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Introduction

Okay, raise your hand if you *haven't* taken a camera with you on a trip somewhere . . . Just as I thought — only one person in the back row.

Traveling and photography go together as well as peanut butter and jam, or blankets and naptime. However, although nearly everyone takes a camera with them on their travels, using the camera correctly, taking advantage of all its capabilities, and shooting photos people actually want to look at make things a little more challenging!

Whether you have one of the new snazzy, feature-rich point-and-shoot cameras, a simple camera option on your smartphone, or a dSLR with interchangeable lenses, knowing how to use it to its best advantage no matter where you are in the world will make photography more fun and the results awesome. Even your Uncle Bernie won't fall asleep during your slideshow when you get home.

This book covers the basics of exposure, composition, and camera operation, and then provides an overview of many different types of places and subjects you're likely to encounter on travels anywhere from the next city over to the jungles of Borneo. I include some handy tips and tricks for various situations that are easy and quick to learn and remember, and a fast reference before you head out to your adventure.

You then discover how you can get your photos safely home and share them with your friends and family, using common storage options as well as the Internet. Rest assured, after reading this book, you'll know your options for creating lasting visual memories of your travels with your camera.

What You Can Do In A Day

As part of the *In A Day For Dummies* series, I designed this book to contain about a day's reading (or a couple days if you're taking your time). I focus on basic photography principles along with a variety of travel photography situations and scenarios, along with lots of example photos. With a little practice, you can significantly improve your travel photos, to the joy and relief of your family and friends!

Foolish Assumptions

I don't know what assumptions you've made about me at this point, but I can tell you a few things that I already assume about you:

- ✓ You know what a computer is. You can turn it on, and you understand that if you spill coffee on your keyboard, you'll have to run out and get a replacement.
- ✓ You have, or are about to get a digital camera on your smartphone, a point-and-shoot, or a dSLR.
- ✓ You have a familiarity with the web and are reasonably comfortable using basic services such as the Internet, web browsers, and simple online applications.

Icons Used in This Book

Icons emphasize a point to remember, a danger to be aware of, or information that I think you may find helpful. Those points are illustrated as such:



Tips are little bits of information that you may find useful.



I use this icon to point out dangerous situations.



All geeky stuff goes here. I don't use this icon very often, but when I do, you know you're about to encounter technical mumbo-jumbo.



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Chapter 1

Gearing Up for Your Travels

In This Chapter

- ▶ Choosing a camera for travel
 - ▶ Gathering your accessories
 - ▶ Finding out what to expect on your journey
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Finding the right camera to be your travel companion is the first step to taking great photos to share with your family and friends. But there are many other things to consider, such as selecting handy accessories, knowing how to keep your gear safe, and familiarizing yourself with what to expect when you're abroad.

This chapter covers smartphone, point-and-shoot, and dSLR cameras as well as the accoutrements they demand to make a great trip even more memorable.

Selecting the Right Camera for Travel

You have many great options to find the right digital camera equipment to take on the road. Today even some of the smallest cameras can capture remarkably good photos in a large-enough resolution to print and adorn your living room. And, although there are definite advantages and quality differences among all the myriad models from which to choose, first consider what