

Sunsets

Things to consider when shooting sunsets...

- Remove your lens filters unless you specifically need a graduated neutral density filter.
- Clean your lens with a high quality lens cloth, such as Zeiss Wipes, or you will get nasty and spotting.
- Use a tripod and start planning your shot at least 30 minutes early.
- Use a small aperture, say f11.
- Expose for the brightest sky immediately surrounding the sun. The sun is king in sunset pics.
- Use a wide angle lens at f22 with the sun partially blocked to create a star effect.
- Give your subject the most room in the scene. If you are shooting the dramatic sky, fill the photo with mostly sky. If you are shooting a silhouette with your subject in the foreground, fill the photo with mostly foreground.
- Use fill flash for backlit, sunset portraits.
- Don't be afraid to shoot vertically.
- Bracket your exposures.
- Shoot constantly as the light will change every second.
- Keep shooting after the sun passes the horizon.
- Use live view instead of the viewfinder, it's easier on your eyes.
- Use aperture priority and auto ISO in rapidly changing lighting. You will need to use exposure compensation to fine tune the exposure first.

