PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

UC SAN DIEGO STUDY ABROAD
To help you to take the photos you want to take to remember this amazing experience in your life! Photos should not only document an experience, but remind you what it felt like in that moment.
• Phone v. Camera
• Camera Safety Abroad
• What to Take Photos Of
• How to Compose a Good Photo
• Post Production
• Backing Up Photos
• Your Questions
• Any Other Questions?
• Lets Go Outside!
Live in the moment, but also take the time to capture those moments that you'll want to remember for a lifetime.
PHONE V. CAMERA

Phone:
Easy to travel with
Most phones still have great photography capabilities
Easier to share photos and back them up

Camera:
Target for theft
Higher quality photos
You physically have your photos on a memory card
CAMERA SAFETY ABROAD

- If you leave your camera in your room, make sure you secure it in a safe.
- Do not leave your camera unattended in public, even for a second!
- If you're using your phone, between photos make sure it is somewhere secure.
- Carry your camera in a discreet bag.
- Always be aware of your surroundings!
- Don't put your camera in your checked in bag (under the plane).
**YOURSELF**

Don't be afraid to ask a friend or stranger to take a photo of you! Being in the photo (and not just a selfie) makes the photo a lot more meaningful.

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**LANDMARKS**

Taking photos of things like the Eiffel Tower may seem obvious, but try taking your photos in creative ways. Anyone can Google a photo of the Eiffel Tower, but how can you take a photo of it to make it special to you?

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**STREET PHOTOGRAPHY**

Don't be afraid to take photos of people! One of the most interesting things about traveling is seeing how people in different parts of the world live. However, make sure you're aware of the cultural norms of photographing people in that country.

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**THE LITTLE THINGS**

When you see the Eiffel Tower for the first time it might be hard to focus your camera anywhere else, but look for the smaller things like the pigeons flocking in front of it to capture an interesting photo.
**DO TAKE PHOTOS**
In everyday places that show the culture of the place you’re visiting.

**DON'T TAKE PHOTOS**
In places that don't allow you to take photos or places that look like they could be anywhere.

**EXAMPLES**
Farmer's markets, residential streets, local restaurants

**EXAMPLES**
Some museums/government buildings, plants, inside an average classroom
An amazing scene can be only an OK photo if it isn't composed right, and an average scene can become an AMAZING photo if composed right.
RULE OF THIRDS

Avoid placing the subject of your photo right in the center. Place it instead on the left or right grid line to frame the image and make it pleasing to the eye.

DON'T USE PORTRAIT MODE

Most of the time when you're traveling, you're trying to capture the place that you are in. Since using portrait mode blurs the background, you end up not even being able to see the amazing location you're standing in!
ALWAYS TAKE AS MANY PHOTOS AS YOU CAN.
Your light source should never be coming from behind you. Diffuse lighting is best.
MAKING YOUR PHOTOS LOOK EVEN BETTER AFTER YOU'VE TAKEN THEM
HOW SHOULD YOU EDIT YOUR PHOTOS AFTER YOU TAKE THEM?

In almost every case editing will make your photos look significantly better.

Just slapping on a filter won't give you the best results.

Editing apps: VSCO & Adobe Lightroom
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**CAMERA**

Upload your photos from the memory card in your camera onto your laptop everyday. From there save them on the cloud or an external hard drive.

**PHONE**

Make sure your phone is backing up your photos automatically to the cloud everyday. Even though you may not have service while you're out day to day, make sure it backs up everyday when you get "home."
STEP 1
Choose an interesting subject for your photo.

STEP 2
Compose your photo to make sure it is "pleasing to the eye."

STEP 3
Edit your photo afterwards in order to make it the best it can be!
DON'T FORGET!

IMPORTANT POINTS

Visualize what you want your photo to look like before you take it.

Think of the best way to capture your photo to make it visually appealing.

Don't forget to live in the moment, but also don't be afraid to pull your camera out and capture those memories!
QUESTIONS YOU WANTED ANSWERED

WILL THE SLIDES BE POSTED SOMEWHERE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE?

Yes, they will be posted to the pre-departure resources page on our website.
ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
LET'S GO OUTSIDE!

FINDING INTERESTING SUBJECT MATTER

"Interesting" subject matter we can find around us.

CAPTURE A FEW PHOTOS

Actually take some pics and keep my tips in mind.

EDITING

Use an app to make your photo even better after you take it.
Thank you for coming!

I hope enjoyed this workshop and learned some helpful tips. Let me or any of the UC San Diego Study Abroad staff know if you'd be interested in more workshops to prepare you for your study abroad experience.
UPCOMING EVENTS

• BobaTalk: Transfers Abroad 5/17 1-2 p.m.
• Maximizing Study Abroad 5/22 3-4 p.m.
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