

10 Travel Photography Tips – Andy Kent

1. For photos which are special, bracket exposures either manually or use Automatic Exposure Bracketing (AEB) if your camera has it. Alternatively use your histogram if you have it, or shoot in RAW where you can adjust more when you edit afterwards. Another way is to tilt your camera slightly upwards to get the exposure if it tends to overexpose, then reframe.
2. Take the initial shot, then according to the time available look for alternative views.
3. Look at postcard stands for alternative views.
4. Get in close. Don't just take photos with general scenes.
5. Try to think what it is that gives character to an area and try to convey it e.g. characters in a market or detail of carvings on a church.
6. 'The Golden Hour' around sunrise and sunset. You need to know where the sun will rise or set and which will give you the photo you want. Do you want the sun in or not or do you want the glow on the landscape created by the low sun. You can buy a sun compass or an ordinary compass.
7. For events, try to get there early and choose a suitable viewpoint. Try to pre-plan what shots you want as this will influence where you stand.
8. Capture the seasons – 4 views of the same scene. Use a tripod.
9. Use both portrait and landscape formats as they convey different emphases.
10. Panoramas. Use portrait format and swivel using a tripod if possible. Only useful if there are no moving elements in the scene e.g. people