Photo Walk

OVERVIEW

Love taking photos of your food or capturing the sunset from a rooftop? Gather fellow shutterbugs for a photo walk. Plan a route, create a My Map, and snap photos of your city's wonders as you go.

EXAMPLES

Photo walks combine two things that Local Guides love: exploring their neighborhood and taking great photos. There are several ways of doing this and here are some thought starters:

Local views: Show off what your city has to offer the world. Find a quintessential skyline, a breathtaking panorama, or a spectacular sunset and capture the moment with your camera or phone.

Interior views: Many people photograph the exterior of the Taj Mahal but far fewer people have seen the inside. Whether it's intricate detailing, lofty ceilings, or famous artwork, this is your chance to share interior shots of local gems with the world.

Be creative: Find a new way (using filters, interesting angles, etc.) to photograph popular places. We've all seen photos of Times Square or the London Eye — share your unique perspective through a different lens!

TOP 5 TIPS

Photography 101: The idea of going out only to take photos can be daunting for less experienced photographers, so starting each photo walk with a mini introduction on how to take photos is a great idea.

Mobile world: It's important to bear in mind that not everyone has a DSLR camera so when planning and communicating about your photo walk, remind people that it's OK to use their smartphones.

360 your neighborhood: If you want to organize something a little bit different, you can plan a 360 photo walk. You don't need a 360 camera to take some impressive panorama photos of your neighborhood, you can simply use the Photo Sphere or Panoramic feature on your smartphone camera.

Sunlight: Sunlight (or lack thereof!) will affect your photos, so keep this in mind when choosing what time of day you'd like to host the photo walk. You can look up what time the sun rises/sets as well as which direction the sun will be coming from. Why not head out during 'magic hour'?

Weather: Keep an eye on the weather forecast in case you need to rearrange your photo walk to accommodate unfortunate showers. Or take it as an opportunity to experiment with taking photos when the weather is less than ideal!

