

# INSPIRATION

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## What is it?

- Arousal of the mind to special unusual activity or creativity
- Arousing to a particular emotion or action
- Divine guidance (theology)
- A sudden intuition as part of solving a problem

## Why Inspiration?

- To improve one's photography
- To create a piece of art
- To re-charge creative batteries

## How do you get Inspired?

- Open your senses; visual
- Open your mind
- Be receptive to ideas and suggestions

## Where do you find Inspiration?

- Easy - traveling, exotic places
- Harder - close to home, or is it?

## More ideas for Inspiration

- Join Camera Club
- Join local Flickr group
- Get a new toy: lens, filter
- Try a different specialty
- Play with colour, no colour
- Play with textures
- Play with settings
- Just play, be silly
- Discover your old images



## Even more ideas for Inspiration

- Check photo magazines
- Step back and watch
- Change your angle
- Change your time
- Visit an exhibition, museum
- Walk the streets
- Visit a zoo



- Take an object
- Play with Photoshop

#### Where else for Inspiration?

#### – Internet

- Google images  
<http://images.google.com/>
- Flickr  
<http://www.flickr.com/>
- Facebook  
<http://www.facebook.com/>
- Individual websites  
<http://photo.net/>  
<http://fotojuraj.com/>  
<http://www.difrusciaphotography.com/>  
<http://www.billatkinson.com/CatalogIndex.html/>  
<http://barbarabenderphotoart.com/>  
<http://beautiful-landscape.com/>
- Stock images  
<http://www.shutterstock.com/>
- On-line tutorials  
<http://www.nyip.com/>  
<http://www.cambridgeincolour.com/>
- Forums, blogs  
<http://www.davidziser.com/index.asp>  
<http://www.digitalprotalk.blogspot.com>
- Manufacturers



#### One last thought

- Create an Inspirational Image scrap-folder
- When you are low on ideas, just go there and get inspired