

Ten Tips on Finding Great Locations

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The time to travel and take photographs has arrived. Where do you go to find good information? Doing your homework before you set out is worth the time and trouble.

Tip 1: Visit your local bookstore. Examine pictures in published books on the area you intend to visit. Look for clues in the literature, caption, or photo such as the general area, park, or road where the photo was shot.

Tip 2: Visit your local library. Look for publications or magazine articles on the location you are interested in.

Tip 3: Get a map and highlight the locations you singled out during your research.

Tip 4: Write to tourist bureaus, as well as park, preserve and government organizations for information.

Tip 5: Subscribe to photography travel information bulletins such as Photograph America or Photo Traveler publications. These are wonderful guides written by and for photographers.

Tip 6: Surf the Internet. Try several search engines to expand your search. Make a list of all the key words that help you find information.

Tip 7: Check the Internet for information about festivals, special celebrations, or holidays.

Check digitalcity.com for entertainment, festivals, and fairs in specific American cities.

Also google.com offers interesting sites when you type in "fairs and festivals."

Tip 8: When you arrive at your destination, find a bookstore, drug store, or card shop, or browse the postcard racks at the airport to see the locations they feature.

Tip 9: Talk to people. A smile and a ready map will help the people at your motel, gas station, or local restaurant point you in the right direction.

Tip 10: Be open to ideas and new experiences and most importantly of all be flexible.