

TRAVEL ↗ SNAP CARDS

DISASTER TOURISM



Disaster tourism has seen a huge influx of activity in the last few years. It can attract anyone from history buffs to the oddly curious. This includes more renowned sites such as Mount Vesuvius in Italy all the way to Normandy in France. However, it may also include more obscure sites such as the Hindenburg Disaster in New Jersey or The Killing Fields of Phnom Penh.

PRINT SIZE: A5
14cm x 21cm /
5.83" x 8.27"

DON'T FORGET COMPOSITION

While photographing national memorials, it can be easy to get emotional. Don't forget your photography composition skills. This photographer used foreground and layering to create visual interest.



USING MODELS

While shooting for disaster tourism it's vital to obtain model releases. When possible- ask permission first. If the moment doesn't permit that, you can shoot first and then ask permission. Follow the subject's wish at all times.



REMEMBER

- As a travel photographer, it's important to record disaster travel destinations in a manner that encourages tourism. After all, that's our job.

The key is to choose your shots carefully to encourage awareness without exploitation.

- **HIRE A LOCAL GUIDE:** Some disaster travel locations may have element of danger such as near the Chernobyl site in Russia. In a case such as this, you may want to hire a local guide. Some well-known areas such as Normandy in France will provide guided tours. Take a guided tour, and then perhaps visit again later on your own.
- **TAKE NOTES:** Good note taking skills are important for all forms of travel photography. However, they are especially useful for disaster tourism. If you can provide excellent, copious, and accurate notes to a photo buyer. You may find yourself getting hired as a photojournalist providing pictures and an article.
- Stay unobtrusive and follow the rules. Research the potential health risks before going.
- Try to include some good with the bad. Get complete coverage.



PRO TIP!

Many of the popular disaster areas still haven't fully recovered. Be careful with your safety and your gear. If you set your camera bag down onto the ground- place your foot through the strap. This can prevent a snatch and grab theft. Watch your surroundings. Travel as light as possible.