

# Ways To Transfer Photos From Smartphones To Your PC/Mac

## 1. Email

One method of transferring photos to computers is by emailing the photo to yourself as an attachment. This method is probably the simplest and probably the quickest way of doing it. As a bonus, you can also use this method to transfer photos between devices.

The only thing to consider is that it only works well if you want to just send a small number of photos. This is due to a limitation that email providers (e.g. Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo) have imposed on the size of an attachment that can be sent in one email. Although there is no one stopping you to send more than one email, each with a couple of photos. It's not the end of the world, just a bit tedious.

## 2. Online Cloud Storage (e.g. iCloud, OneDrive, DropBox)

Just upload the photos you want to transfer to your Mac or PC to one of the cloud services via the smartphone app.

And then when the photo is finished being uploaded to the cloud you can then access them on your computer.

## 3. Connect your smartphone to your PC/Mac

**PC:** Use the USB charging wire and plug it into a USB port on your computer. It will appear as a folder with the pictures in a subfolder.

**Mac:** Use the USB charging wire and plug it into a USB port on your computer. It will automatically transfer your photos.

## 4. AirDrop (Apple devices only)

First you need to turn on AirDrop on your iOS Device. Slide up from the bottom of your iPhone/iPad and tap on AirDrop. Choose Contact or Everyone for sharing on AirDrop (Receiving Off turns off AirDrop).

Browse to the folder where you want to upload the photos. Select the photos and click on the Sharing menu. Select AirDrop to start the upload process. Recipient gets to Accept or Decline the transfer.

## 5. iTunes Photo Sync

**PC:** Another way of transferring photos directly is via the iTunes Photo Sync. Download and install iTunes if you haven't and open it. Then connect your iPhone to your desktop Mac or PC via the USB cable. If everything goes ok, the iPhone icon at the top bar will be activated. Click on this icon and you will see some more menu on the left side-bar. Select the Photos menu item to open the Sync Photos screen.

Tick on the Sync Photos from checkbox to allow iTunes to sync photos from your desktop. Then from the drop-down next to the checkbox you can select which folder you want to sync from. You can then choose whether you want to sync the whole folder, along with its subfolders, or select individual folders. And you can choose whether videos would need to be synced as well...

When you finish your selection click on the Apply button and iTunes will start syncing your photos to your iDevice.

This method of using iTunes to transfer photos/videos are very suitable when you want to transfer a big number of photos and videos. And since it's not using either the Internet or wireless connection, the transfer rate would be pretty fast and reliable and free.

**Mac:** Photos are automatically downloaded to Photos