

Shoot! It's Raining.

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Rain and rainy windows are the bane of every tourist whether you are taking pictures or just getting wet. What to do? You only have today. Go ahead and break every “rule” you’ve read. Shoot through those rain smeared windows. You won’t get that pristine shot that shows up when you google a location, but you will get a memory. And every once in a while, you will get a nice shot that transports you back to the moment. If you are out and about, record those dreary scenes. After all, that is what you saw.

Looking at this rainy day photo, it actually has some interesting features. The very “wetness” of the image gives one a real sense of the day. I almost feel the damp chill in the air. Those rain smudges become part of the scenery. They are the first thing I see until my eye is drawn to the stone wall and then on to the beautiful landscape beyond. My goal each day is to get ONE good photo. This one might be it.

HERE'S A TIP And speaking of rain, you do want to protect your camera. One of the easiest and cheapest solutions is a clear plastic bag such as a ziplock. Even a gallon size will fold up into a tiny space until you need it but be there when the clouds open up. I’ve been known to store tissues or batteries in the bag till I need it. You can shoot through the plastic or cut a slit to let your lens peer out. I never travel without at least one.



Less than ideal weather for that perfect shot.

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