

Photography Portfolio Website - Budget-Friendly Plan

Objective

Build a visually appealing, fast, responsive photography portfolio website using free tools while keeping it professional and polished, similar to a high-budget website.

Tools & Stack

- HTML/CSS/JavaScript (Frontend, Free)
- GitHub Pages (Hosting, Free)
- Figma or Canva (Design Mockups, Free)
- TinyPNG/Squoosh (Image compression, Free)
- Cloudinary (Optional image hosting, Free tier)
- Formspree or Netlify Forms (Free contact form backend)

Design Techniques

- Use free premium-looking templates from html5up.net or [FreeHTML5](https://freehtml5.co)
- Google Fonts for typography
- AOS or GSAP for animations
- CSS Grid/Flexbox layouts, hover/fade effects
- Optional dark/light theme toggle

Optimization & Protection

- Convert images to .webp and compress
- Implement lazy loading
- Disable right-click, use overlay divs for image protection
- Avoid direct `` for high-res images

Features & Integration

- Contact form using Formspree or Netlify
- Social media embeds or links
- Google Maps iframe (optional)

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- Custom domain mapped to GitHub Pages
- Automated deploy via GitHub Actions (optional)

Performance Tips

- Minify HTML/CSS/JS
- Use preload/lazy load
- Lighthouse for performance testing

Cost Summary

Item	Cost
Domain	Already Paid
Hosting	Free
Design Tools	Free
Form Backend	Free
Optimization Tools	Free
Optional Cloud Hosting	Free
Development Quote	See below

Quote Estimate

Scope	Time	Est. Cost
Design and Planning	4-5 hrs	INR 500-1,000
Frontend Development	10-12 hrs	INR 2,500-4,000
Gallery and Protection	3-4 hrs	INR 1,000
Contact Form Setup	1-2 hrs	INR 500
Deployment	1 hr	INR 500
Total Estimate: INR 4,500 to 7,000 (negotiable)		