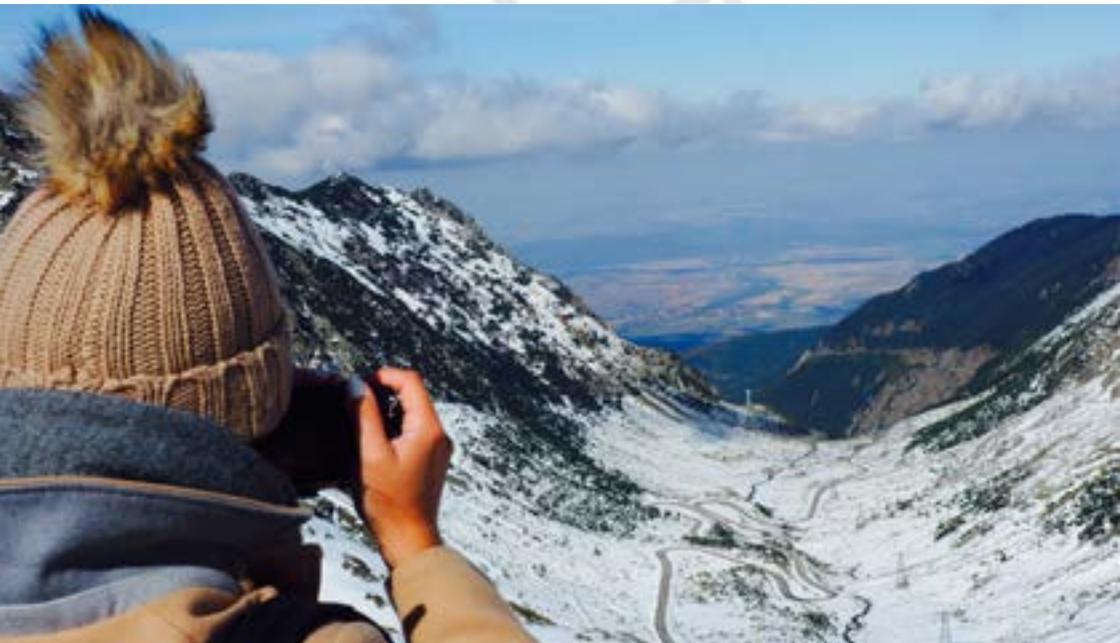




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# Travel Photography

**Quick Equipment Tips**



### PLANNING YOUR KIT

Think about the type of photographs that are on your shot list & pack for what will cover most of these. Once packed, double check everything & try to strip back even further. Remember that often 'less is more', take what you need & not what you might need.



### LIGHT OR GOOD TRIPOD RULE

There are two types of tripods: Light tripods & good tripods. Most photographers will make a trade off when travelling. You need to find a tripod that is sturdy & collapses down to a small size, but still has enough weight to keep your camera steady.



**BUY A GOOD CAMERA STRAP**  
Camera straps can allow for extra accessories to be stored on the strap itself, e.g. camera cloths & lens caps etc. A good strap will make your camera more secure & comfortable to carry around. It will also better distribute the weight of a heavy lens & will reduce any cutting or chafing.



**MANY SMALL MEMORY CARDS**  
Having multiple smaller cards means you may only lose a certain amount of images in case of card failure or your camera being stolen. As they say, "don't put all your eggs in one basket". If you have just one 32gb or 64gb memory card, ask yourself what would you do if your card became corrupted or worse again if your camera was stolen?



**CHOOSING A CAMERA BAG**  
Don't look at the length of the strap but the width of it. The width will stop the bag cutting into you when full & heavy. The bag you bring will dictate many things. How much equipment you can carry, how much impact it can take, is it waterproof & dust sealed & does it look like a camera bag?



## TRAVEL TIPS

- Look at postcards in advance of your travels & get some ideas for your shot list
- Try to photograph cultural colours & traditions
- Get off the tourist trail, get into local markets & coffee shops etc
- Bring a gorilla pod, a bean bag or mini tripod on your travels
- Photograph the details. It's the little things that make a place unique
- People are 90% of a culture so don't get bogged down in only shooting landscapes
- Remember if travelling with a group that not everyone appreciates photographs
- Being cliché is okay, most people only visit a place once so take safe shots at first
- Remember different cultures have different attitudes & laws to photography
- Food is a HUGE part of a culture, take a picture of local dishes & restaurants

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