

## Best Photos 2012: Amazing Photography From Around The World (IMAGES)

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A penguin dives in a pool in the zoo of Frankfurt, Germany, Friday, Jan. 27, 2012. (Michael Probst, AP)

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It's impossible to include all of the [best photos of 2012](#) in one gallery, but these images offer a fantastic glimpse of the year in pictures.

The Grande Rio samba school parades during carnival celebrations at the Sambadrome in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Feb. 21, 2012. (Victor R. Caivano, AP)

HuffPost photo editors curated a slideshow of serious eye candy from Getty Images and the Associated Press.

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The subjects are as varied as the emotions that these photos evoke. The gallery includes dazzling [pictures from space](#), intimate portraits, [funny moments with world leaders](#) and [heart-wrenching scenes of loss](#). The one thing that they all have in common is their power to convey what mere words cannot.

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A woman experiences the 'Rain Room' art installation by 'Random International' in The Curve at the Barbican Centre on October 3, 2012 in London, England. The 'Rain Room' is a 100 square meter field of falling water which visitors are invited to walk into with sensors detecting where the visitor are standing. The installation opens to the public on October 4, 2012 and runs until March 3, 2013. (Oli Scarff, Getty Images)

This summer, HuffPost Arts and Culture ran a gallery of [amazing photos](#) from the first half of the year, which was posted to one of Reddit's photography forums.

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