

Hosting Images Online for Free for Google Earth Family History Tours

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<http://tinyurl.com/GoogleEarthFreeClass>

Websites and Blogs

If you have your own website, you can host your images there. And if you don't have your own website, you can sign up for a free Blogger blog and use that as your own personal website for hosting images publicly.

How to Host Images on Blogger for Free

1. Go to www.Blogger.com
2. Sign in with your free Google account
3. Click the NEW POST button
4. Title the post Google Earth Images, or for example: Moore Family History Tour Images. You can create one post for each tour that includes all the images for that tour.
5. Click the *Insert Image* button in the toolbar at the top of the blank page
6. Under Upload click the *Choose Files* button
7. Select the image from your computer
8. Once the image has loaded, click the *Add Selected* button
9. The image now appears on the blank page.
10. Right-click the image and select *Copy Image Address* in the pop-up menu. This will copy the link to the image on your computer clipboard
11. You can either publish the post by clicking the orange PUBLISH button, or just close the post and it will remain as a draft. Drafts can't be seen on your blog, but the images are hosted by blogger and can be viewed again in the post by clicking *Drafts* in the left-hand column
12. Go to Google Earth
13. Add a new placemark or right-click on an existing placemark and click *Properties* to open it
14. Click the *Add Web Image* button
15. Paste the image address (URL) in the *Add Web Image* button field
16. Click *OK* at the bottom of the placemark dialogue box to close it
17. When you click on the placemark, the image will appear.

Google Photos

If you're already using Google Photos, you can also use it to host the images you want to use with Google Earth. However, if you wish to share your map, tour or other KMZ file with someone else, you must "invite" them to your Google Photos Album. This is because normally only you can see your Google Photos. Do this by clicking the "Share" icon for the album you created in step number 3 above and adding the person as someone who can see the photos. You can also share individual photos rather than an entire album.

How to Host Images on Google Photos for Free

1. Go to www.photos.google.com
2. Sign in with your free Google account
3. Click *Create Album* (Example name: *Burkett Family History Tour Images*)
4. Click *Select Photos*
5. Select a photo from your existing photos in Google Photos, or click *Select from Computer* to upload a new image
6. Once the image has loaded, click the image
7. The image now appears on its own page

8. Right-click the image and select *Copy Image Address* in the pop-up menu. This will copy the link to the image on your computer clipboard
9. Go to Google Earth
10. Add a new placemark or right-click on an existing placemark and click *Properties* to open it
11. Click the *Add Web Image* button
12. Paste the image address (URL) in the *Add Web Image* button field
13. Click *OK* at the bottom of the placemark dialogue box to close it.
14. When you click on the placemark, the image will appear.

Google Photos is just one photo storage option. Any file hosting website that allows you to make folders or files available publicly or by invitation should work.