

CULTURE IN PHOTO TRAVEL EXPLAINED.

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The Photo Travel Definition states: **A Photo Travel image expresses the characteristic features or culture of a land as they are found naturally.**

A culture is a way of life. It is something that is handed down generation to generation. A culture is shared by a group of people, defined by their beliefs, celebrations, traditions, pastimes, rituals, dress, cuisine, behaviours and even an architectural style.

The culture presented in a Photo Travel image showcases how different people are in our world. The culture illustrated in the image should identify a people of a region or of a community and should be connected to a land. In a Photo Travel image, the culture portrayed should not be a culture that is found around the globe. **The culture should not be universal.**

Example of a universal Culture: People fish on piers, beside lakes, in streams, rivers, oceans and at beaches. Images of people fishing with a normal fishing rod does not depict a culture that is specific to a land. Such images, unless there were characteristic features also provided, would not be suitable for Photo Travel.



Further examples of cultures that would be considered universal i.e. practiced in many lands by many nationalities and therefore not suitable for Photo Travel:

- Protestors (unless there is something about the person or people that tells you what land or region they are from)
- Street performer (unless there is something about their performance that tells you what land or region they are from)
- Beggar in the street (unless there is something about that person that tells you what land or region they are from)
- Person walking/ running/ hiking (unless there is something about the person that tells you what land or region they are from)
- Football/ tennis/ soccer/ hockey/ basketball/ volleyball
- Triathlons/ athletics/ cycling.
- White water rafting/ amusement park rides
- Sun baking/ swimming/ surfing/ kite surfing/ water skiing / wakeboarding.
- Kayaking/ canoeing
- Camping
- Skate boarding/ roller blading/ roller skating/ ice skating /skiing /snowboarding
- Dirt bike racing/ car racing/ motor bike racing
- Concerts

In all the above examples it is assumed that there **are no characteristic features provided.**