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# Project 2 Photography Adventures

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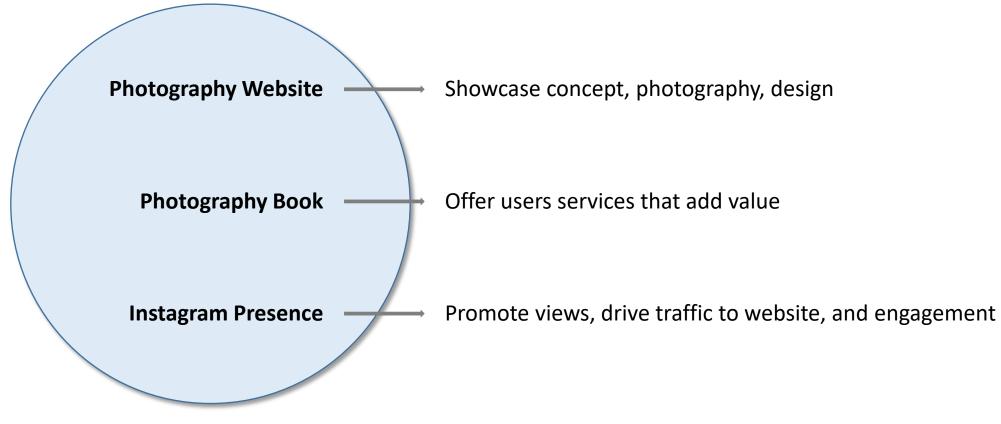
**Project 2** case study is a Web Design for a Photography Adventure Tours company. The concept is to create a web presence for users to review excursions from different places of interest. The study focuses on the US National Park, Yosemite, but will be adaptable to include more tours as the company grows.





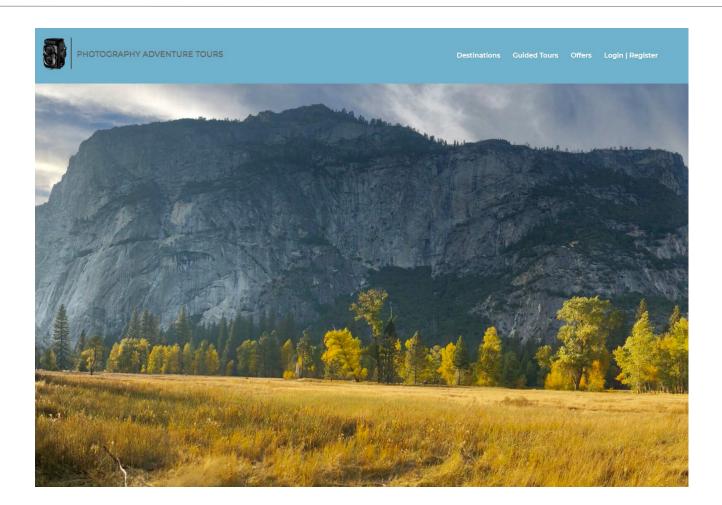
Photography is a passion, but many need help to bring out this passion and creativity. A Photography excursion company is a way to focus an experience on taking photos and learning techniques in specific places. The website will market the tours and give users a sense of what the trip will include and what can be expected.

Overview – Big Idea



The goals are to create a simple **Website** for a photography excursion company to show potential travelers the experience they can expect. The site shows the area of travel, and the type of photos users can expect to shoot. The site will offer the ability to create a complimentary **Photography Book** of their excursion. A **Social Media** presence is added to promote and market the site.

Project Goals



Link to Figma Concept Link to Draft of Website Concept

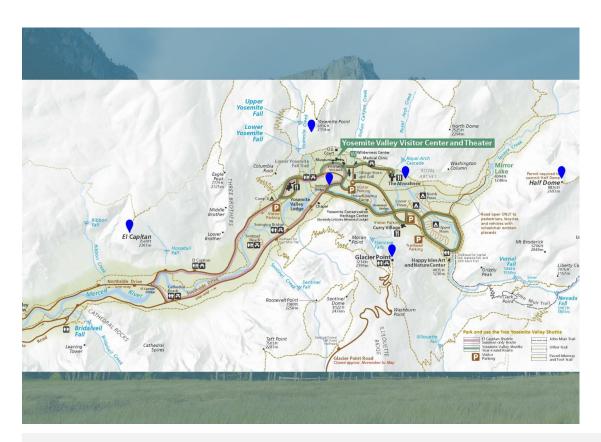
The first media asset is a concept **Website**. The site will contain information on the excursion company and their photography tours. The site focuses on Yosemite National Park but could grow with the company to include a menu of places or parks where excursions could be booked.

Media 1 – Photography Website

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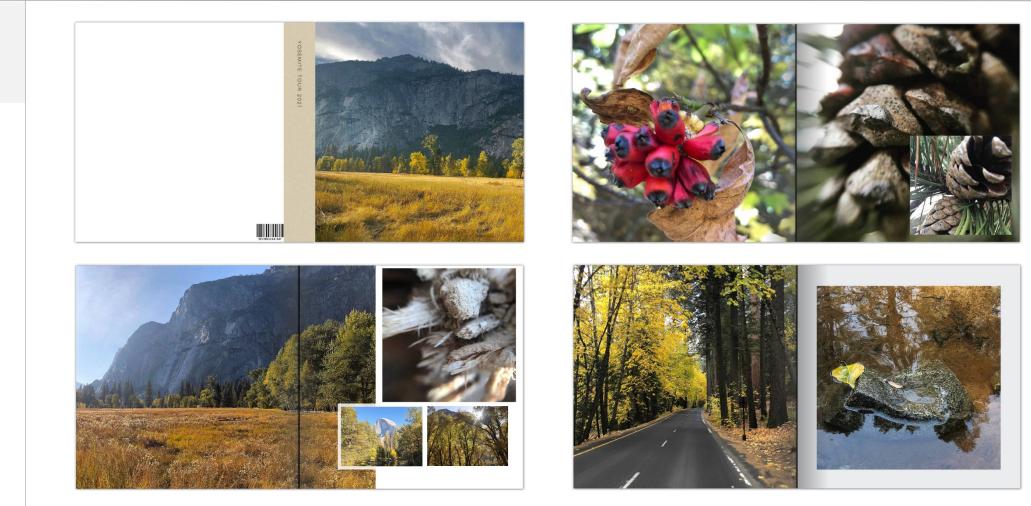
# Example





The site will have a map of the selected tour (Yosemite) with hot spots that show the user's touring itinerary. Each hot spot will then contain photos from that tour stop area, giving the user an idea of the shots, they can produce with assistance from their tour guides.

Media 1 – Photography Website



The second media asset will be a **Photography book**. The website will give clients who have booked a tour the ability to upload their images. The photos can then be made into a book of their excursion.

Media 2 – Photography Book



It will be a simple book created to provide an added value service.

Media 2 – Photography Book

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> The third media asset will be an Instagram site. The photography IG will complement the website and help to drive traffic and engagement.

Media 3 – Instagram Presence

Photo

#### 13 Mind-Blowing Virtual Tour Statistics

- 1. Virtual tours attract customers in the 18 to 34 years age group, as they are 130% more likely to book based on a virtual tour.
- 2. Half of all adults on the internet rely on virtual tours for product and service research regularly.
- 3. Websites with virtual tours receive 5 to 10 times longer views than those without, virtual tour statistics reveal.
- 4. Two out of three customers know what is a virtual tour and want more businesses to offer them.
- 5. There are over five million visits on virtual tours every day worldwide, virtual tour statistics confirm.
- 6. A virtual tour helps listings double interest.
- 7. Matterport, a virtual tour company, reveals that 90% of its clients have a strong brand presence in the marketplace.
- 8. Google prefers displaying virtual images as thumbnails with a two to one ratio.
- 9. 92% of prospective home buyers research on the internet before reaching.
- 10. 50% of adult internet users in the US have taken a virtual tour.
- 11. Virtual tours reduce wasted viewings by 40%.
- 12. In 2016, 63% of travel sites posted at least one 360 photo or video.
- 13. You can get a tour of the White House from the comfort of your own.

In researching touring/travel companies, adding elements of virtual products is a current trend.

Sources: digitalintheround.com

Christian Parley Laurels Tech Leonardo Worldwide Matterport Medium Nar Realtor Panomatics Reimagine Main Street Seek Beak Social Bakers The White House TIG Global

Market Research

48% of users think that companies that don't have mobile-optimized websites don't care about them.

Around 38% of website visitors don't engage with unattractive web design.

2.6 seconds is all it takes for users to make the first conscious impression of a website.

94% of the first impressions on a website are based on its visuals and design.

88% of website consumers don't return to a page if they have a terrible experience.

57% of consumers say they won't recommend a poorly designed website.

50% of website visitors use web design as a defining factor when it comes to credibility.

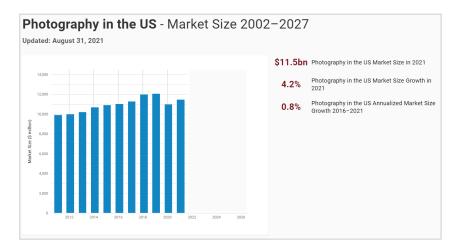
44% of internet users will leave a website if the homepage doesn't contain a company's contact details.

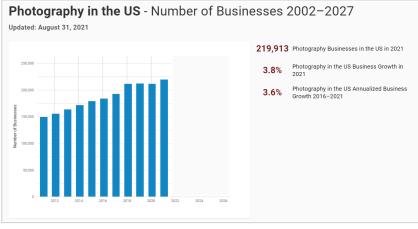
55.68% of global internet users access websites using mobile devices.

91% of small business websites aren't optimized for mobile use.

#### Source: websitebuilder.org

The research included looking at Photography statistics and trends. Making decisions based on current website design statistics ensures coding matches current market usage.







## Market Research

# Photography Website

7 Tips for Designing a Stunning Photography Website (Source: <u>99designs</u>)

Break up galleries by theme Trim the fat Prioritize your goals Show your human side with your About page Include all your contact info Focus on SEO

# **Photography Blogging**

The Secrets of Successful Photography Blogging: How To Make It Worth Your Time (Source: <u>Photography Concentrate</u>)

Photography Blogging Journey Know Your Why Choose Your Audience Make It Easy To Convert Be consistent Tie in Social Media Show Your Best, Not Your All Be Personal, But Not Too Personal Be Positive

## Instagram

Research Takeaways for Instagram Best Practices: (Source: <u>Canva</u>)

Define your niche Post your best work Give it a personal touch Ditch the smartphone Post strategically Craft your captions well Build your community Reply to comments Tag businesses, clients, or people Use hashtags Look for Instagram hubs

I gathered best practices and takeaways for each segment of my project. Each area will play a part in design decisions.

Research – Best Practices



Created word lists to help pull out key messaging from my research. A word cloud helps in visualizing project goals.

Research - Messaging

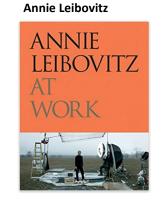
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# Inspirational Photography Books



Slim Aarons



Henri Cartier-Bresson



Ansel Adams

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**Richard Avedon** 

RICHARD AVEDON PHOTO GRAPHS 1946 2004

Researching and designing a website came from photography books. These six have been the most important of the many talented artists I have drawn inspiration from. My first photography book was by Annie Leibovitz, who I still find inspirational. It's essential to draw inspiration from many different sources.

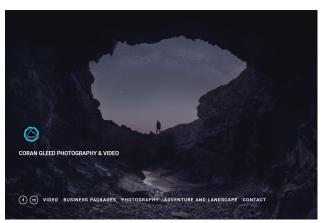
**Research - Inspiration** 

# Inspirational Photography Websites

#### **Brandon Woelfel**



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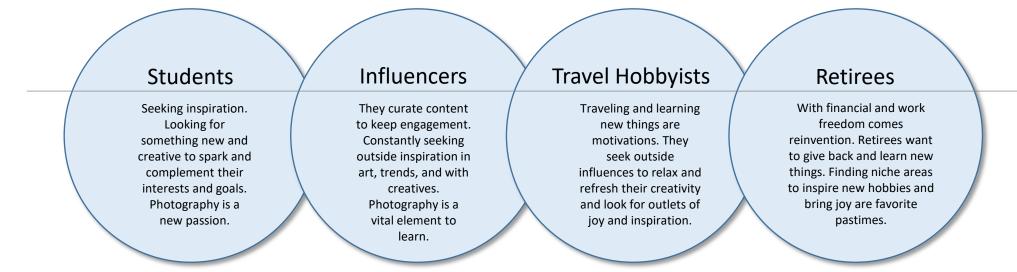


Sean McCoy



Photography websites are abundant. Most are trying to show their talents to potential clients. This project inspires users to book photography tours, so the website conveys a sense of inspiration. The research took me to several photographers whose artistry goes beyond marketing and branding but who have created a space for their art to live and inspire others. The website needs to do the same.

**Research - Inspiration** 



Knowing your audience is the key to any media product. To reach users, the Photography Excursion company needs to attract people who want "life adventures" and those seeking inspiration - sparking their creativity with travel and photography.

The Target Audience

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Key demographics:

AGE: 22 - 30 **OCCUPATION: Student** EDUCATION: Some college **GENDER:** Female or Male INTERESTS: Friends, community, global issues, inspiration

# **TECH/APPS**:

GOALS: Finding self-worth Learning how to live on their own Looking for inspiration Wants to find purpose and place in world

#### CHALLENGES:

Balancing life and school commitments Demanding or critical parents The world feels broken Too much negativity

#### VALUES:

Searching for a place to belong and to be valued. Wants work to be worthwhile, not only for community but on global level - climate, economy, fairness, purpose. Seeking inspiration in travel and photograhy.

The media assets will reach a diverse audience looking for inspiration and adventure. It may be to search for a positive outlet or create beautiful imagery through photography. Combining travel with photography speaks to several types of demographics.



**TECH/APPS**:

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#### Key demographics:

#### AGE: 18 - 50

OCCUPATION: Influencer, Content Creator EDUCATION: Some college **GENDER:** Female or Male INTERESTS: Friends, community, global issues, inspiration

#### GOALS:

Continuous user engagement Generate brand awareness and excitement Grow their niche expertise Engage with brands and niche markets

#### CHALLENGES:

Workload is difficult to maintain Brand marketing is ever changing Keeping relevant and relatable Finding a balance with life and online life

#### VALUES:

Influencers are tech savvy. They want to keep current and on trend. Also seeking new avenues and methods to reach their target audience. Seeking inspiration in order to gain more reach and therefore more influence.

# The Target Audience - Personas

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#### Key demographics:

AGE: 30 - 50 **OCCUPATION: Travel Hobbyists EDUCATION: Some college GENDER:** Female or Male INTERESTS: Family, friends, travel, photography, inspiration

**TECH/APPS**:  $f \odot \mathcal{P}$  in

#### GOALS:

Live a less stressful life Learn to keep work/life in balance Travel to interesting places Enjoy interests and hobbies more

#### CHALLENGES:

Busy parent life Works too many hours Partner works too many hours Overwhelming guilt

#### VALUES:

Wants it all in life: being a great, present parent, a caring and giving partner, as well a productive and successful employee. Wants to be a valuable member of their community. Seeking inspiration and travel.

The website will reach a diverse audience seeking inspiration through travel and photography. It may be by searching for a positive outlet with photography or to experience new adventures in new places with others seeking similar goals.



# TECH/APPS:

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# GOALS:

EDUCATION: Some college

**GENDER: Female or Male** 

Key demographics:

OCCUPATION: Retired

AGE: 50+

Find a second career Learn how to reinvent themselves Seeking inspiration Pay more attention to their creative side

INTERESTS: : Family, friends, travel, photography, inspiration

#### CHALLENGES:

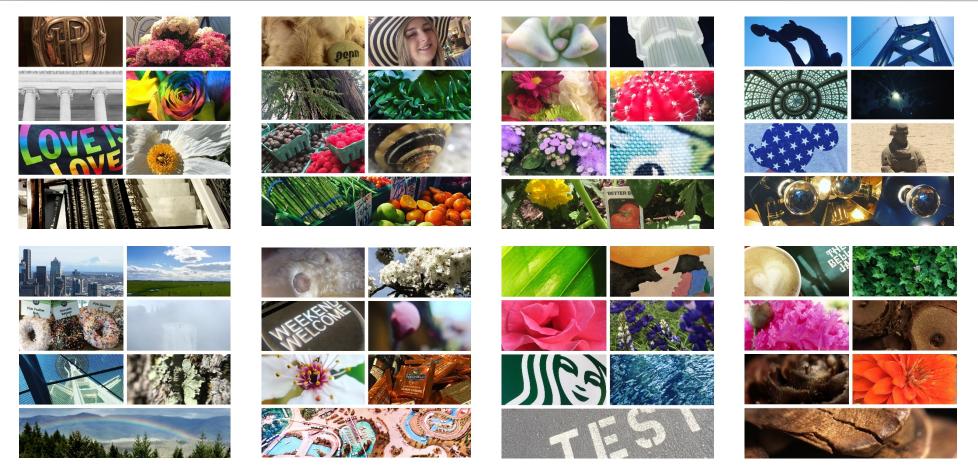
Feeling purpose and value in their life Maintaining income stream **Dealing with loneliness** Handling stress and anxiety

#### VALUES:

Having freedom from financial worries is very important, which feeds their desire for flexibility. Spending time with family and friends, giving back through volunteerism, focusing on travel, hobbies and relaxation.

# The Target Audience - Personas

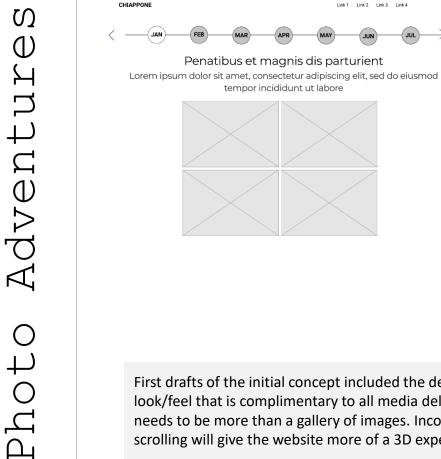
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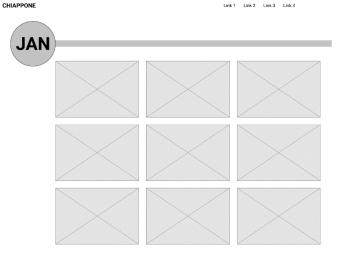


Creating mood boards helps with inspiration. My photography boards focused on textures, nature, and unique shapes. These helped in determining the type of images to include in the project.

Image Broads

# Wireframes – Draft 1





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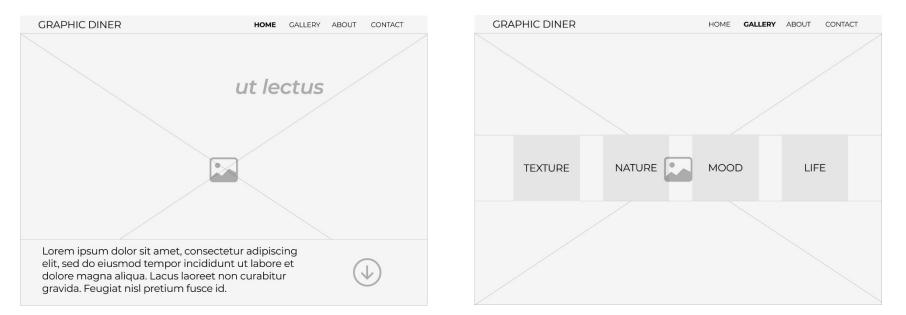


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First drafts of the initial concept included the development of a UI and look/feel that is complimentary to all media deliverables. Website needs to be more than a gallery of images. Incorporating parallax scrolling will give the website more of a 3D experience.

Website - Preliminary Designs

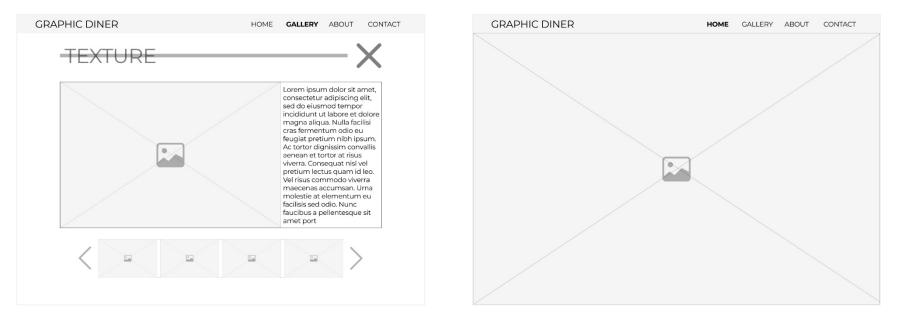
## Wireframes – Draft 2



Second draft of wireframes incorporates streamlined the pages to made less complicated and to improved user experience.

Website – Second Draft

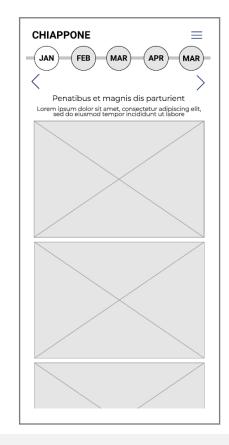
## Wireframes – Draft 2



Development of categories for images and how best to showcase.

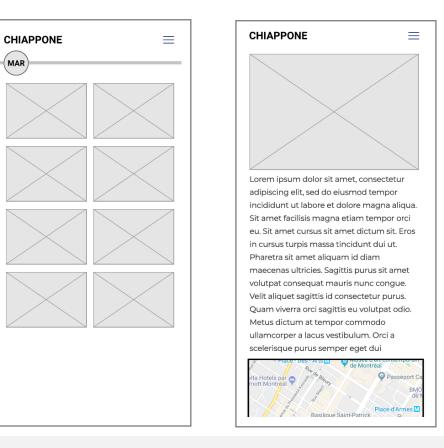
Website – Second Draft

## Wireframes Mobile – Draft 1



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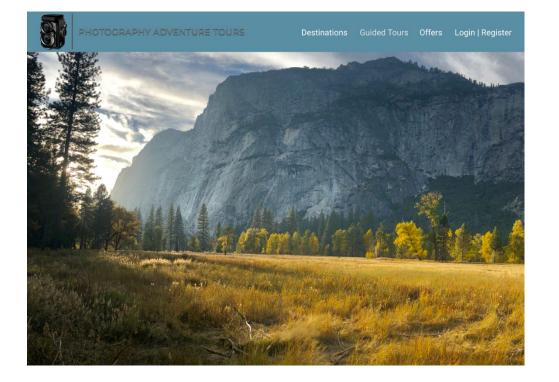
Inclusion of a responsive mobile experience.



# Mobile Website - Preliminary Designs



# Link to Figma Prototype





Home page and secondary pages with parallax scrolling.

Website – Prototype





Sub gallery pages.

Website – Prototype

#### **Photography Blogging Resources:**

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#### **Photography Website Resources:**

Research Takeaways for Instagram Best Practices Canva

7 Tips for Designing a Stunning Photography Website <u>99designs</u>

Photography Website Best Practices ForegroundWEB

#### **Design Concept Resources:**

https://www.templatemonsterpreview.com/demo/80376.html

https://codepen.io/jacmoe/pen/LGEqvG

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dISW9AFoqI4

Conducted review of coding examples, information and best practices for photo-blog, blogging, photography websites and how to promote via social media.

#### **Prototyping and Wire Frame Resources:**

Figma prototyping and wireframe tool/help center Figma.com

#### Parallax Information and Resources:

Adobe XD <u>10 Best Parallax Website Design Examples</u>

Coding Resource awwwards.com

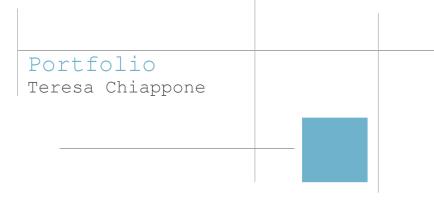
#### **Photography Virtual Tours:**

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Social Media Trends 2021: https://www.socialmediatoday.com/news/web-design-trends-and-statistics-2021infographic/593965/

### List of Important Resources

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