

# Understanding the definition

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PHOTO TRAVEL  
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## Travel

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A Photo Travel image is a portrayal of the real world we live in, as it is found naturally. There are no geographic boundaries.

*Just because you took an image while you were 'travelling' does not mean that the image will meet the Photo Travel definition for a PSA Interclub competition.*



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## Content guidance - 1

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If the image is predominantly or exclusively a land-, sea-, or cityscape, these 'scapes' MUST include characteristic, distinctive and recognizable physical, or man-made features, although it is not necessary that the image identify the exact location.



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## Land, sea or cityscapes....

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## Content guidance - 2

Images that predominantly or exclusively depict people and their activities MUST illustrate a distinctive culture of a country, region, or continent.



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## Content guidance - 3

Images that predominately or exclusively depict animal populations are allowed, if the animals are in their native environment and are characteristic of that country, region or continent.



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## Content guidance - 4

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Portraits, or other close ups of people or objects, in addition to meeting the previous paragraphs as applicable, **MUST** include elements depicting some of the surrounding environment to make it obvious that the image was **NOT** taken in a studio setting



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## Content guidance - 4

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## Content guidance - 5

Images from events or activities arranged for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography ARE NOT ALLOWED.



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## Content guidance - 5

*When you are photographing festivals, parades and re-enactments etc, so long as it is happening in real time, by real people, these are all permissible in Photo Travel.*



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## Content Guidance – 6

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Time exposures are Allowed, if they do not dominate the image as a special effect (ie star trails, for example are a dominating effect)



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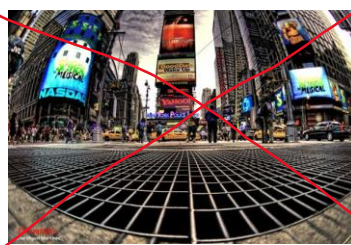
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## Content guidance - 7

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Highly distorted images, such as those produced by fisheye lenses

ARE NOT ALLOWED



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# EDITING GUIDANCE

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Processing or editing must be limited to making the image look as close to the original scene as possible, except that the conversion to greyscale monochrome is allowed.



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## Editing guidance - 1

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### ALLOWED EDITING TECHNIQUES

- Cropping, straightening and perspective correction
- Removal or correction of elements added by the camera or lens, such as dust spots, digital noise, chromatic aberration and lens distortion
- Global and selective adjustments such as brightness, hue, saturation and contrast to restore the appearance of the original scene
- Blending of multiple images of the same subject and combining them in-camera or with software (exposure blending or focus stacking)
- Image stitching – combining multiple images with overlapping fields of view that are taken consecutively (panoramas).



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## Editing guidelines - 2

### EDITING TECHNIQUES THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED:

- Removing, adding to, moving or changing any part of an image, except for cropping and straightening.
- Adding a vignette
- Blurring parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene
- Darkening parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene.
- All conversions other than to complete greyscale monochrome
- Conversion of parts of an image to monochrome, or partial toning, desaturation or over-saturation of colour.

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## Editing guidelines - examples



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# A word about Universal Activities

Universal cultures are cultures that are found all over the world and are not specific to a country or location.

Universal cultures are **NOT** suitable subjects for Photo Travel **UNLESS** they include the first part of the PT definition – that they include characteristic features that would help to identify a land.

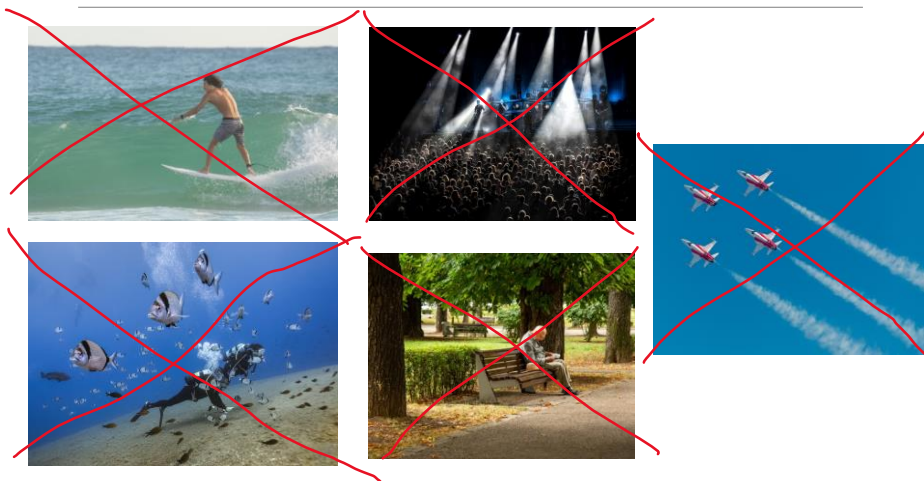
Some examples of a universal cultures might include:

- Sporting events such as football, tennis, soccer, basketball, athletics, cycling.
- Protests
- Street performers
- Beggar in the street
- Person walking/ running/ hiking
- White water rafting/ amusement park rides/ sun baking/ swimming/ surfing/ kite surfing
- Water skiing /wakeboarding/ fishing/ kayaking/ canoeing
- Skate boarding/ roller blading/ roller skating/ ice skating /skiing /snowboarding
- Dirt bike racing/ car racing/ motor bike racing
- Concerts
- Camping

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# A word about Universal Activities

Some examples of a universal culture



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