Planning our Trips & Trip Tales Presentations By Jean & Dan Feighery

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Planning an Itinerary (1)

- Pre-Trip Planning
 - We like going with organized groups such as:
 - OLLI / GMU trip to Ireland
 - Specialized Photo e.g. Nat.Geo.

Great Performance Tours.



Boat Trip to Aran Islands



Train Trip in Scotland



Opera House in Spain

Preliminary Selections On-Line (1)

National Geographic provides
 Photo Expeditions (about 2 weeks in Country)
 Photo Workshops (4 Days in a Photogenic City)
 Active adventures (Activity Levels up to Strenuous)



In-country Travel & Photo locals Planned with group

Preliminary Selections On-Line (2)

- Specialized Photo Tours
 - Numerous options available

- e.g., We went to Venice with Van Riper



Unseen Serenissima: The Venice in Winter Photo Workshops

Follow in Frank Van Riper's and Judith Goodman's footsteps, visiting some of the same places they photographed for their bestselling book, Serenissima: Venice in Winter-well off the beaten path and wonderful to shoot. Every January they take a small group of photographers to Venice on a week-long photo workshop to experience the Floating City when (most) of the tourists have gone and when Venice becomes, if only briefly, a living, breathing—and astoundingly beautiful—city.

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Preliminary Selections On-Line (3)

Great Performance Tours
 Oriented to Musical Performances

The Cartagena Festival Miami & South Beach

Dallas & Houston Vienna Ring Cycle

New York March & April Opera Highlights Washington: The Kennedy Center The Sarasota Opera Salzburg Easter Festival & Vienna



Opera in the evenings Independent sighting in day time



New York
October 2 - 5 & December 4 - 7



Northern Italy October 13 - 23

Review Catalog Details

Map out the schedule to see where local sightseeing will fit in

Thurs am available Thurs Sep 18: pm Buffet Thurs Sep 18: pm Theater

Fri Sep 19 am. Museum Fri Sep 19 7:30pm Opera

Saturday am available Sat Dec 20 pm Symphony

Early Sunday Available – find church for Sunday am Sun Sep 21 2pm Opera Sun 21 Sep Dinner













Monday am scheduled hotel departure

Decide on sightseeing extension, arrange extended hotel stay (or new reservation)

Check Eyewitness book

- Study Several tour books & decide what is "must see" & when to go there
 - Does tour company arrange hotel or do you?
 - How will you get from airport / train station to hotel?
 - In what part of the city is the hotel

Where are the sights you want?

– How->Walk? Bus? Taxi?

- Consider a Tour Bus ride.
 - Provides a city overview
- What time does venue open
- Build preliminary shot list.





Check On- Line resources

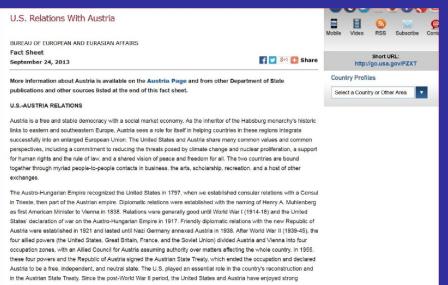
- Example: Photo secrets guide
 - www.photosecrets.com

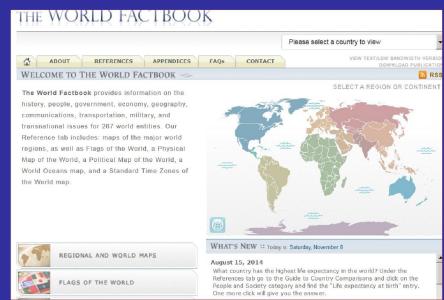
London **Paris New York** Rome **Amsterdam** San Francisco O'AHU Instabul Dubai



Understand Destination Country

- Learn about the country you will visit.
- See Dept. of State Travel section
 - www. State.gov/travel
- See CIA World Fact Book for that country
 - https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/theworld-factbook/





Need Passport if going out of U.S.

- See Web site
 - http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/ english/passports/new.html



Check passport currency

U.S. Passport good for 10 years but

Individual Countries have limits on how long passport must be good for

For example: If visiting Austria your U.S. passport must be good for 6 month after the last day of stay in Austria

- Smart Traveler Enrollment Program
 - Receive Information from Embassy about safety conditions
 - Helps U./S. Embassy contact you in emergency
 - Help family / friends get in touch with you
 - https://step.state.gov/step/

Passport photo

Your passport photo must be:

- In color
- on matte or glossy photo quality paper
- 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm) in size
- head between 1 inch & 1 3/8 inches from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head.
- Taken within the last 6 months (current appearance)
- Taken in front of a plain white or off-white background
- Taken in full-face view directly facing the camera
- With a neutral facial expression and both eyes open
- Hand-held self portraits are not acceptable.
- Photos must not be digitally enhanced or altered to change your appearance in any way.
 - Dimensions must be in a square aspect ratio (height to width).
 - Minimum acceptable dimensions are 600 x 600 pixels.
 - Maximum acceptable dimensions are 1200 x 1200 pixel
- Recommend you use a professional passport photo service Example: PhotoCraft on Burke Centre Parkway

Passport Renewal

- Renew by Mail if all of the following are true
- -Your Most Recent U.S. Passport:
 - Is undamaged and can be submitted with your application;
 - Was issued when you were age 16 or older;
 - Was issued within the last 15 years; and
 - Was issued in your current name or you can legally document your name change with original or certified copy of your marriage certificate or the government-issued document evidencing your legal name change.
- If any of the above statements do not apply to you, you must <u>Apply in Person</u>.
- See Dept. of State Travelers checklist
 - http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/g o/checklist.html

Plan for "Must Have" Shots









Photo Stuff to take

- I like to take a pocket size (point & shoot) camera as well as a 35m DSLR, Lens, a Flash and a travel tripod that will fit in checked luggage
- Hand-carry camera bag on the aircraft
 - I use camera bag with space for laptop
 - Check size & weight limits
 - Limit 1 bag & 1 personal item
 - Take Camera gear & completed form to Dulles Airport
 - Get form (4457) signed at Dulles
 - Do <u>before</u> travel day



Home to Airport

- For international Travel: Find Direct Flights
 - Less chance for delayed baggage
 - (Pack some clothes in spouse's bag use zip lock bags)
 - Check airline weight limits (Hand carry camera bag)
 - If from JFK we like AMTRAK from Roberts Rd
 - (One way ticket to/from NY (in case return flight delayed)
 - Get ticket to NY On-Line Prior to Travel day.
 - Then flat fee taxi from PENN Station to JFK airport







Expediting U.S Security Lines

TSA Pre ✓ TM

TSA Preê allows low-risk travelers to experience expedited, more efficient security screening at participating U.S. airport checkpoints.

What does TSA Preê mean for travelers?

TSA Preê Experience:

- Quicker transit through airport security screening
- Faster moving lines
- Improved travel experience

No Removal of:

- Belt
- Shoes
- Light outerwear/jacket
- 3-1-1 compliant bag and laptop from carry-on

How does TSA Preê work?

TSA Preê includes certain frequent flyers of participating airlines, members of the <u>TSA</u>

<u>Preê application program</u> or participants of a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

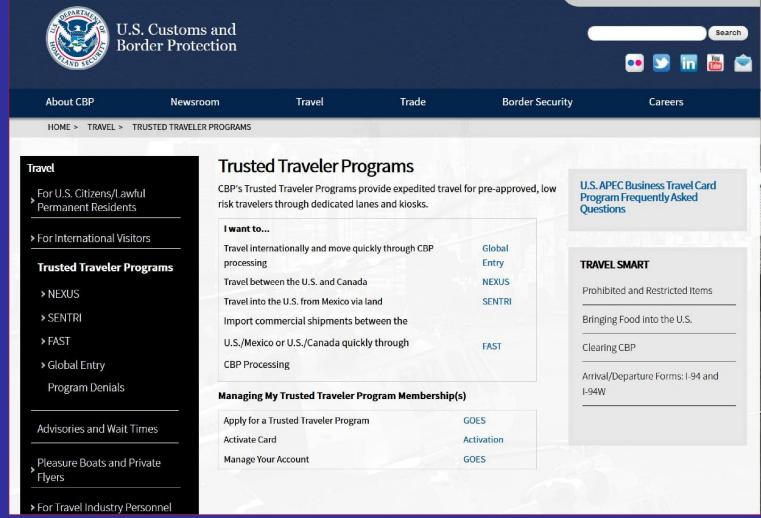
<u>Trusted Traveler program</u> (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI).

TSA will always incorporate random and unpredictable security measures throughout the airport and no individual will be guaranteed TSA $Pre\sqrt{M}$ screening.

See: http://www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck/what-tsa-precheck

Expediting U.S Customs Lines

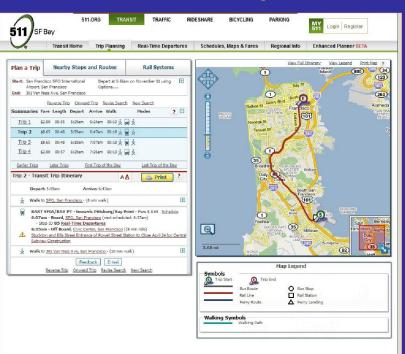
Trusted traveler program



See:http://www.cbp.gov/travel/trusted-traveler-programs

Airport to Hotel

- Public Transportation, Taxi, etc.?
- Options range from subway to water taxi
 - Check Internet for costs / schedules / etc.
 - Look for group rates for ground transportation





Manhatten

- We go to Manhattan annually
 - We stay at the same hotel
 - Take the Amtrak train up & subway almost everywhere
 - Get the senior subway / bus pass (at 3 Stone street, Manhattan)
 - Personalized with your photo / ½ off fares, renew by mail
 - Download application form at:http://web.mta.info/nyct/fare/pdf/seniors.pdf







Pre-departure Checklist (1)

- Make 2 copies of your travel documents
 - Leave one copy with a friend at home.
 - Also email copy to yourself
- Let at least one person at home know your complete itinerary, flight schedule, and phone numbers of where you will be staying and when in an emergency
- Contact your cell phone carrier to arrange overseas coverage
 - We got a loaner for our last trip
- Put your first destination (hotel) address, as well as home address inside and outside ALL bags.
 - Best to have covered tags to hide address

Pre-departure Checklist (2)

Documents to make copies of:

Airline tickets – both sides
Itinerary
Hotel confirmation

Credit cards brought on the trip Phone # for credit card reporting Travelers Check serial numbers

Prescribed Meds, Generic name/dosage

- Confirm how to contact the person(s) are traveling with you in case you separated.
- We try for business class if we can



Overseas Financial Checklist





- Contact your bank to assure there is no foreign security lock on your ATM transactions
- Ask bank what the transaction fee will be if you use a foreign ATM
- Ask bank if there will also be service fee for converting the cost of your purchase – or for withdrawing Euro from \$ account.
- Authorize overseas use of Credit Cards for the specific dates of your trip
- Check Homeowner's insurance policy for luggage, camera coverage.

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Final Prep for trip

- In Daily Pack (waist pack/satchel bag or whatever):
- For Europe: Coin purse for euros
 - In a zippered pocket: wallet with essential credit cards, ATM card, cash,
 I.D. and photocopy of passport
 - leave library cards & store charge cards behind
- Final itinerary with important contact telephone numbers, addresses and meeting times
- Sunglasses, Small Sunscreen, Hat / baseball cap,
- Small packs of Kleenex, small bottle of hand sanitizer
- Make an Inventory list of what you are taking
- Verify you got the camera / lens rider on regular insurance policy

Your Camera Stuff

- <u>DON'T</u> take a new camera that you do not know how to use.
 - Know how to use your equipment before you take it.
 (but still take the user guide with you)
- Do be sure you have battery charger
 - And power converter for destination area
 - Check rules for lithium batteries on airlines.
 - http://phmsa.dot.gov/safetravel/batteries
- Carry-on camera & flash put tripod in Luggage
 Be sure to check / luggage & carry on rules
- Check memory card with at least one exposure

When You Get There

- Be friendly with customs inspectors, etc.
- Know where you hotel is!
 - Verify your planned transportation to hotel
- Get a business card with hotel address & phone
 - Put in in your pocket
- Ask hotel for a local area map
- Check the local weather forecasts
 - Helps plan when you go where.
- Have a small notebook to jot down first impressions
 - Where did you eyes go? What impressed you the most?
- Try to record <u>your</u> sense of the place in photos
 - Don't just duplicate the shots you saw in books

Out & About

- Try to record your sense of the place in photos
 - Don't just duplicate the shots you saw in books
 - Shoot traveling companion in local environment
 - Be friendly put some coins in the hat, etc.
 - Jot down impressions in your notebook.





Prepare you Trip Tale (1)

- Make a copy of all the shots you took
 - Then save original chips away from the computer.
- Make 1st cut through shots
 - You can use light room etc. to rate (1-5 star, etc.)
 - Or use preview window & tag the best shots.
- Save what you might need for your show
 - Delete the rest (BUT NOT the ORIGINALS)
 - Compare shots with on-site notes
 - Sequence the show.
 - Do enough research for an engaging presentation.





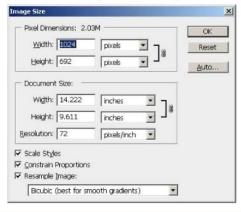
Prepare Files for Trip Tale (2)

- Notice the Large size of your image files
 - A hundred or so files that size will choke this laptop
 - Reduce width to 1024 pixels wide or 768 Pixels high

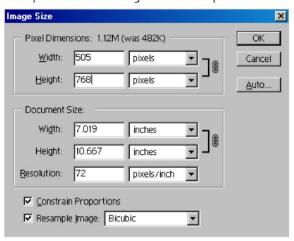
How to Resize and Save Your Image to Within 1024 x 768 Dimensions (XGA)

Follow these steps to prepare the image for entry in a Portland Camera Club projected image competition.

- In your image editing program (e.g., Photoshop, Elements, PSP), click Image -> Image Size.
- Make sure the "Constrain Proportions" and "Resample Image" checkboxes are checked
- 3. Note the two fields under the heading Pixel Dimensions: "Width" and "Height." If your image has a landscape (horizontal) orientation, enter 1024 in the "Width" field. In the following example, the width is 1024 pixels and the height is 692 pixels. This is an example of a correct image size for competition.



4. If your image has a portrait (vertical) orientation, enter 768 in the "Height" field. In the following example, the width is 505 px and the height is 768 px. This is an example of a correct image size for competition.



The two examples shown above are correct because they are within the XGA dimensions. In other words, the images are within the maximum width of 1024 pixels, and the maximum height of 768 pixels.

<u>Important</u>: do not simply click **Save** at this point because you will overwrite your image file. Instead, use the **Save As** command as described in the next step.

5. Click File -> Save As.

Prepare you Trip Tale (3)

Develop narrative for each slide



On a cold, rainy, windy afternoon we visited the Berengo glass studio which was established in 1989 by Andriano Berengo. 'His goal was to renovate the tradition of Murano glass by crossbreeding it with the global culture of contemporary art'.



What a wonderful photo opportunity! We observed and photographed a collaboration between Dutch artist, Clemens Briels (with the colorful scarf) & glass maestro Silvano Signoretto & his assistants. Together they turned a 2 dimensional drawing into a 3 dimensional one-of-a-kind glass sculpture.

Prepare you Trip Tale (4)

Develop narrative for each slide



Pike Place Market is the oldest continually operating farmers market in the US. Founded in 1907, Seattle's public market offers fresh fish, produce, flowers, unique foods & handmade arts & crafts. It overlooks Elliott Bay. Watch the market fishmongers toss around salmon, visit the first Starbucks Coffee Shop & enjoy the talented street performers.

Rachel the Pig, a bronzed piggy bank that weighs more than 550 lbs, is the unofficial mascot. She helps collect money to fund the market's many social services.



Seattle - 'Flower Pot'

The "Urban Garden' by Ginny Ruffner is located at 7th Ave & Union St. The sculpture is the centerpiece of a large project called the 'Garden Walk' by the Sheraton Hotel group. The flower pot is 27 ft & weighs 5 tons. The 9 ft wide daisy spins continuously. And every 15 minutes, the red watering can tilts & waters the flower pot and the bluebells open & close

A window in the base of the pot offers viewers an opportunity to watch the inner mechanisms at work.

The movie theater in the background is the Regal Meridian 16.

Review and Refine

- Print out your script. (Jean makes individual cards)
- Sequence images and cards as needed
 - Suggest using preview in windows explorer
 - Rename the picture by putting a two or three digit number and underline character in front of each image name. Sort by name
 - Make final review / delete any that don't contribute

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Final Thoughts

- Dry run your presentation
 - OLLI sessions are 85 minutes
 - Plan to talk for about 50 minutes
 - Leave the other 25 for Introduction, OLLI communicator
 Plus time for discussion / Question and Answer time
 - You will probably need 90 to 100 slides
- Make a back-up copy of your presentation

Now we'll give an abbreviated Trip Tale on our Seattle Washington trip

Abbreviated Trip Tale



Seattle Skyline



Pike Place Market



Fish Toss



No Squeezie Pleazie



Starbucks



Umbrella Store



Street Art



Mt. St. Helens



The Space Needle



Monorail



EMP Museum



Adalinda



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Chihuly Glass Garden (canoe)



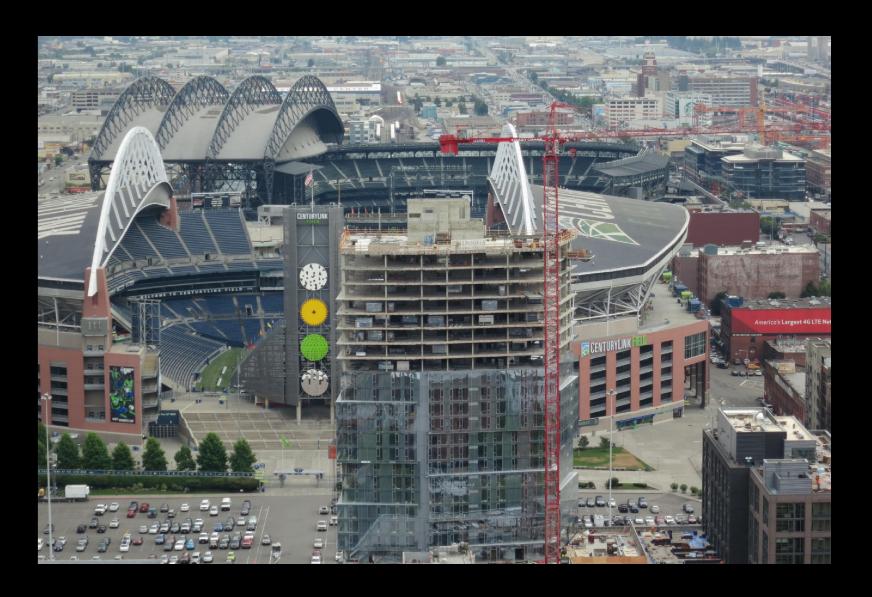
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Wishing Chair



Sports Complex



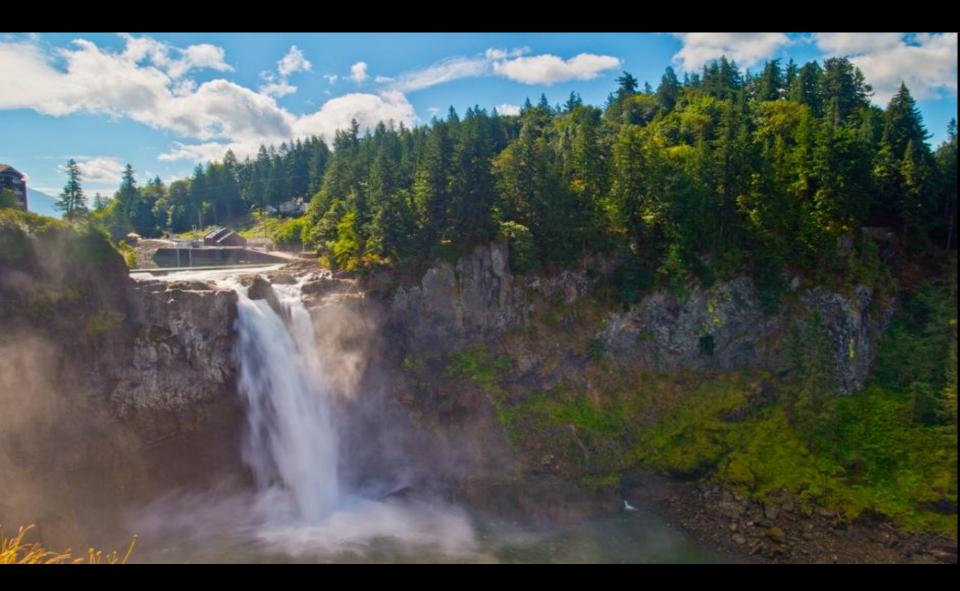
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Some of the gum



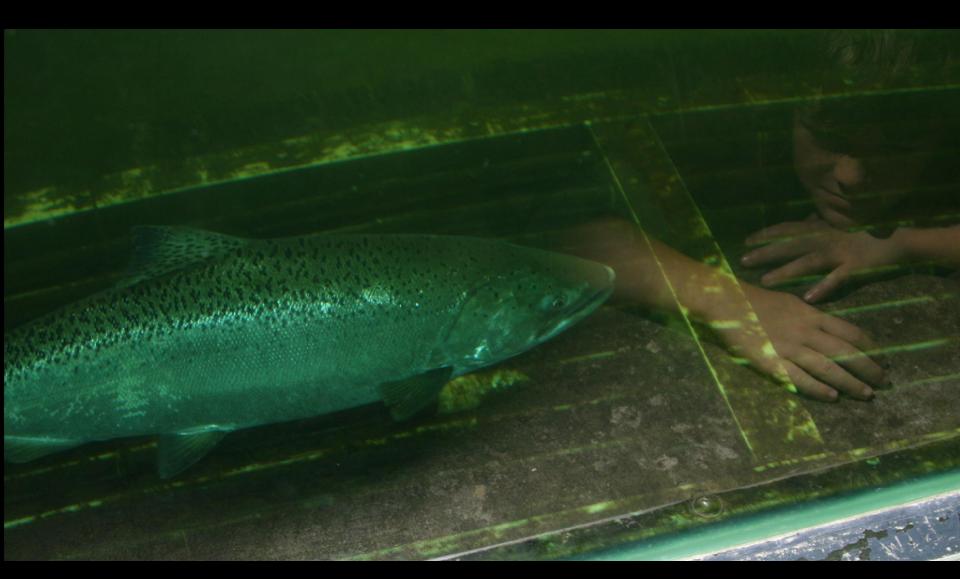
Freemont Troll



Snoqualmie Falls



Ballard Locks



Fish Ladder



Flower Pot



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Recognize This?



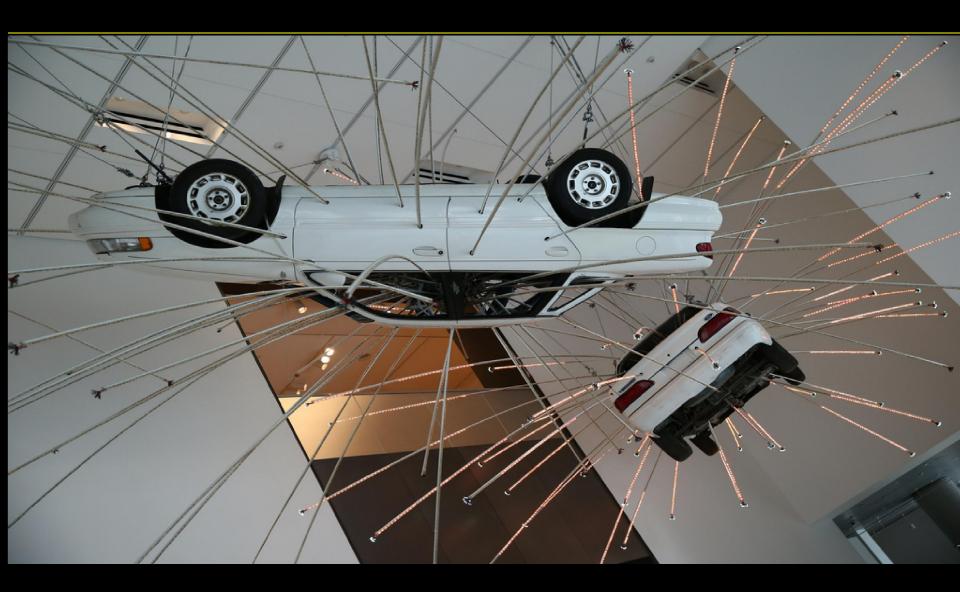
Underground Tour



The Fire



Hammering Man



Pulsating White Cars

The End

Discussion