SIMPLE 10 STEPS PHOTOSHOP WORKFLOW

1. Open the original file, and save as a **Photoshop PSD*** file. Also, make sure the **Colour Profile** is set to **Adobe RGB (1998)** and that the **Resolution** is set to **300ppi**

2. Make sure the horizon is straight using the **Measure Tool***, and then if necessary correct the verticals using **Image > Transform > Distort** – the image layer must be unlocked or copied for the transform to work. Now **Crop** the image

3. Clean up the image to remove any blemishes using the **Clone Stamp** and/or **Healing Brush** tools. Carry out any major work on a new layer

4. Create a **Levels*** **Adjustment Layer** and set the Levels for the shadows, highlights and mid-tones. Go back into Levels and use the **Grey Point Dropper** to set the colour balance

5. Using a **Curves*** **Adjustment Layer** set an "S" curve to adjust the contrast

6. Adjust the colour saturation using a **Hue / Saturation*** **Adjustment Layer**

7. Dodge and burn using the **Dodge and Burn*** tools and/or apply a **Gradient***

8. Sharpen the image using **Unsharp Mask***

9. Finish off the image by adding a **Border***

10. And finally, resave the image keeping all the layers intact

* More details can be found in a separate worksheet

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