

# How to post Live Photos from iPhone as GIF on Twitter

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One of the biggest advances in mobile photography for the past half decade has been the introduction of Live Photos. Unfortunately, sharing these moving images with non-Apple device owners is almost impossible. So far, Twitter now allows iPhone or iPad device owners to share Live Photos on social networks. Here is how to do this.

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## What is Live Photos?

First introduced on the iPhone 6s in 2015, Live Photos lets you take photos that are likely to come alive when you touch them. The images, using 1.5 seconds before and after the image was taken with the supported device, record both motion and sound. On top of that, you can take Live Photos exactly like traditional photography.

Live Photos is available on iPhone 6s and later, iPad (5th generation) and above, iPad Air (3rd generation), iPad mini (5th generation), iPad Pro (all models) and iPod touch (7th generation).

## How to take a Live Photo?

To take a Live Photo on a supported Apple device, please follow the instructions in the article: [Instructions for taking live photos, animations on iPhone](#).

Live Photos is enabled by default and you can turn this feature off if you want.

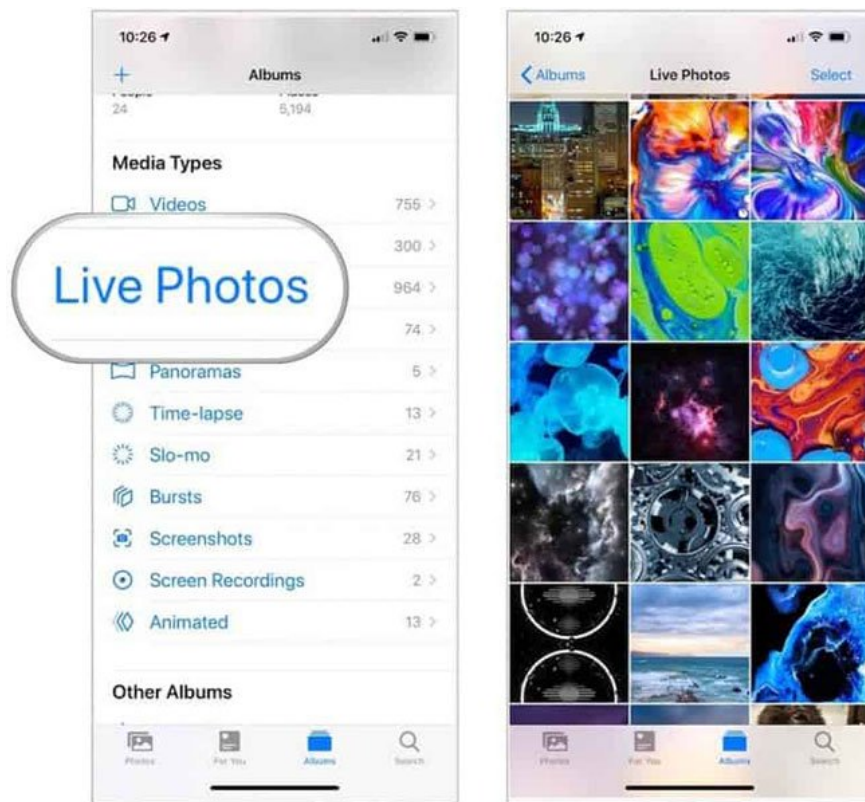
## View Live Photos on a supported device

Live Photos on Apple devices are noted through the Photos app. You can find them in one of the following 2 ways. In the Photos app:

1. Click the **Photos** tab in the **Photos** application .
2. Touch the image, scroll back and forth to view additional photos.
3. Live Photos are identified in the upper left of the image.

An easier way to find Live Photos in the Photos app is:

1. Click the **Album** tab .
2. Scroll down, click **Live Photos**. All Live Photos on the device are in this location.



To activate Live Photo, press on the screen and hold. You will see motion and sound, when applied.

## Share Live Photos

To share Live Photos with other Apple device owners:

1. Go to the **Photos** application .
2. Click the image you want to share.

3. To share photos as Live Photo, press the **Share** button on the left. If you want to share your Live Photo as a regular photo (for example, for someone who doesn't have an Apple device), tap **Live** in the upper left corner, then click the **Share** button .

4. Choose how you want to share your photos. If shared via Mail, Live Photo is set to still images.

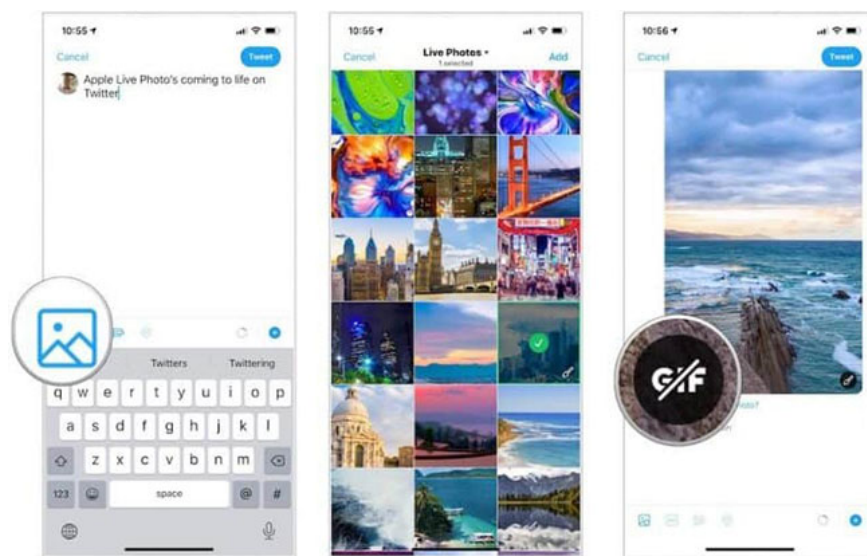
To see the Live Photo you received from someone, press and hold to see how it comes to life. If you use Messages on a Mac, double-click Live Photo to open it. Live Photo plays through once. To play back, click the **Live** button in the lower left corner of the image.

### What about Twitter?

New support means you can finally share Live Photos via Twitter. In doing so, Live Photos will automatically be converted into a universal animated GIF. To do so, you will need to use the Twitter app on your supported Apple device.

To share a Live Photo on Twitter:

1. Select the official Twitter application on the device.
2. Start a tweet as usual.
3. Click the image icon.
4. Select a Live Photo image.
5. Click **Add** at the top right.
6. Click the GIF icon in the lower left corner of the image. By default, the GIF icon is disabled.
7. Finish editing the tweet.
8. Click **Tweet** when done.



All operations are done! The completed tweets display the Live Photo in GIF format. However, the sound from Live Photo does not work via Twitter.

## Change Live Photos

There are several ways you can edit your Live Photos, including the ability to add effects. All changes are made in the Photos app on supported devices.

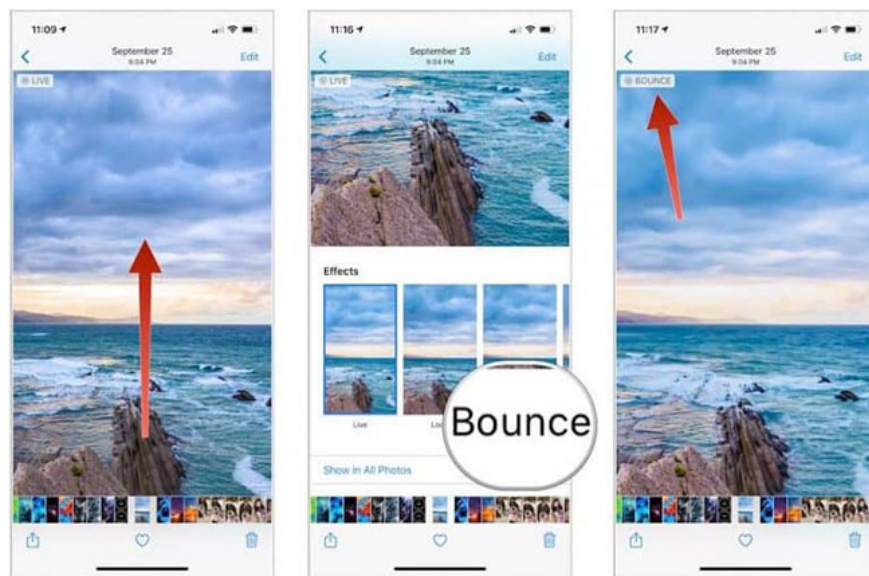
To edit Live Photos, do the following:

1. Go to the **Photos** application .
2. Click the image you want to edit.
3. Select **Edit** at the top right. You can edit Live Photos like any other photo in the Photos app.
4. Click **Done** when you are finished editing.

To add effects to Live Photo:

1. Go to the **Photos** application .
2. Click the image you want to add the effect to.
3. Swipe up until you see **Effects**.
4. Select **Loop, Bounce** or **Long Exposure**.

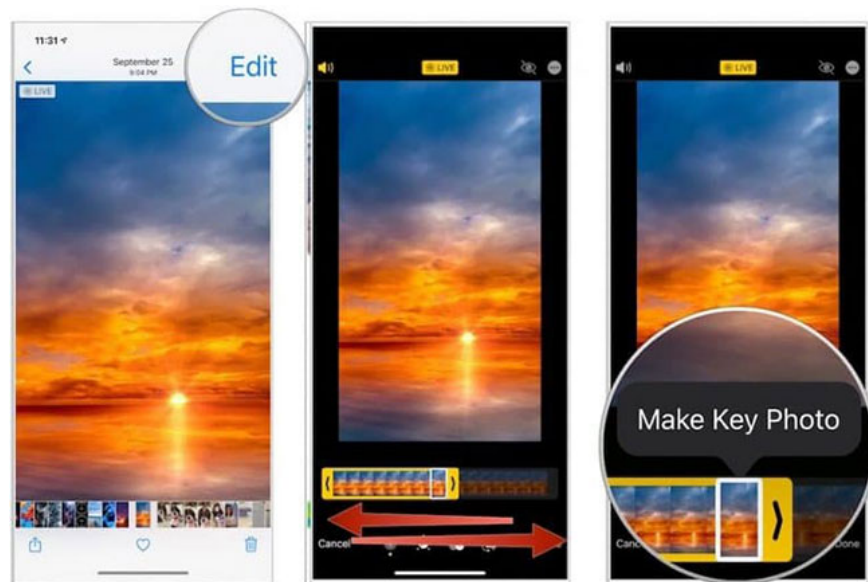
The effect you choose is noted in the upper left of the image. Press and hold to see the image come alive after adding effects. In the following example, the Bounce effect is added:



To change the main image of Live Photo:

Live Photos is like a 3-second video that only works when clicked. Otherwise, the image looks static like a regular photo. You can change that main image by:

1. Go to the **Photos** application .
2. Click the image you want to change the main image.
3. Select **Edit**.
4. Move the slider to change the frame.
5. Release your finger, then press **Make Key Photo**.
6. Select **Done**.



Until recently, Live Photos could only be shared between Apple device owners. However, for now, you can share these images as GIFs via Twitter. This change is an important step forward and will make Live Photos more popular.

Hope you are succesful.

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