

## Apple Photos Editing

Clicking the Edit button in Photos ( the three horizontal lines in the upper right corner when you open a photo) reveals Apple's powerful new editing functions. Apple has combined the elementary editing found in their earlier consumer iPhotos app with the power found in their professional level Aperture program. See this review in MacWorld for more details: <http://www.macworld.com/article/2965934/software-photography/the-hidden-editing-power-of-photos-for-os-x.html>

For a general introduction to Apple's photo editing capabilities, visit the Apple website at: <http://www.apple.com/macos/photos>

The top button in the editing list is simply labeled **Enhance** and is the 'magic button' you push to instantly fix your photos. The next two are self-explanatory, **Rotate** and **Crop**. The **Filters** button gives you the choice of a dozen effects you can add to a photo, from Mono (Black&White) to Chrome and Fade - try them out. The **Adjust** button is the most powerful as it allows you to change just about everything about the photo. You will want to experiment with these - and you can always go back by clicking the Revert button at the top. The **Retouch** button allows you to fix blemishes on any photo - it's fun to play with!

Extensions the last item on the editing list and are third party apps that Apple allows you to open inside Photos to add even more power. My favorite is Luminar by MacPhun, a pro level photo editing program for \$59 in the Apple App Store. It rivals the editing power found in Apple's now retired Aperture program. Here is a full MacWorld review on the software: <http://www.macworld.com/article/3152728/photography/luminar-review-a-serious-challenger-to-the-reigning-pro-apps-for-photo-editing-mastery.html>

and a link to the Luminar website: <https://macphun.com/luminar>

If you don't need all this editing power or just want to try a simpler edition, visit the Apple App Store for MacPhun's Snapheal, a \$4.99 'photo fixer' program I have used for many years. It's now combined into Luminar, but can be a good basic stand alone photo editor.