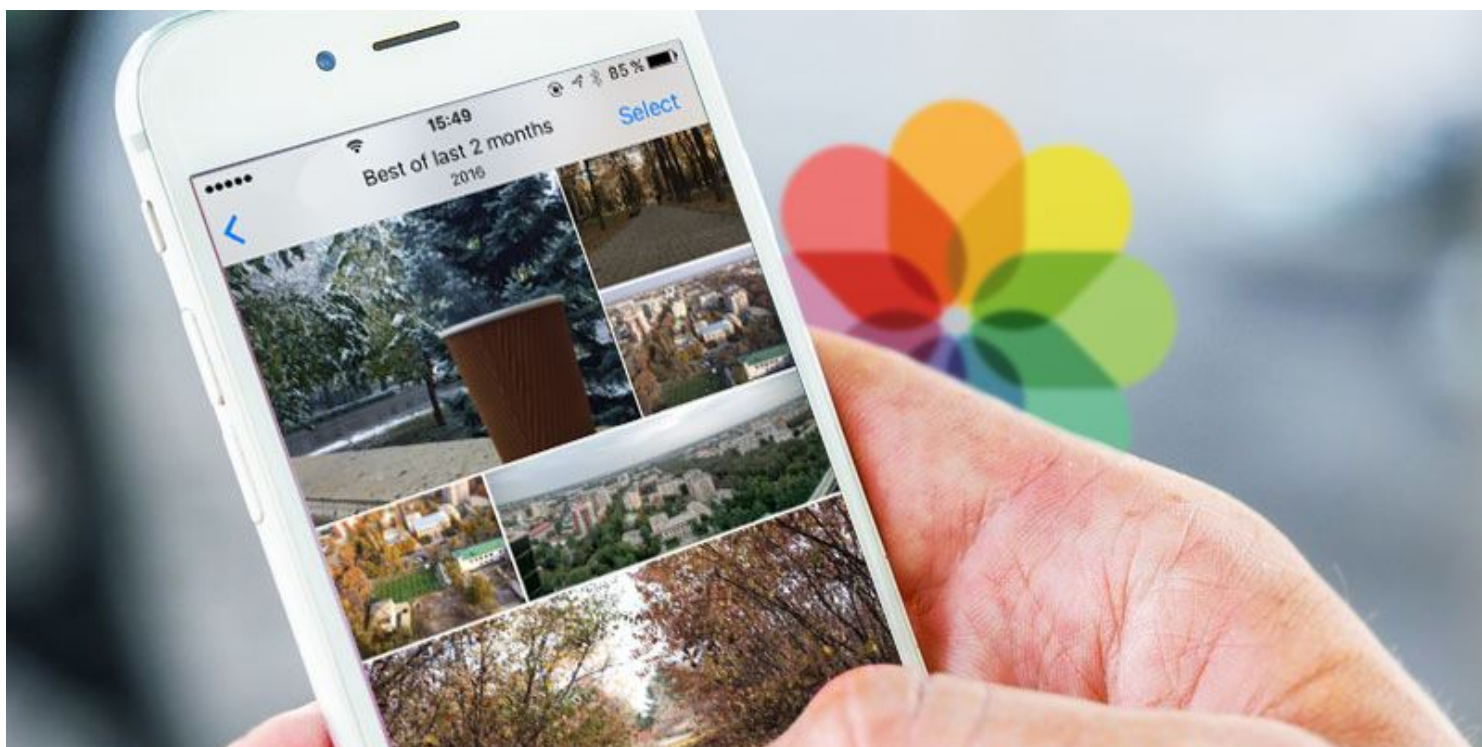


Master the iOS Photos App with These Hidden Gems



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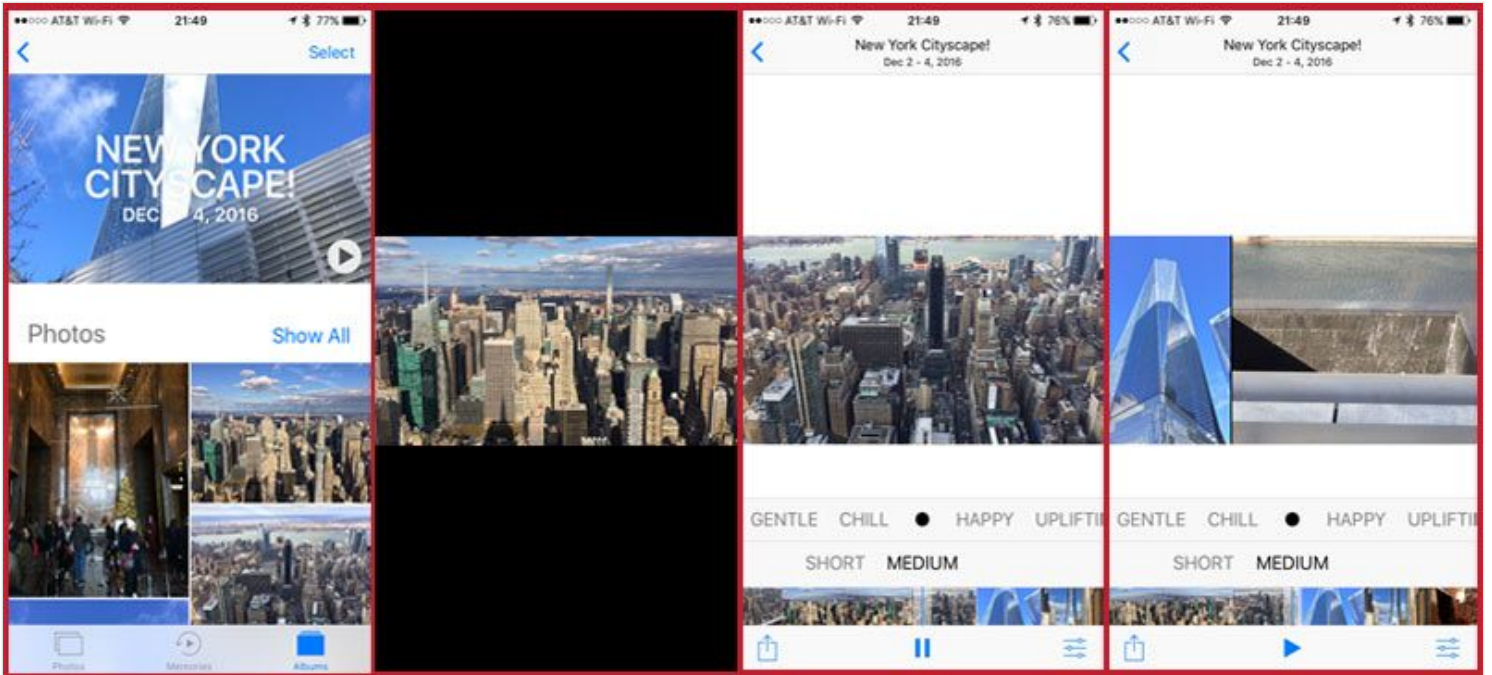
iOS 10's native Photos App sports some amazing hidden gems that the average [iPhone](#) user either never bothers with or rarely knows about.

However, with just a little digging and experimentation, you can learn how to showcase, edit, share, organize, hide, and make memories from your photos and videos all from the convenience of your iOS device – no computer or photo-editing programs required!

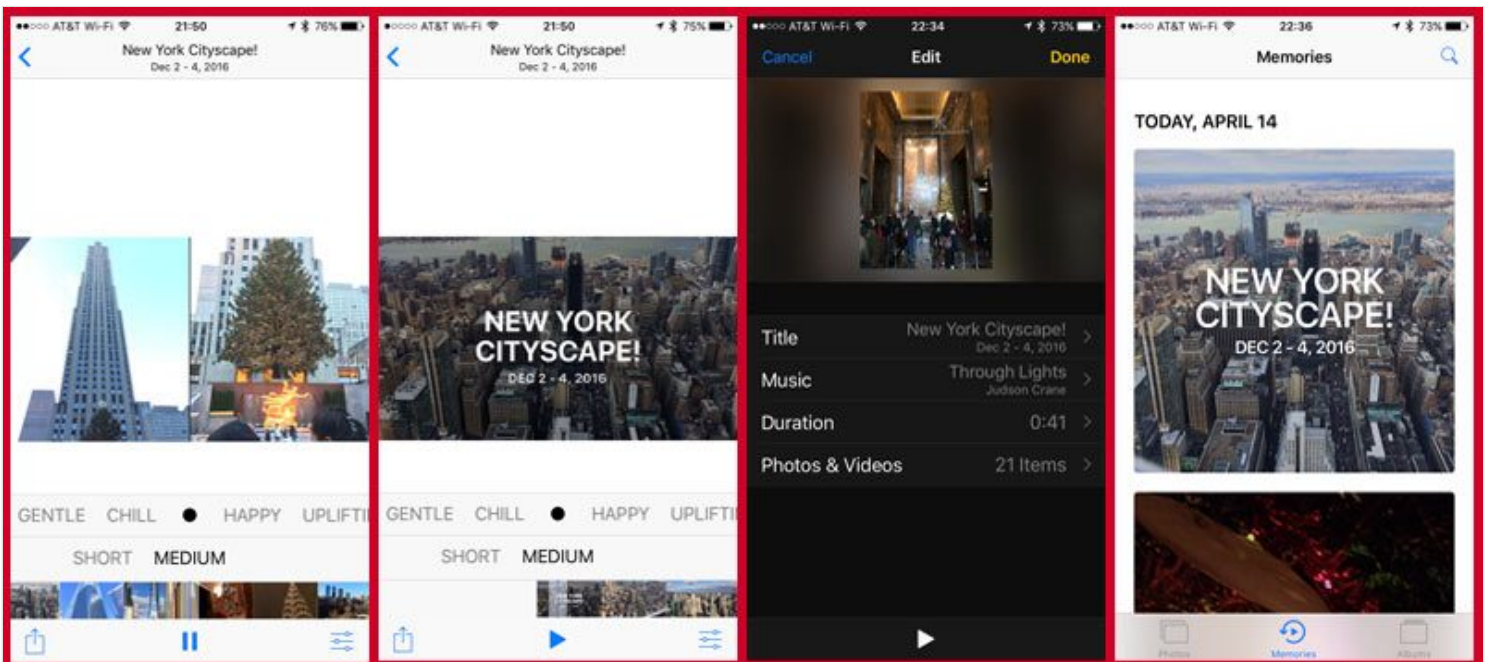
Photo Memories Slideshow on the Fly

Let's start with "Photo Memories." [iOS](#) essentially organizes your photos into collections that are sorted out by dates and locations called "Moments." If your kid had a gymnastics meet at your YMCA, and you neglected to shoot video because you were taking lots of pictures instead but want to wow your friends with a dynamically generated slideshow complete with a music soundtrack and artsy transitions, it couldn't be simpler.

All you have to do is find your event in Moments, tap the right arrow next to it, and you will be taken to a [new](#) screen that will generate your slideshow for you.



Once it's generated and played, you can do things like change the soundtrack to Dreamy, Sentimental, Gentle, Chill, Happy, Uplifting, Epic, Club, or Extreme. Also, you can save it to your "Memories" and edit it even further, including adding your own soundtrack from your [iTunes](https://www.apple.com/itunes/) library.



Once saved in Memories, you can share the slideshow just like any photo or video, but beware that the [.mov video](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motion_picture_file_formats#MOV) files will be pretty huge!

Edit Photos in iOS Like a Boss

Pick a photo and edit it like you were a Photoshop pro but without Photoshop!

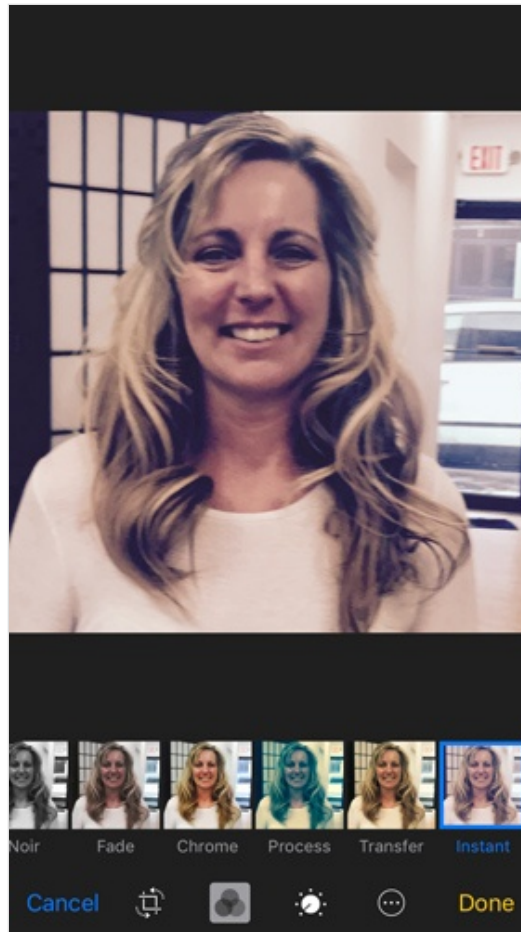
Tap the photo you'd like to edit. Once it's up on the screen, tap the little "sliders" icon at the bottom of the screen on an iPhone and the top of the screen on an [iPad](#).



Here you have a lot of options. At the top of an iPhone screen you have the Red-Eye Reduction [tool](#) (for each red eye). [Note](#) that it only appears when there's an actual "red eye." There's also an Auto-Enhance tool that automatically makes changes to your photos like color balancing. If you're on a newer phone there is also an option to turn the Live Photos option off. If you're on an iPad, these options are along the right side.



At the bottom of the screen on an iPhone are the Crop & Rotate, Filters, and Light/Color/B&W (with lots of sub-controls underneath each option) tools. The third-party app [tool](#) is either located at the top or the bottom, depending on your version of iOS. Again, these options are on the right side of an iPad.



Even though Markup isn't a third-party app, it's included in that tool and is really amazing! Here you can draw all over [parts](#) of an image with lines (in many color options), zoom on specific areas, super-impose text (e.g. create your own memes!), undo changes, and more!



And when you're done, simply save your changes by tapping the word "Done."

Share and Share Alike!

So now that you've made your fancy slideshows and edited your photos to make you look especially good on [Facebook](#), it's time to share your work.

The easy way to do it is to tap the action button at the bottom-left of your [iPhone](#) screen of whatever photo, video, or slideshow you'd like to share, or along the top-right of an iPad. You'll also have the option to select multiple photos, videos, and slideshows to share from your Camera Roll.

Here you'll get a bevy of options such as: Message, Mail, Add to Notes, Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, Save PDF to iBooks; and depending on what cloud-based storage apps and social networks you're running like Google Drive and Facebook, you'll get those options as well. Below these sharing options, you also get a bevy of in-phone actions you can perform with the images as well, including Copy, Slideshow (performs much like the Memories slideshow above but without saving), Hide, Assign to Contact, Use as Wallpaper (for both or either Home and Lock screens), Print, Duplicate, AirPlay, and Add to iCloud Drive.

Hiding your photos can be a useful option to "not share" them! Just select the photo you want to hide, tap the Action icon and select Hide. You'll get a confirmation request and once you confirm it, boom, your photo(s) or

video(s) are hidden.

Where are they?

Well, if you go all the way back to the Moments screen on your Photos app, and select Albums at the bottom right, you'll be taken to where all of your photo albums are. One of them will be the Hidden album. It's worth noting that this album is only created when you actually hide any photos in them. Also, it's *not* password protected, so anyone who gains access to your [iPhone](#) can find your hidden photos. If you really want to hide them permanently, use a third-party app for that!

Organically Organizing Your Photos

Like the Hidden folder mentioned above, the Albums section of iOS 10's Photos App comes with several default but very useful Albums for organically organizing your photos and videos. They are: [Camera](#) Roll, People, Places, [Videos](#), Selfies, Live Photos, Bursts, Screenshots, Hidden, Recently Deleted, and those built on third-party apps like Snapchat and Instagram (see below).

Organizing your photos in theme-specific albums is a great way to access them: simply tap the "+" icon in the upper left of the Albums screen, and you'll be able to create a new album and then select the content for it.



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Finally, when back in the Moments screen, sitting between the Photos icon and the Albums icon along the bottom of the screen, is the "Memories" icon where you can access both pre-made Memories (based on location or a theme like the Best Of The Year) and the ones you created as described here earlier.

Conclusion

iOS 10's Photos App is a powerful little built-in [tool](#) that can make your photo/video taking experience so much better than you ever thought possible. And let's be honest, that's what our devices are really for anyway these days, right?