

Hints & Tips for sunset

- They can make fabulous photos, but can be underwhelming
- If you know the tricks, that helps!
 - Arrive early, only a short window when balance of light between sky & ground are perfectly balanced
 - You will only see sun sink below the horizon in flat areas or coastline
 - Inland, likely for sun to disappear behind a hill long before it reaches the horizon
 - Choose best quality camera setting with low ISO setting (slide 2)

Tricks cont.

- **Protect your sight** (slide 3)
 - Don't look directly at the sun
 - Don't leave lens uncapped & pointed at sun, as shutter could get damaged
 - Hold hand above lens whilst sun is high, to reduce flare
- **Turn round.** Behind you the sky & landscape opposite the sunset will be bathed in beautiful light for romantic landscapes. (slide 4)
- **Choose whether to zoom or not** (slide 5)
 - Colours typically span from warm yellows to deep blues
 - Typically use a wide angle lens
 - But zoomed in view may be more dramatic
- **Wait for the right light** (slide 6)
 - Usually when sun is as low as possible
 - Most people use landscape format, try others
- **Exposure**
 - Try camera's recommended exposure first
 - Use exposure compensation over 1 or 2 stops (slide 7)

Composition

- Find right location with unobstructed view of sky & horizon, e.g.
 - Beaches, coasts, lakes & rivers, mountains
- Have good foreground interest with distinctive shapes
- Find out in advance when sunset takes place
 - National and Local newspapers
- Beach sunsets
 - Foreground interest
 - Someone standing at water's edge, using rule of thirds for horizon, water and person
 - Boat sailing by (slide 8)
 - Rocks
 - Palm trees as arch frame (slide 9)
 - Beach huts
 - Strong cloud formation (slide 10)

Composition cont.

- Mountain sunsets
 - Person placed in foreground for balance
- Inland
 - Use a tree as a focal point (slide 11) For this slide longest lens available was used
- What sells photos (slide 12 & 13)
 - Dramatic scene
 - Stunning light
 - Powerful wide-angle composition
 - Strong sense of place