

What Do I Do Now?

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Oh my. What interesting times we live in. Corona virus concerns are shutting down events, trips, and other travel experiences. Cruise lines have cancelled all journeys until things are less dangerous to the public. So where does that leave us casual photographers for whom time behind our cameras is where we find peace and joy? At home. And that's okay. I don't have to put away my camera just because I'm not out seeing strange and exotic places. What am I planning to do? One of the things I can still do is get in my car and look out my vehicle's window just as I do a bus or taxi. I don't have to visit crowds or anyone else at all. But it will get me out of my house and out into a world I may not have looked at before in my usual hurry scurry to get to my destination. I will look at the world within driving or walking distances of my home as I would as a tourist.



It will be a while before we get to see the world from the deck of a river boat: Viking Buri France 2020.

I have a hunch I'm about to discover that there are really cool houses that I'd photograph if I saw them in another country. I have a hunch we have statues and gardens and fascinating bridges. I know we have wonderful county courthouses and interesting cemeteries. I'm going to photograph these and so many other things. When the day comes (which I admit at the moment feels like it may be never), I'll return to visiting other places. Meanwhile, come along for this ride.

Here's my first few.

This one was so much fun. I can just imagine that cow is not impressed as the lineup of cow birds or Cattle Egrets marched past her. Did I even know what these birds were called when I shot the pic? Nope. But I did just what I'd do if I had taken these in another country. I searched for a matching picture and then read about them. Too interesting. These egrets prefer pastures to water. Who knew!

This next one is a classic example of something I'd find interesting someplace else. Of course, in another country I might find it pretty amazing that the city was claiming to have buffaloes, but hopefully



Cattle egret marching through the pasture oblivious to the cows.

I'd learn that this is just a mascot name. Don't you wonder if visitors from elsewhere might be just as misled?

I just loved the clean lines of this church. It was so pristine sitting out in the middle of nowhere. I'd have shot it from a bus window for sure. If I had been in Europe and seen this, I'd have been delighted to see something distinctly different from the ornate churches of old.

Oh so pretty. The garden and the metal roof and what appears to be clapboard siding appeal to me as much in my own neighborhood as it would have elsewhere. There's just such a sense of rightness that this photograph conveys to me. The vibrant poppies just add to the image.

And the final one of the day is a true LOL. How many times have I gone looking in an antique shop never intending to buy a thing but just using it as a sort of museum of things from the past. Guess I've been told!

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Wonder how many buffaloes one can find in Giddings?



A country house that makes me want to go knock on the door to say "your poppies are beautiful."

Not your classic European church for sure.



This ain't no museum. This junk is for sale.