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Step 2 - Travel Photography


Recommended Specification

Holiday snaps require a robust generalist camera with a good zoom lens that works well both in the day and at night as well as indoors and outside.

Due to the nature of travel, cameras will receive bumps and knocks so it is important that the camera body is made from a robust material (such as metal) and is protected by a good camera case.

Advanced compact cameras make ideal travel companions because their build quality tends to be very good, they are small in size and are relatively light in weight. They also feature a good range of automatic and manual exposure settings that will prove very useful across many different photographic situations. Advanced digital cameras will give you more control over the way you may wish to take a picture and they will also deliver better image quality. However, they can significantly weigh more than advanced compacts.

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Megapixels	5 Megapixels or more
Memory	At least 512MB (up to 100 photos @ 5 MP)
Zoom Range	At least 5x zoom, ideally larger
Exposure Modes	Auto exposure plus optional scene modes
Shutter Speeds	4 seconds to 1/2000 of a second
Sensitivity Range	Auto / manual control (80 to 1600 ISO)
Image Stabiliser	Yes
Flash Modes	Auto, flash on, flash off, red eye reduction
Batteries	AA (Ni-MH rechargeables)
Weight	Less than 300g

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