

Your Sony RX100 VII, Ready in 10 Minutes

A quick start card for your new camera before your trip. Keep this with your camera bag.

Before you leave home

- Charge the battery fully. It charges inside the camera using the supplied USB cable, plugged into a wall adapter or a computer. There is no separate charger in the box.
- Insert a memory card. The card slot sits next to the battery, under the same cover on the bottom of the camera.
- Take one test photo at home so you know everything works before you rely on it on your trip.

Turning it on and using the viewfinder

- The power button is on top of the camera, next to the shutter button.
- This camera has a small viewfinder that pops up rather than staying fixed in place. Slide the pop-up switch on the top left of the camera to raise it. It is small and easy to miss the first few times, since it sits flush with the body.
- Once it is up, turn the small wheel next to it (the diopter adjustment) until the display looks sharp to your eyes. You only need to do this once.
- To put the viewfinder away, push down gently on top of it. Do not force it.

Taking your first photo

- Turn the mode dial on top of the camera to the green Auto position, and select Intelligent Auto. This is the simplest setting and handles focus and exposure on its own.
- Press the shutter button halfway down. The camera focuses and beeps once it locks on.
- Press the shutter button the rest of the way to take the photo.
- To zoom, use the small lever wrapped around the shutter button. One way zooms in, the other zooms out. The lens covers a 24 to 200mm equivalent range, wide group shots to distant subjects, without changing any lens.

Reviewing photos and recording video

- Press the playback button on the back to see what you just took. Press the shutter button halfway down to go back to shooting.
- To delete a photo you are viewing, use the dedicated delete button next to the control wheel.
- To record video, press the separate red movie button on the back. Press it again to stop. No need to change the mode dial first.

Good to know before you travel

- Battery life is rated at roughly 260 shots per charge. Bring a spare for a full day out.
- This camera has no weather sealing. Keep it in a jacket or dry bag in rain or spray.
- The only flash is the small built-in one. It has limited range.
- The zoom lever and shutter button sit close together. Expect a little practice to tell them apart by feel.

Full setup details and buying guidance are in the SeasonedRoamer article, "The best beginner camera for a cruise and how to use it in five minutes." Steps and specifications here are drawn from Sony's own help documentation for this camera.