



# Siteseeing FOCUS ON ... Photos of the world

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## FIRST STOP

EVERY picture, they say, tells a story. Which is why most of us insist on seeing brochures, photos of a friend's adventures or the weekly edition of *Escape* to see what we are in for on our next holiday. The Internet is overflowing with travel photography — from the jungles and plains of Africa to our Great Ocean Rd. Following is a random selection of websites that look at travel photography and give advice.

## TOP SCENERY

[www.australianscenics.com](http://www.australianscenics.com)

CLICK on the scenic slideshow for spectacular images of some Aussie treats. Catch a misty sunrise over the snow gums of Mt Buller, see a gorgeous snap of ancient beech trees in Queensland's Springbrook National Park and have a priceless late afternoon view of the Pinnacles in Western Australia. The site caters mainly for advertising and publishing companies. There is an excellent search facility to look deeper into themes such as alpine, landscapes, rainforests and parks. Also, you can search by Australian state.

## SECRET'S OUT

[www.photosecrets.com](http://www.photosecrets.com)

THIS has a range of travel guides for photographers. All the classic sites are shown in colour. There are maps and tips on where, when and how to photograph the sites. A useful tips section covers everything for novice, intermediate and advanced snappers.

## FODORS FOCUS

[www.fodors.com/focus](http://www.fodors.com/focus)

THIS page on giant travel company Fodors' website has 100 simple tips with photos covering every aspect of holiday photography. The sub-sections include getting ready, classic vacation shots, the elements, lighting techniques and composition.

## AUSSIE SPECIAL

[www.markheydon.com](http://www.markheydon.com)

MELBOURNE'S Mark Heydon has a modest but beautiful selection of images from Victoria, New Zealand, Britain and the US. His folders are panoramic, nature and landscape. There is a pricing catalogue (excellent value) to download. Also, check his latest news.

## TOP MAG

[www.travelphotographers.net](http://www.travelphotographers.net)

THIS magazine claims to be the "web's premier travel and outdoor photography resource".



It has a big selection of articles, including write-ups on destinations submitted by readers. And there are reviews of equipment and photography techniques. Make sure you look at the Travel Photographer of the Year competition page.

## WORLDWIDE TRAVELLER

[www.travelphoto.net](http://www.travelphoto.net)

MEET Laurenz, who has taken snaps in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and Latin America. There are photos from his cruise on China's Yangtze River, photos of Madeira in Portugal and the his latest trip to South Africa. Laurenz gives some handy tips and a page, titled Photolog, has archives of "a photo a day". Click on a date from an interactive calendar and see what he has posted.

## KEN DUNCAN

[www.kenduncan.com/](http://www.kenduncan.com/)

THIS covers the Aussie's latest exhibitions, special offers, books, cards, posters and multimedia products. Go to the free toys page for such things as e-mail postcards, some gorgeous screensavers, jigsaw puzzles and free wallpaper downloads for your computer.

## KIWI PHIL

[www.phillipbartlett.com/](http://www.phillipbartlett.com/)

WE all know the beauty of New Zealand landscapes — and Kiwi Phillip Bartlett captures them like no other. There are limited edition photos of coast, country, forest and mountains, as well as pages of information for printing and framing, and about Phillip. He also offers exclusive photography tours for up to six people. He will tailor an itinerary specific to your requirements. The durations are two to 21 days.

## SWEET DREAMS

[www.travellerdreams.com](http://www.travellerdreams.com)

A SELECTION of more than 3500 stock photographs can be sourced here — mainly on Europe, Italy and the Mediterranean. Click on the browse destinations icon to go directly to your desired part of the world and see what is on offer.

## SCOTTISH TREAT

[www.r-mercier.demon.co.uk/](http://www.r-mercier.demon.co.uk/)

A SCOT named Bev has compiled her favourite

## Hit the highway

### Destination: Daylesford

[www.pendowerhouse.com.au](http://www.pendowerhouse.com.au)

ONLY an hour by car from Melbourne, the picturesque country town of Daylesford has so much to offer. Pendower House, in Bridport St, is an 1890s-built weatherboard that offers bedrooms with ensuite. It also has an open fire, shady verandahs and is surrounded by tranquil gardens.

The best thing about this website is its simplicity, with point-form details and accompanying photos, an online bookings form, a page dedicated to its gorgeous spa suite and a list of added extras (massage and spa packages, courtesy car to restaurants and much more). The links page directs you to some excellent nearby attractions, such as the Lavandula Lavender Farm, Convent Gallery, Peppershell Place (massage and spa), Queensberry Massage Studio and Ellender Winery.



photographs of Scotland, taken while out hill walking, driving and during holidays.

Areas covered include central and northern Scotland, Wester Ross and Torridon, Sutherland, Skye and east Scotland.

There are some links to other Scottish photography websites.

## INTREPID ALBUM

[www.intrepidtravel.com/photoalbums.php](http://www.intrepidtravel.com/photoalbums.php)

INTREPID Travel allows you to get off the beaten track and explore Asia with experienced guides.

The albums page gives a taste of what to expect in China, Borneo, Cambodia, central Asia, Costa Rica, Egypt, Indonesia and India.

## AFRICAN DELIGHTS

[www.the-biedermann-page.com](http://www.the-biedermann-page.com)

SIMPLY click on the national flags to make your way into the country of choice.

The African photos are particularly impressive, especially those taken in Tanzania/Kenya and Egypt.

## Next time Websites for the single traveller

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