruit in Italy
  - Do not order from the "to go" line, then sit down at the tables.
  - Do not assume there is take out
  - The French know English better than you know French
  - Hire a guide, but do not expect a guide to show you great photographic locations.

You are not in Kansas

- Be Careful of Cab Drivers
  - Use Hotel Business Cards
- Be Careful of Hotel Clerks
  - Safe, but expensive

Post Processing

General Software

- **Acronis True Image** – Creates an exact image of your hard drive. Useful if a virus infects your computer. (www.acronis.com)
- **AJC Directory Synchronizer** – Synchronizes between your Photo directory and your USB drive. Faster than backing up the directory. (www.ajcsoft.com)
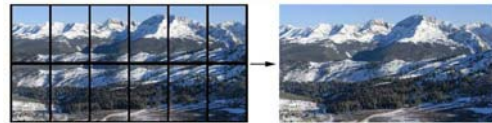
Post Processing – General Programs

- Picassa – Free, good organizer, weak editor
- Lightroom – Expensive, good organizer, strong editor, weak manipulator.
- Photoshop – Elements Inexpensive, average organizer, strong editor, strong manipulator.
- Photoshop – Expensive, average organizer, strong general graphic editor, strong manipulator.
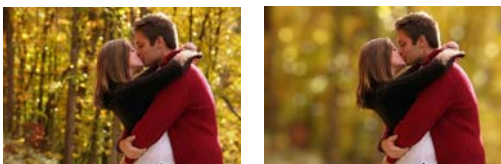
Special Purpose Software

- Panning
- High Bokeh
- HDR
- Blow Up
- Noise Removal
- Digital Filters
- Multiple Focusing

Panning Software

- Autopano - www.autopano.net

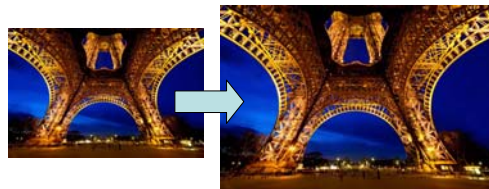## High Bokeh

- bokeh - www.alienskin.com/bokeh

HDR

- Photomatrix – www.hdrsoft.com
- (use "fuze" mode for realistic effects)

Noise Removal

- Noise Ninja - www.picturecode.com

Blow Up Software

- Blow up 2 - www.alienskin.com/blowup
- Genuine Fractals – www.ononesoftware.com

Digital Filters

- Color Efex Pro – www.niksoftware.com

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Bracket Focusing

- Helicon Focus – www.heliconsoft.com

Displaying

Photo Websites

- www.flickr.com

- www.facebook.com

- www.dphoto.com   Easier

- www.smugmug.com

- www.wordpress.com   Harder

Photo Books

Site/Publisher	Ranking*
www.blurb.com	5/5
www.shutterfly.com	4/5 (best for enthusiasts)
www.snapfish.com	3/5 (best for budgets)

 * According to Photography Monthly

Additional Resources

- Dallas Camera Club
  www.dallascameraclub.org

- Plano Camera Club
  www.planophotographyclub.com

- Photography Society of America
  www.psa-photo.org

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