

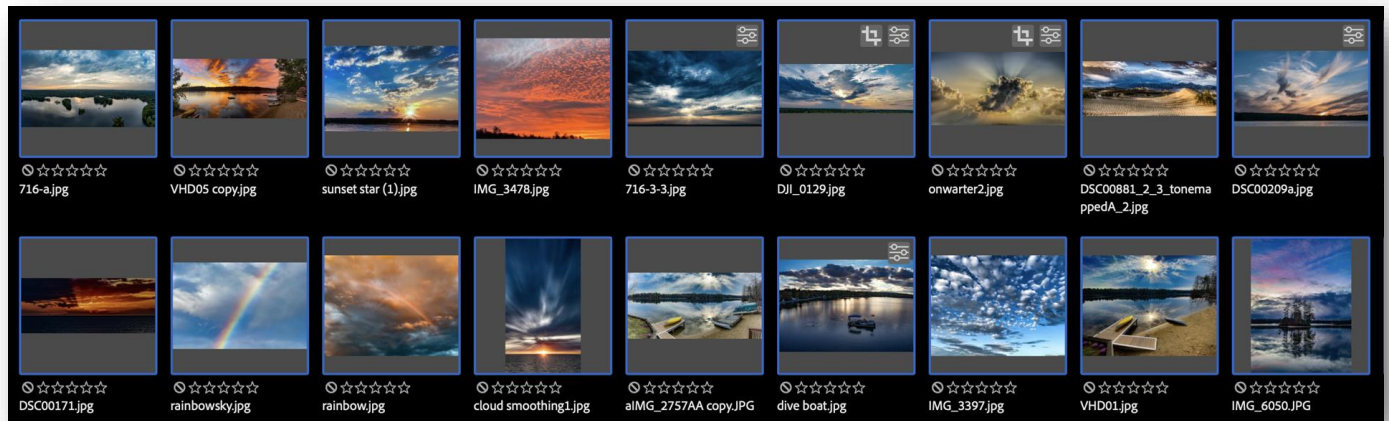
If all the image components were taken by you, why not integrate them to make a more beautiful photo? Sky replacement can help....



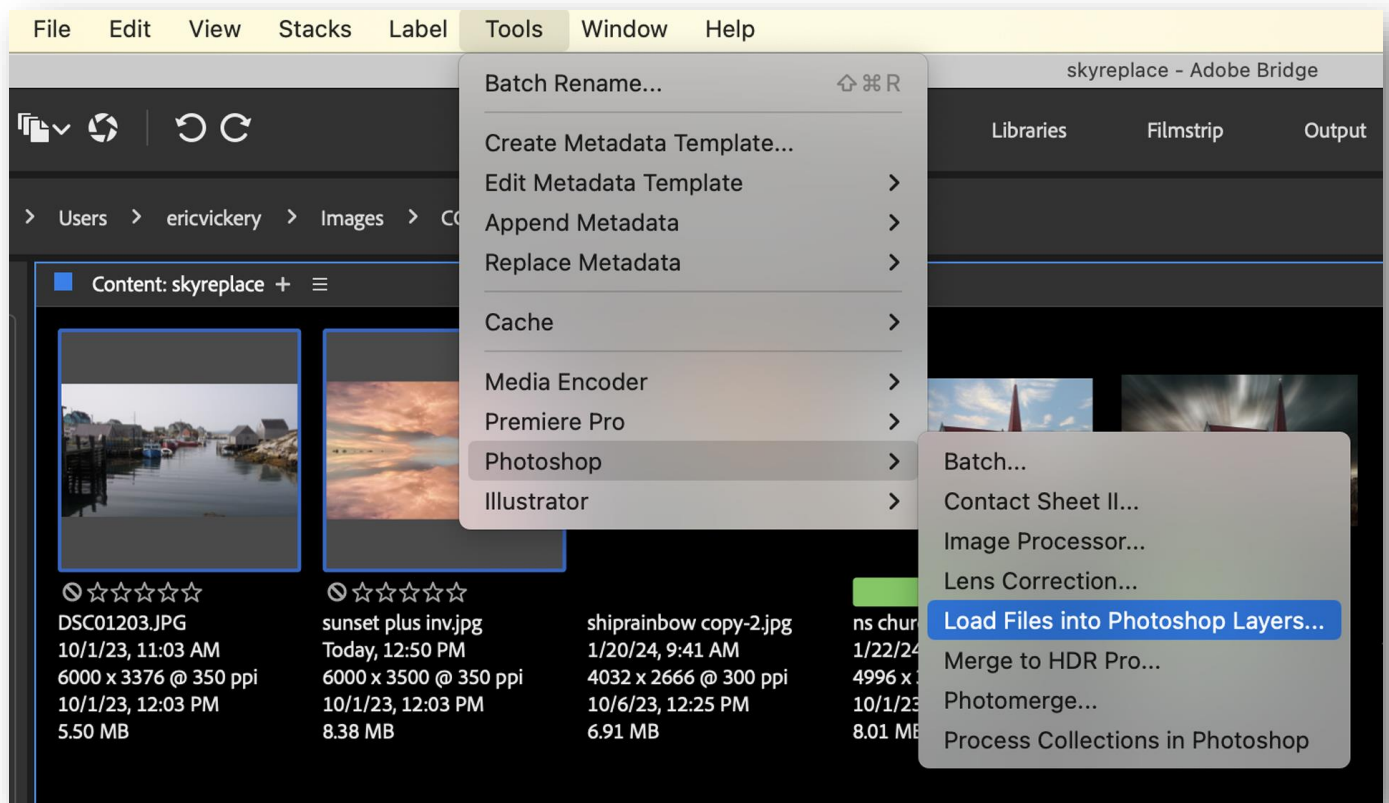
With this digital technique, we will explore the old and new ways to do this. One is more manual using selections and the other is much easier using the automated "Sky Replacement" option in recent Photoshop releases

1. Old way with selection and manual methods
2. New way with Photoshop version including automated "Sky Replacement"

You might start with collecting a number of your own sky shots that could be considered for use. Create a folder and point to it for use with the latest version for replacement options

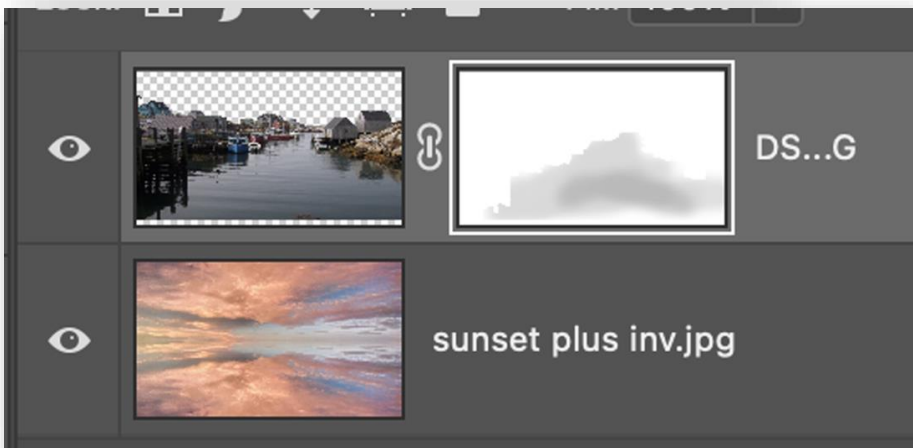


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Select the horizon / sky area to be replaced and hit delete. The lower layer containing the new sky will be revealed in the deleted area



Add a mask to the first layer and use a black brush to paint in the reflection area showing the sky to make it more realistic.

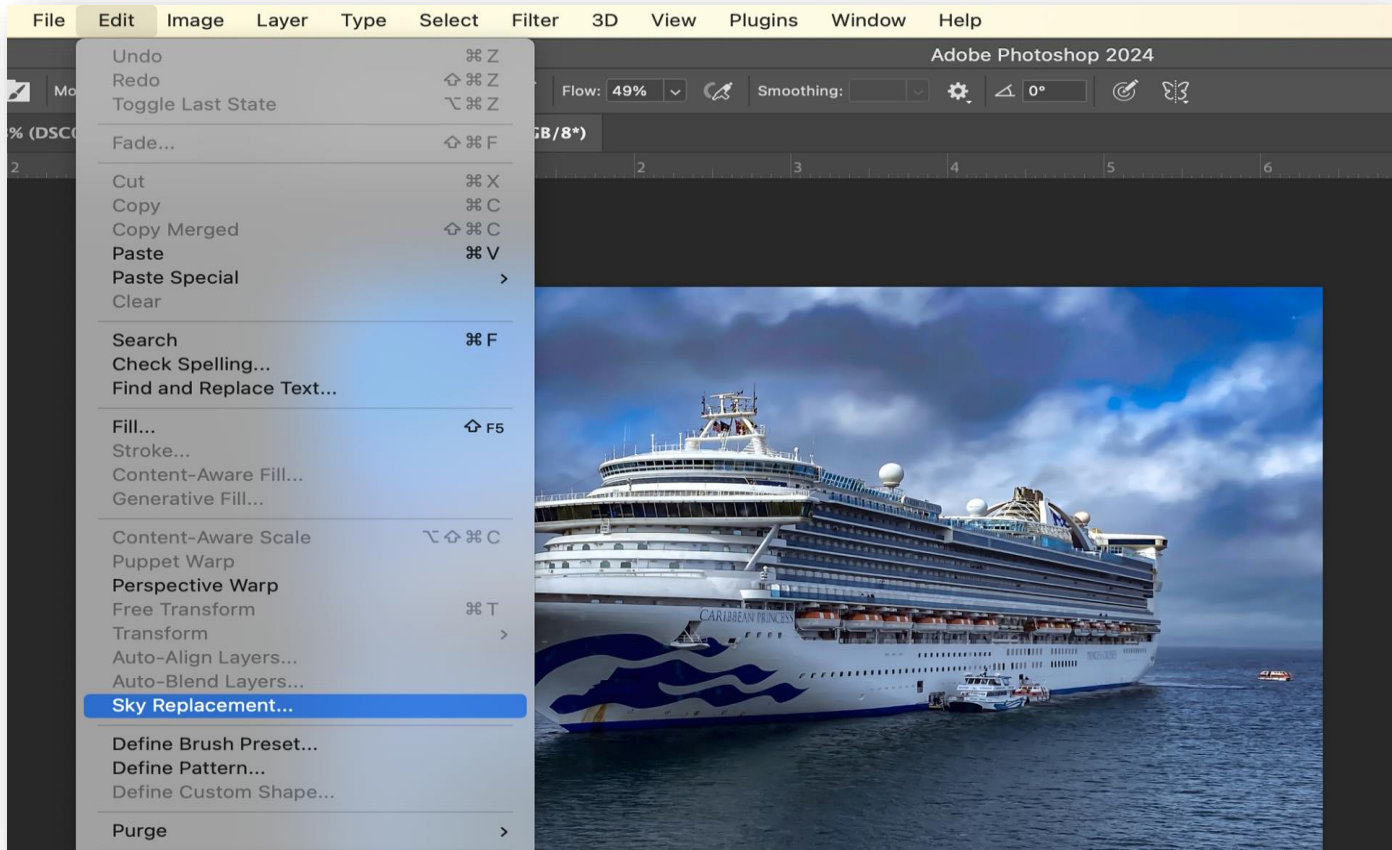


Add a mask to the original image and paint black into the mask to reveal desired reflection of the sky in the water for a more realistic image. Make final adjustments using the mask and save as both a .PSD with editable components and a .JPG flattened file.

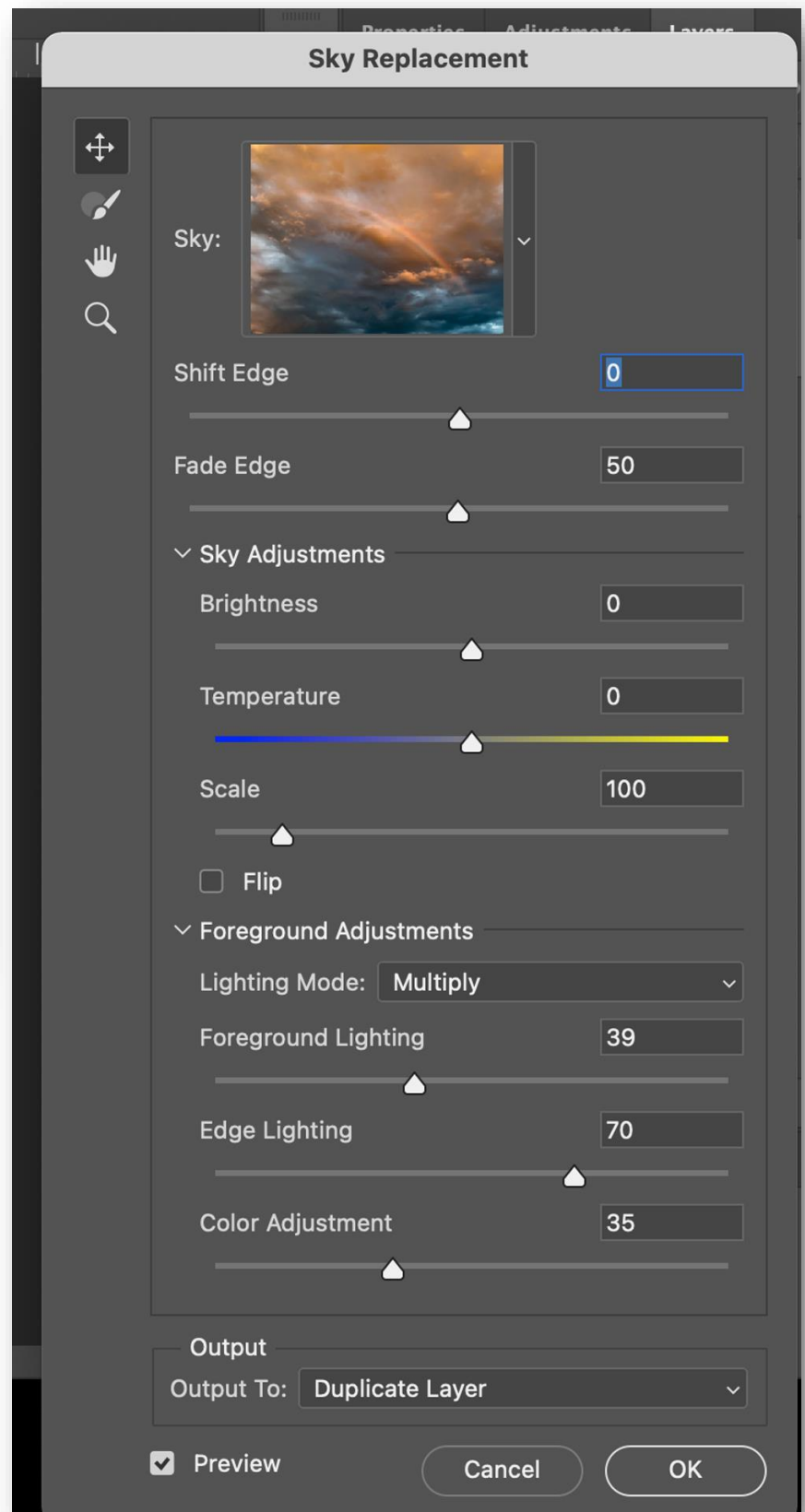
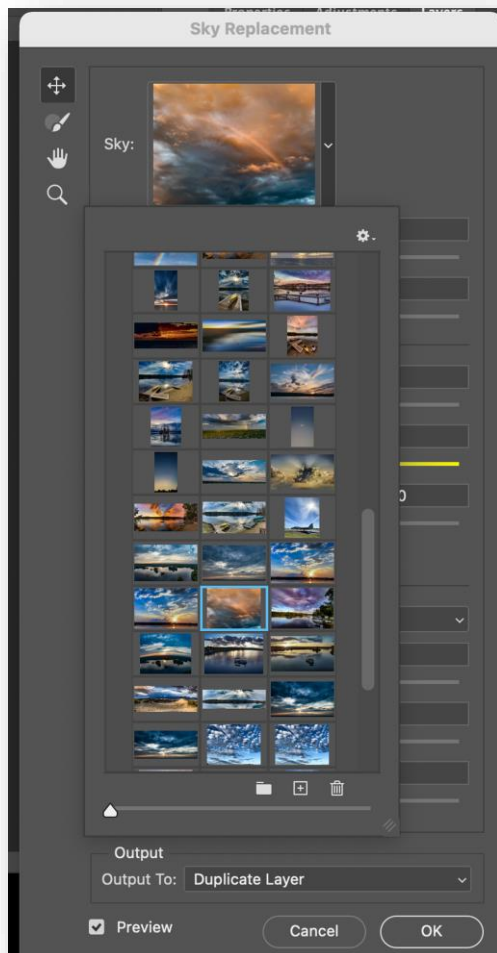
Here is a Youtube video that has even more details for your leverage:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqKDqhXtOS0>

The easier, automated method is using 2021 version of Photoshop Sky Replacement:

1. Load your base photo and go to Edit / Sky Replacement



You can point the app to your desired folder of sky replacement options and will automatically select and display the new sky. There are a number of options for scaling, temperature, edger lighting and color adjustment. Play with these for option adjustments and choose your favorite. Then apply.





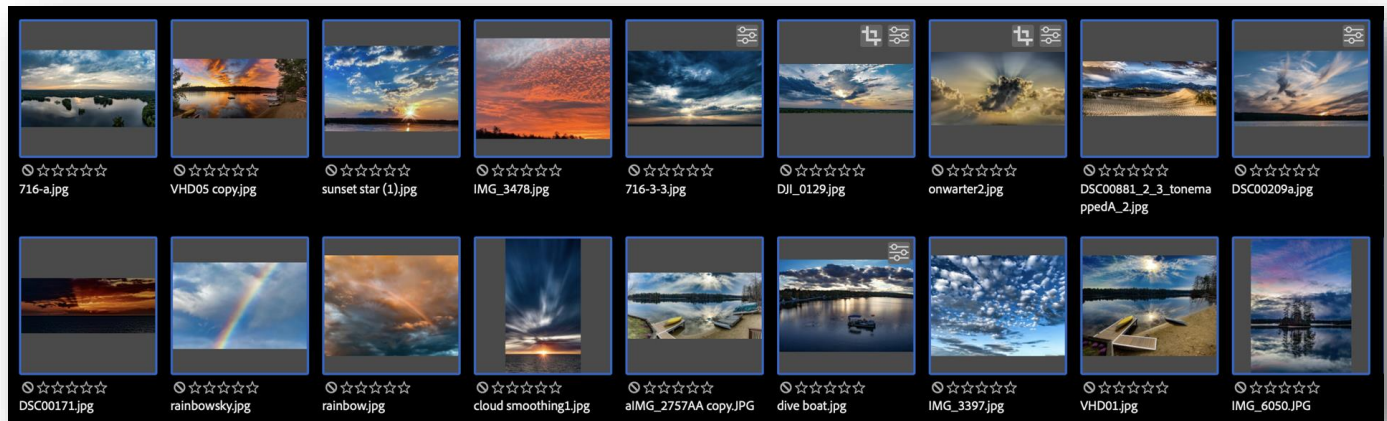
Use masking and Camera Raw to fine tune as desired and enjoy the ability to make a more impactful image from the combination of a better sky, especially if it is your own sky image also.

Some would argue that manipulation and use of stock images is cheating but if you use your own images exclusively, it could be considered appropriate art and ethical useage.

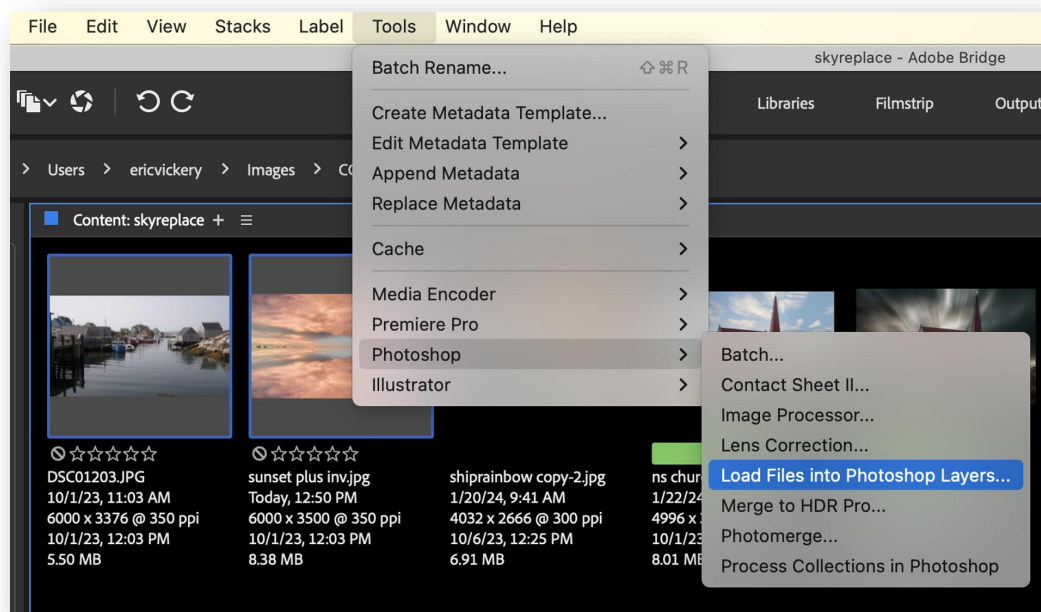
Here is another YouTube video that illustrates the steps in more detail:
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Try this technique and have fun!

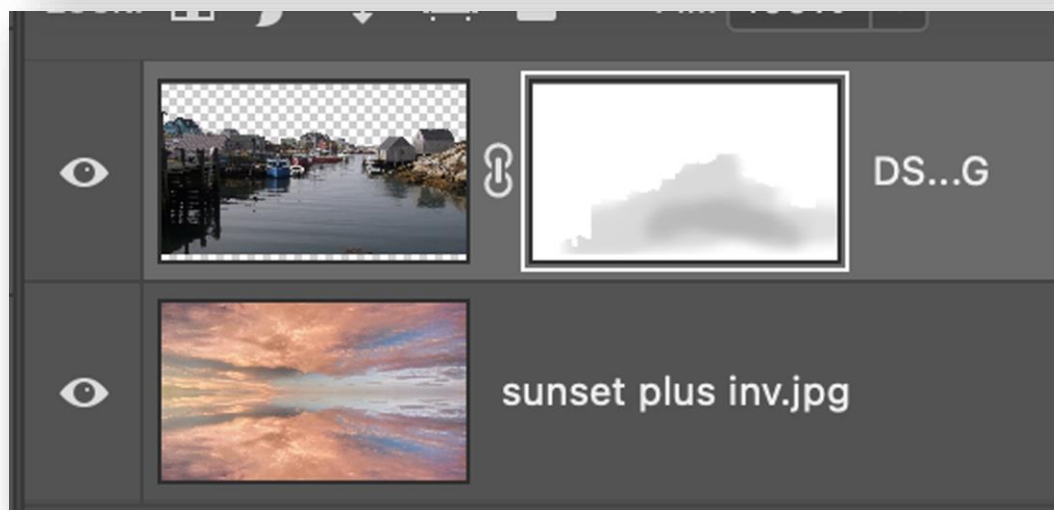
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