

# How to Download Photos from iPhone to Computer

This is an article that shows you how to download photos from iPhone to Windows or Mac computer. You can do this using your computer's default Photos app, or use iCloud Photos to upload photos from your iPhone to iCloud and download to your computer.

## Use Windows' Photos app



Connect iPhone to your Windows computer. Plug one end of the charging cord into your iPhone's charging port, then plug the USB end into your computer's USB port.

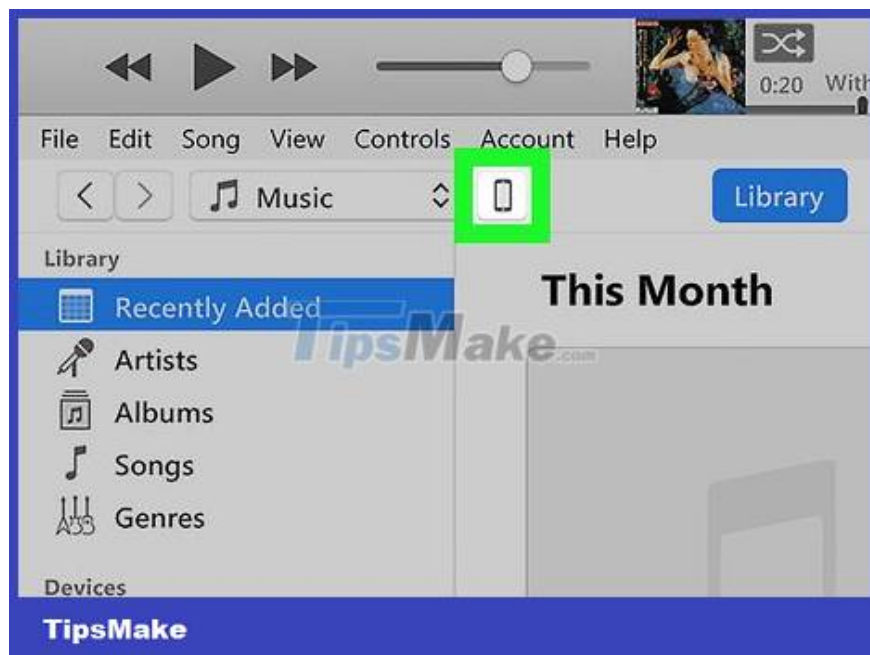
If this is your first time connecting iPhone to computer, you need to select Trust on iPhone and then enter your iPhone passcode or TouchID.



Open the iTunes app with a multicolored musical note icon on a white background. In order for your Windows computer to recognize your iPhone, you must open iTunes and allow the phone to connect to the computer.

If you don't have iTunes on your computer, you'll need to install it before continuing.

If iTunes asks you to update your software, click Download iTunes when prompted. After downloading the software, you need to restart the computer.



Wait for the "Device" icon to appear. This iPhone-shaped icon will appear in the upper-left corner of the iTunes Library page. Once you see that icon, you can take the next step.

It will take a few seconds for your iPhone to connect to iTunes.

If the Library tab near the top of the iTunes window doesn't light up, you'll click it to switch to the Library view.



Unlock iPhone. Once the "Device" icon is displayed, enter your passcode (either Touch ID or Face ID) and press the Home button on your iPhone to unlock it.

When asked, you'll tap Trust on the "Trust this computer?" message. (Is this computer reliable?) before continuing.

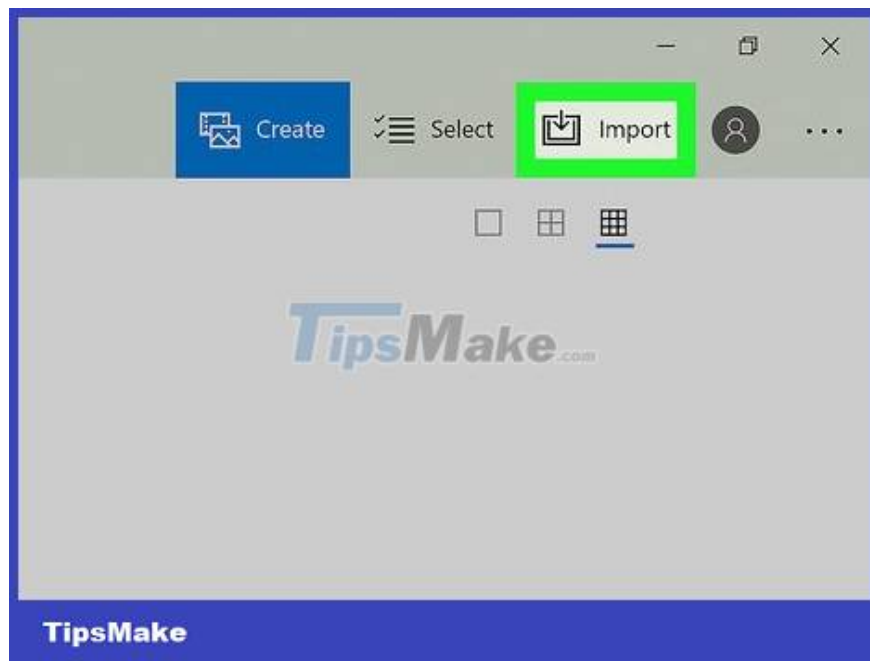


Open Start. Click the Windows icon in the bottom left corner of the screen.

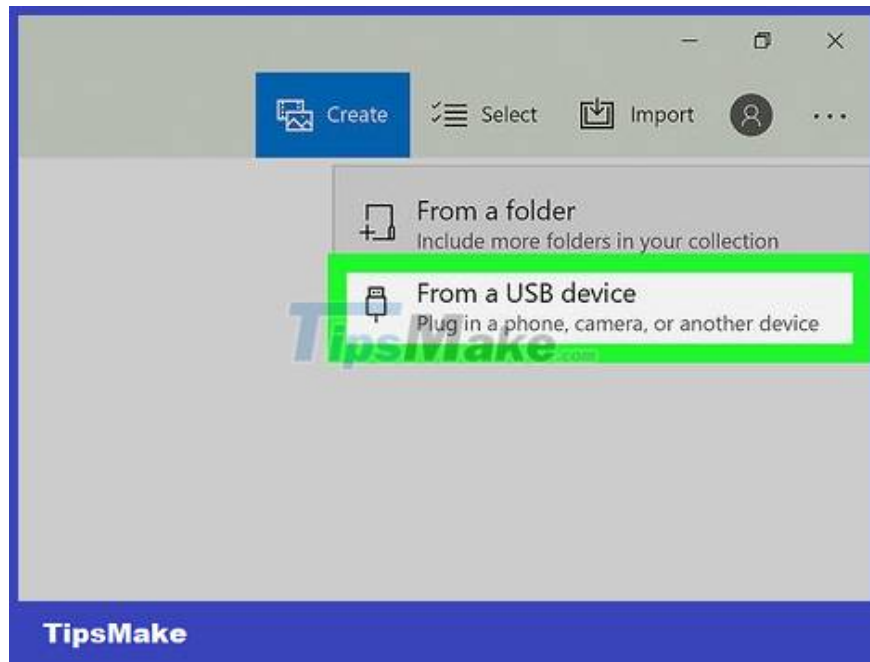


Click the Photos app with a hilly icon showing up somewhere in the Start window.

If you don't see the Photos app here, type photos and then click Photos at the top of the Start window.



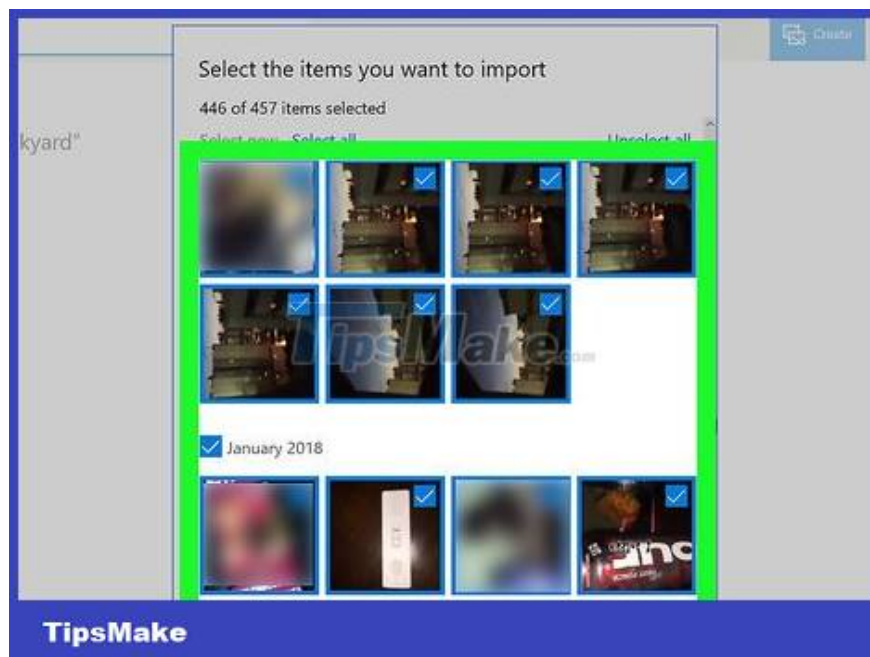
Click the Import tab in the upper-right corner of the Photos window to open a selection list.



Click From a USB device in the drop-down list. This will ask the computer to perform a scan of your iPhone for photos and videos to download.

If you plug in more than one USB, be sure to click on the iPhone name to continue.

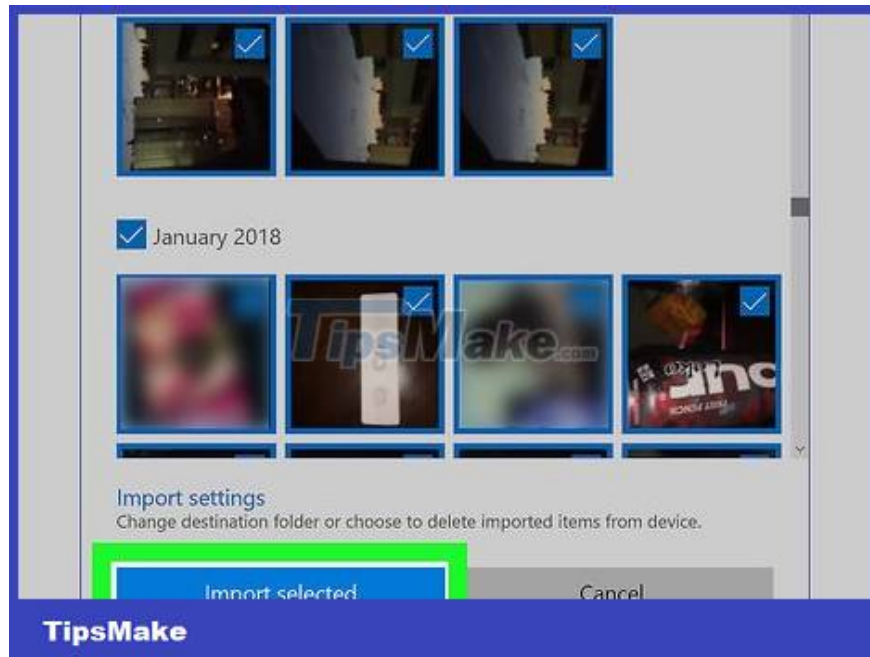
If the Photos app says it can't find a USB connection, try closing the app and then reopening it. You need to try several times for iPhone to show connection in this step.



Select the photo you want to download to your computer. All photos on iPhone will be preselected, but you can click the checkmark icon in the upper right corner of each photo you don't want to select to deselect it.

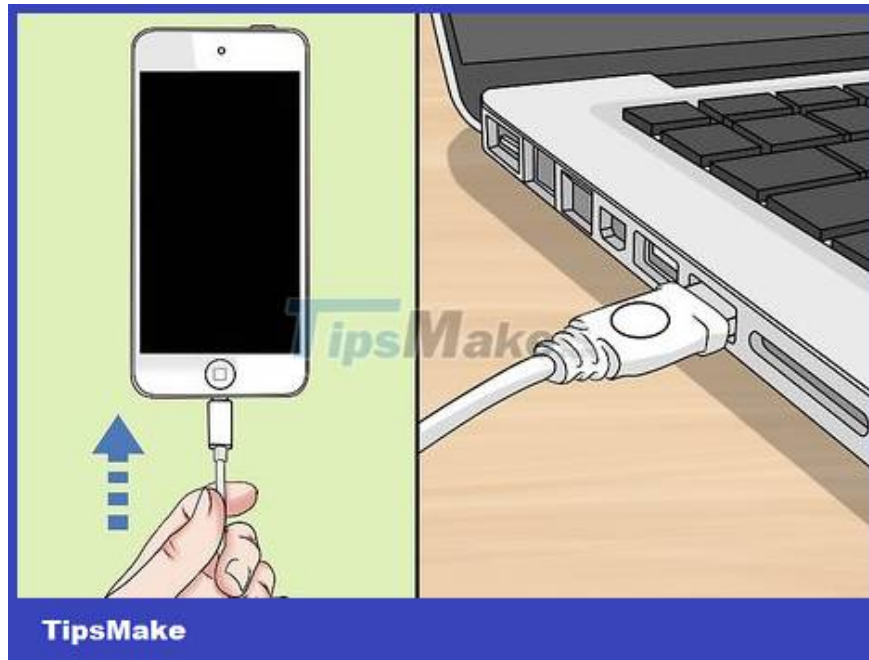
You can also click the Unselect all link near the top of the "Select items to import" window to deselect all images and then click each image you want. export.

If you want to delete the photos on your iPhone after you've downloaded them to your computer, click the Import settings link near the bottom of the window, then check the "Delete items from my device after I import them" box. " (Delete photos on my device once exported) and click Done.



Click Import selected at the bottom of the window. This will start the process of downloading photos from your phone to your computer. After the photo download is complete, you will see a message displayed in the lower right corner of the computer screen and you can disconnect the iPhone.

## Use the Photos app on your Mac

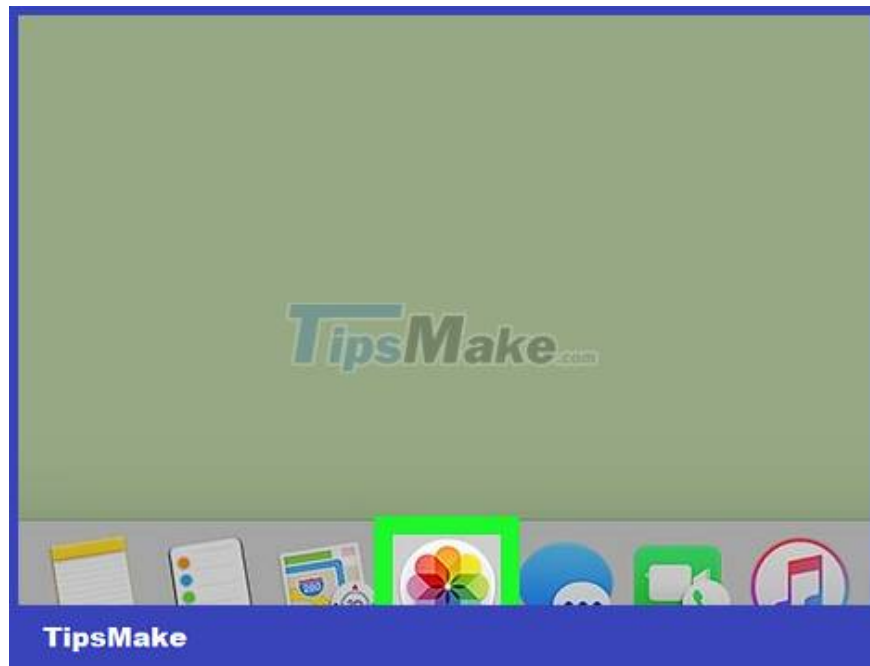


Connect iPhone to Mac. Attach one end of the charging cord to the iPhone's charging port, then insert the USB end into the computer's USB port.



Unlock iPhone. Enter your passcode (or Touch ID or Face ID) and press the Home button on your iPhone to unlock it.

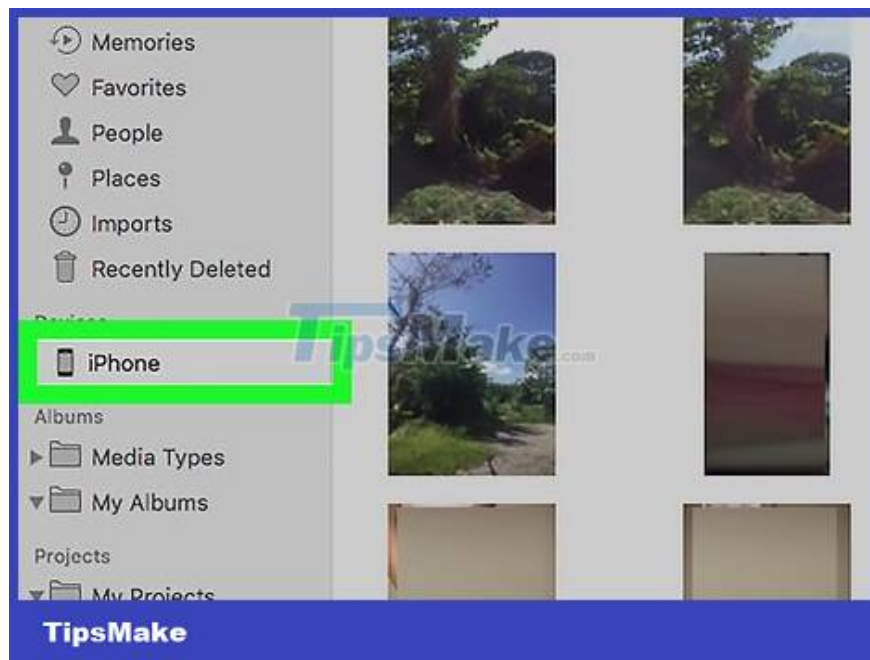
When asked, remember to select Trust on the "Trust this computer?" message. (Is this computer reliable?) before continuing.



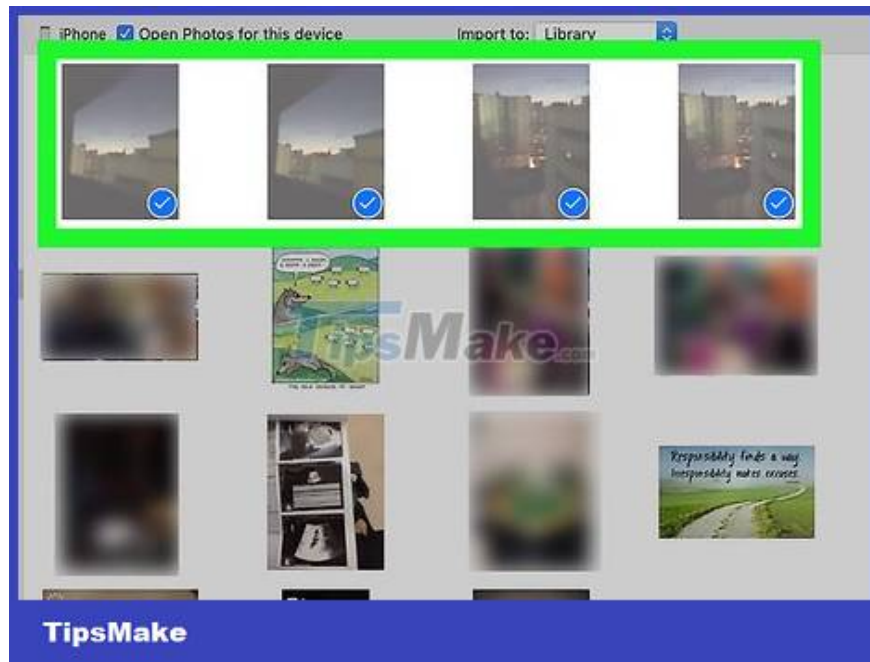
Open the Photos app. Click the Photos app with the multicolored pinwheel icon in your Mac's Dock.

The Photos app opens automatically when you connect it to your iPhone.

Your iPhone icon will show up in the upper left corner of this app window.

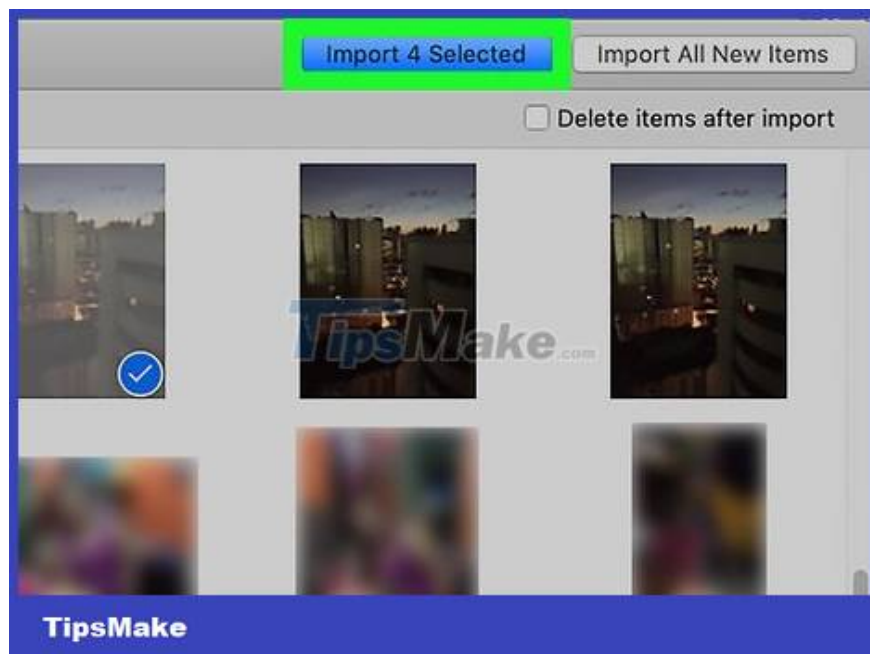


Select your iPhone. Click your iPhone's name on the left side of the window to choose it as the source of the photo.



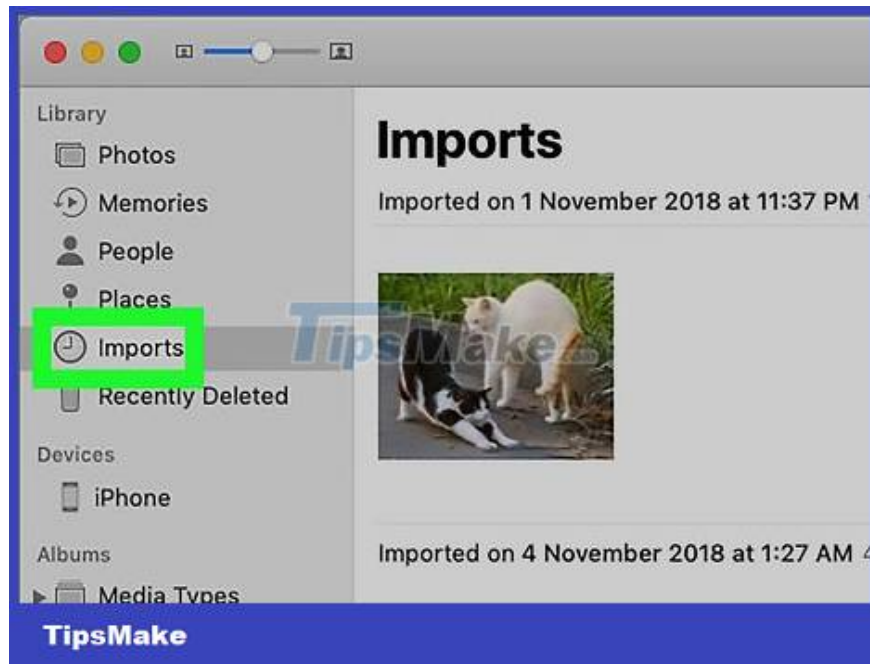
Select the picture you want to download by clicking on the picture in the window.

Skip this step if you want to export all unloaded photos to your computer.



Click Import Selected in the upper-right corner of the window. The number of images you select will be displayed at this button (eg Import 5 Selected).

If you want to transfer all of your iPhone's photos that haven't been downloaded to your computer, click Import All New Items.



Click Imports on the left side of the window. Photos that you have selected to download to your computer will be displayed on this page.

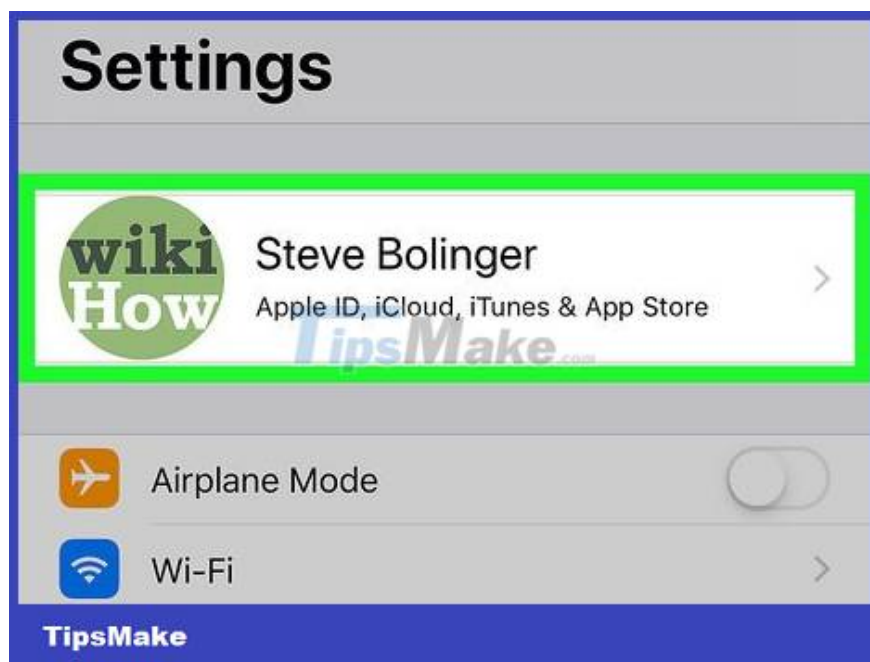
### Use iCloud Photo Library



Make sure you have enough space. This method allows you to download all your photos to iCloud so that you can download them to any computer with an Internet connection; however, your iCloud storage must be larger than the storage of your photos. You already have 5GB available for free to use iCloud, but you may have to upgrade your storage before you can save your photos.



Open your iPhone's Settings with the gray gear icon.



Tap Apple ID at the top of the Settings page with your name and photo (if you've added one).

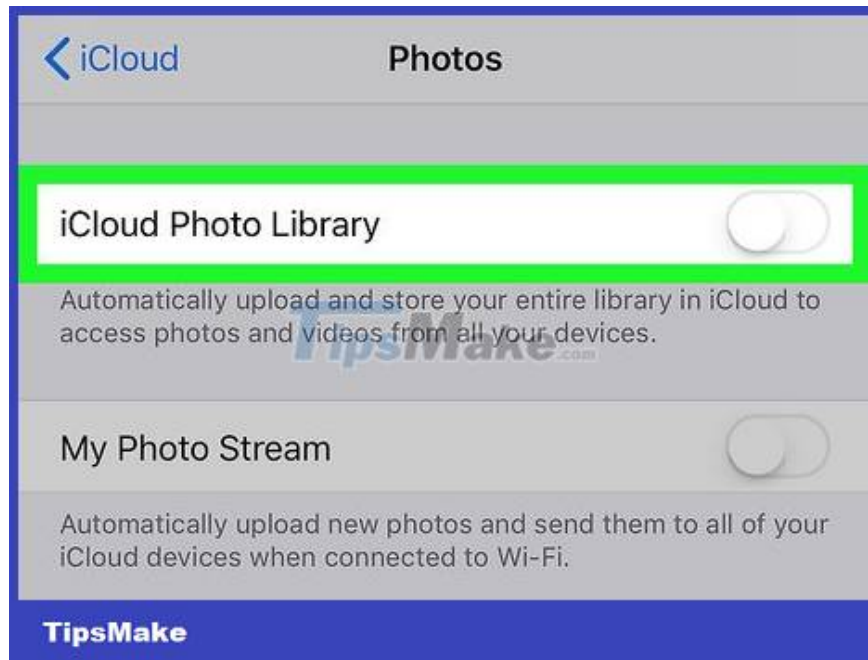
If you're not signed in, tap Sign in to iPhone, enter your Apple ID and password, then select Sign In.



Select iCloud in the second section of the menu, near the center of the screen.



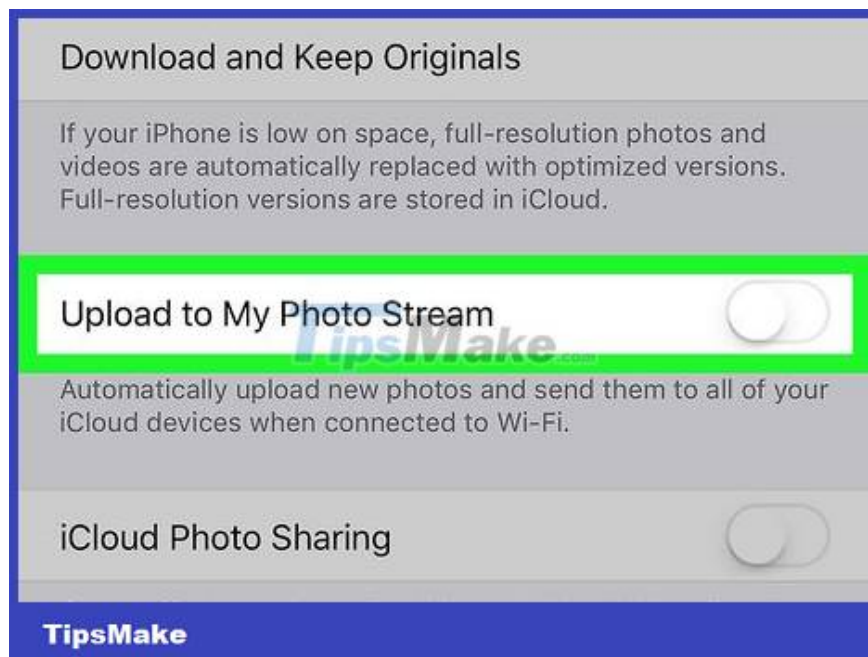
Select Photos near the top of the "APPS USING ICLOUD" section.



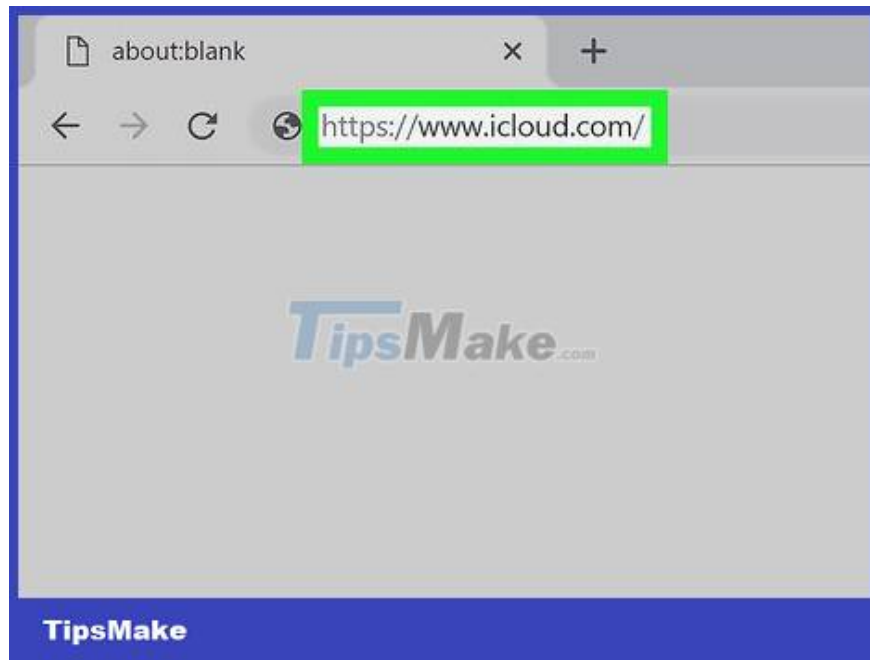
Tap to switch the "iCloud Photo Library" slider from white to green. The photos and videos in your Camera Roll will now be uploaded to your iCloud account if you have a Wi-Fi connection.

Uploading photos can take a few hours if you have a lot of photos, so you need to wait patiently.

If you want to save space on your iPhone, choose Optimize iPhone Storage to save photos with a smaller space on your device.



Tap to switch the "My Photo Stream" slider from white to green. This will ensure that future photos are uploaded to iCloud whenever there is an Internet connection.



Open iCloud on your computer. Go to <https://www.icloud.com/> with your web browser.

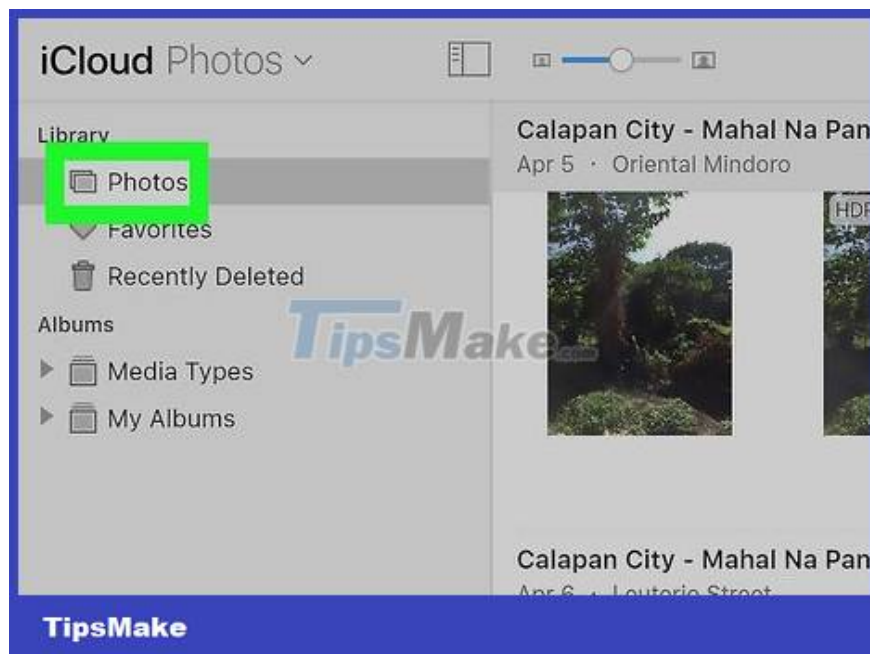


Sign in to iCloud. Enter your Apple ID registered email address and password, then click ? .

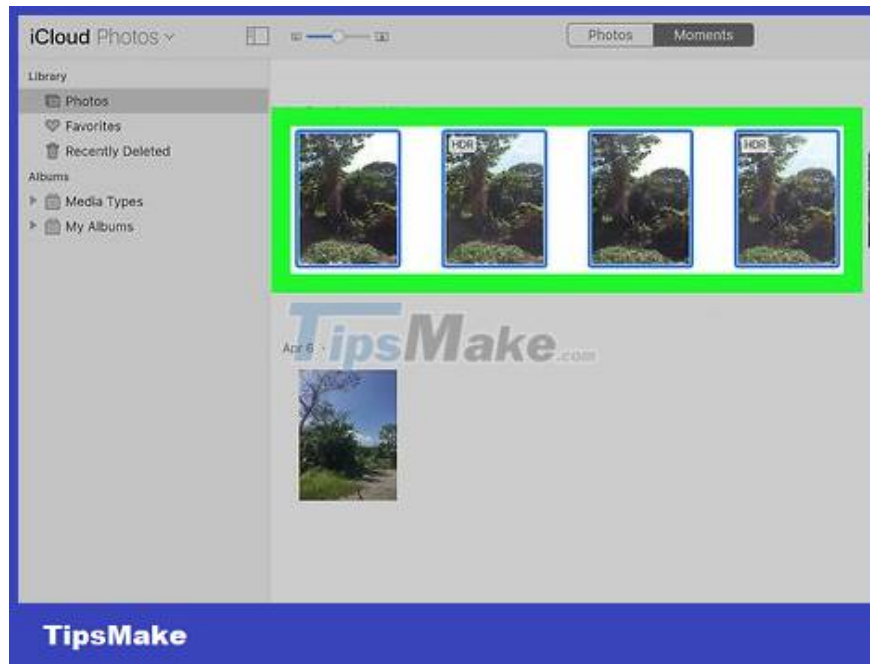
If you are already signed in to iCloud, skip this step.



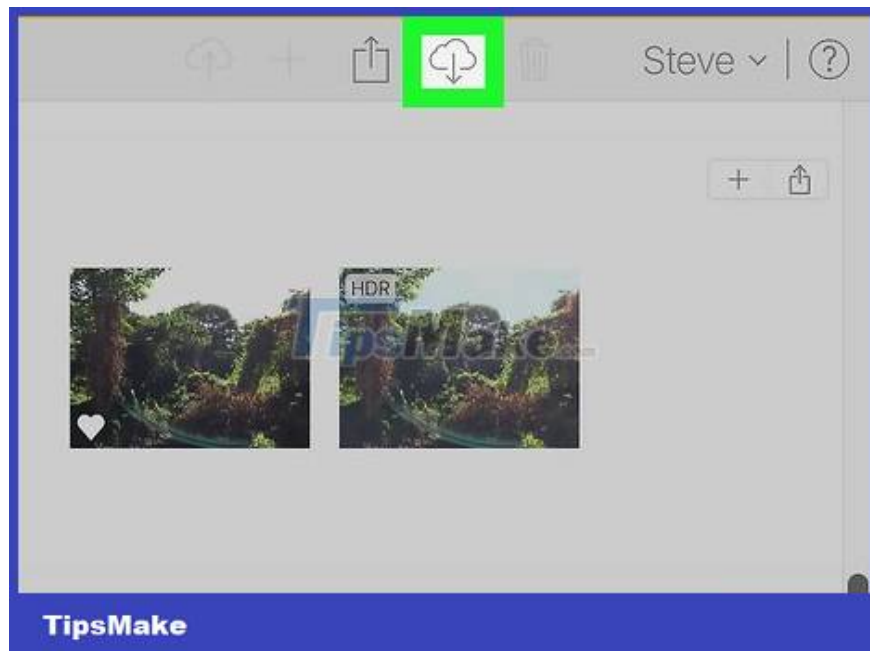
Click the Photos app with the multicolored pinwheel icon.



Click the Photos tab at the top left of the page.



Select an image to download. Hold down Ctrl (on Windows) or ? Command (on Mac) and click each photo that you want to download.



Click the "Download" button with the cloud icon with a downward arrow in the top right of the page. This will download the image to your computer, but you may need to choose where to save the image first.

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