

Hints & Tips for Panoramic Pictures

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1. *Photoshop Elements 2* likes to call Panoramics – *Photomontages*.
2. What you need: 2 or more sequential photos. *PE2* will automatically merge them together.
3. Works for horizontally or vertically arranged photos. Usually outdoor pictures work best, but montages are a great way to capture interior spaces also.
4. Works for photo collage also!
5. If possible, use a tripod to take your individual panoramic pictures. In any event, *don't move!*
6. Previsualize before shooting.
7. Rule of Thirds: Allow a 1/3 to 1/2 overlap between pictures.
8. As you take the original pictures, keep everything consistent between them: zoom focal length, exposure, flash, etc.
9. Photomontage works entirely within computer memory. You'll need lots of computer memory (RAM). Recommended: 1 GB or more.
10. Remember that *PE2* can't reconcile more than 120° at a time. For broader vistas, create 2 or 3 separate montages, then reconcile them together.