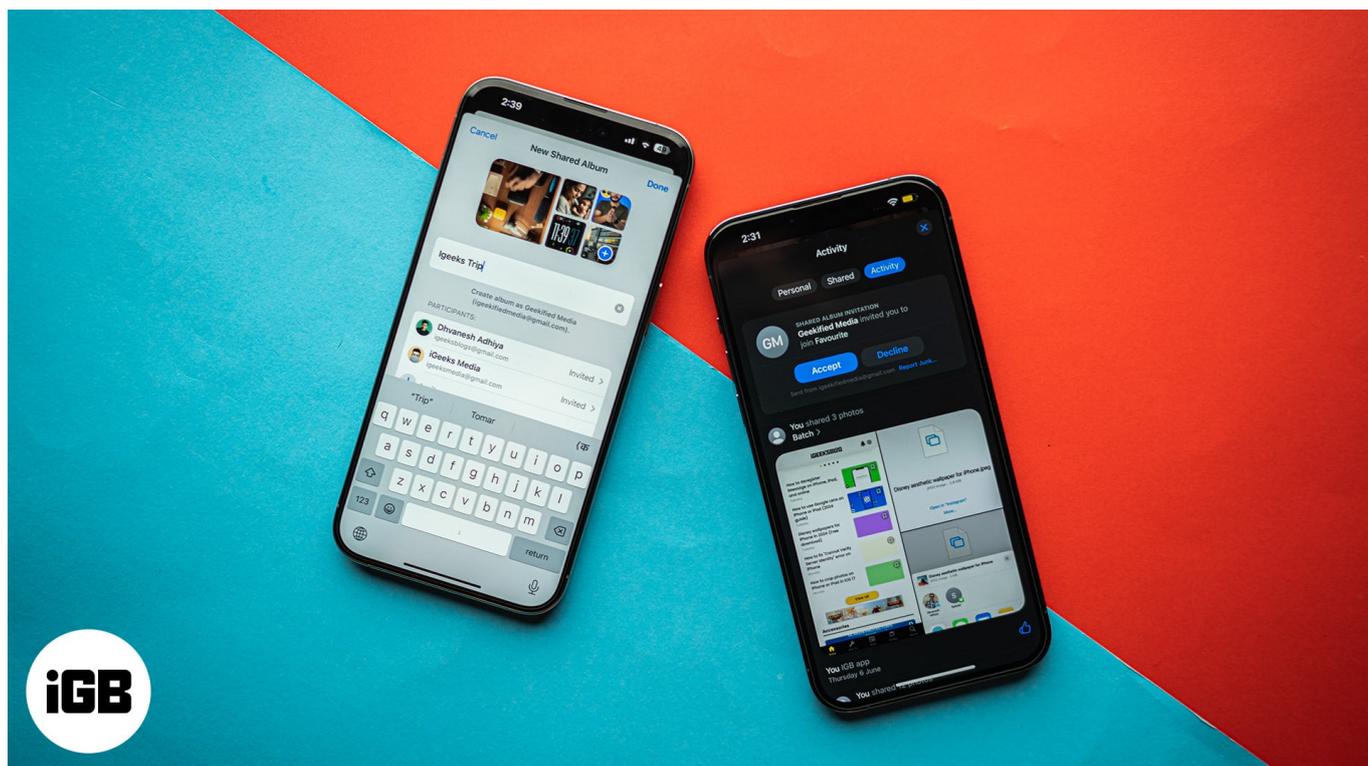


We all love to create and document memories with our loved ones through photos and videos on our iPhones. But what's the use of making memories with loved ones when they're confined to your iPhone?



This is exactly where the iCloud Shared Albums feature comes in handy. A Shared Album allows you to share photos and videos and collaborate with participants in real time.

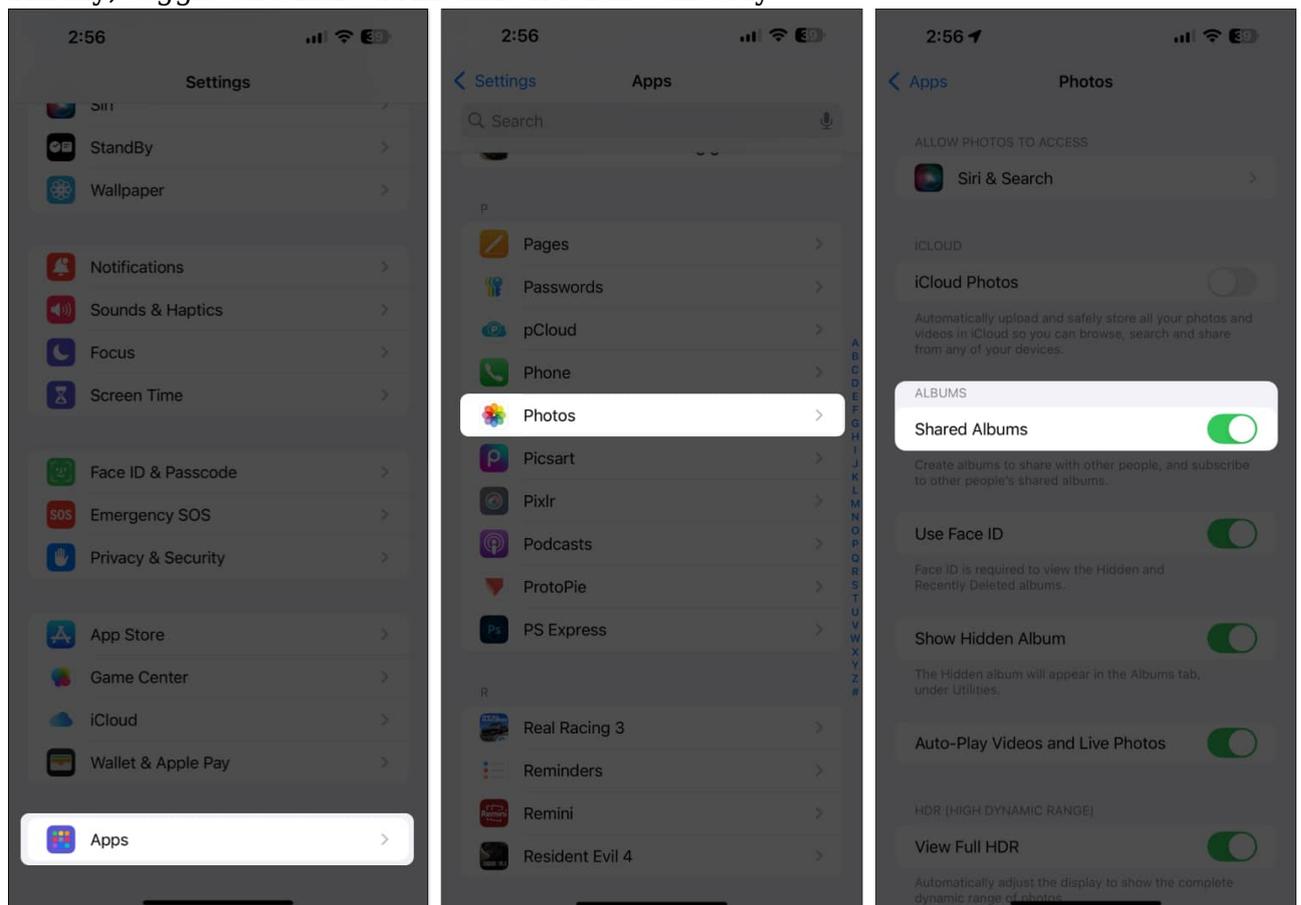
While creating a shared album is easy, accepting the invite to join has countless iPhone users confused. Keep reading to learn how to accept a Shared Album invite on an iPhone and iPad.

How to accept a Shared Album invitation on your iPhone or iPad

To [use Shared Albums on your iPhone](#), you must ensure it's turned on, as you won't receive the invite if it isn't.

While the feature is turned on by default, it's possible that you may have turned it off at some point. Here's how to verify if Shared Albums is turned on and enable it if it isn't:

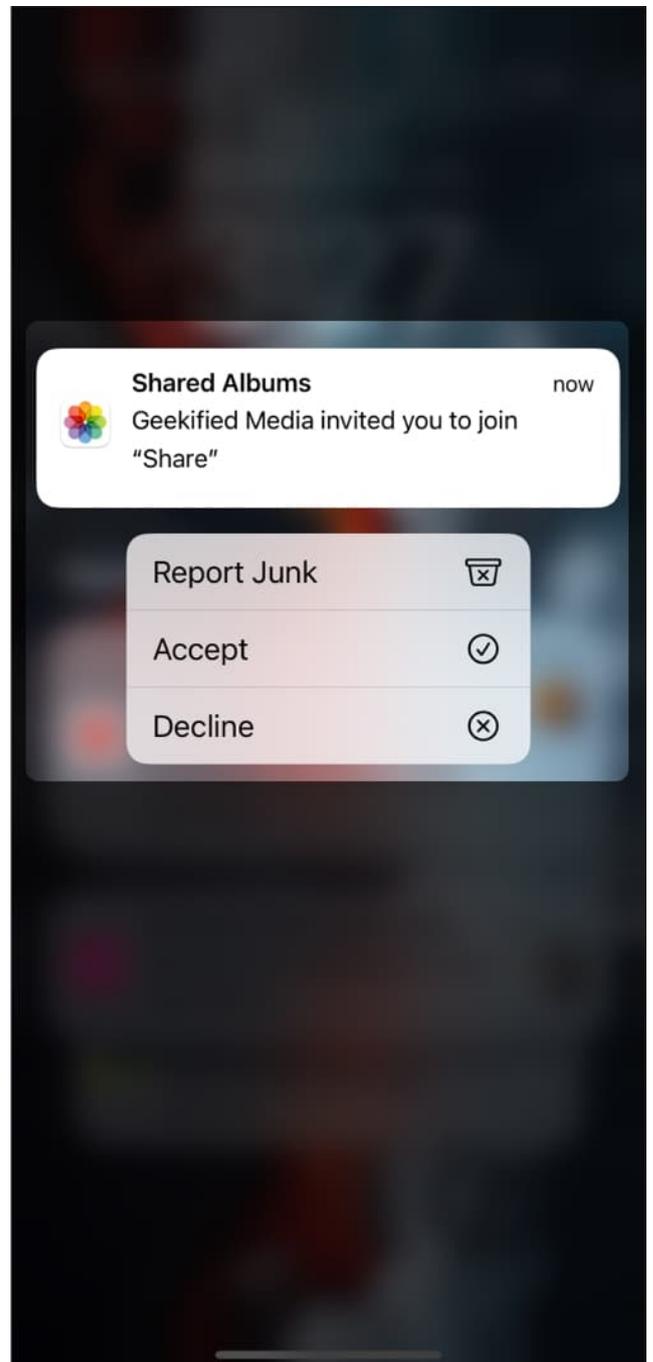
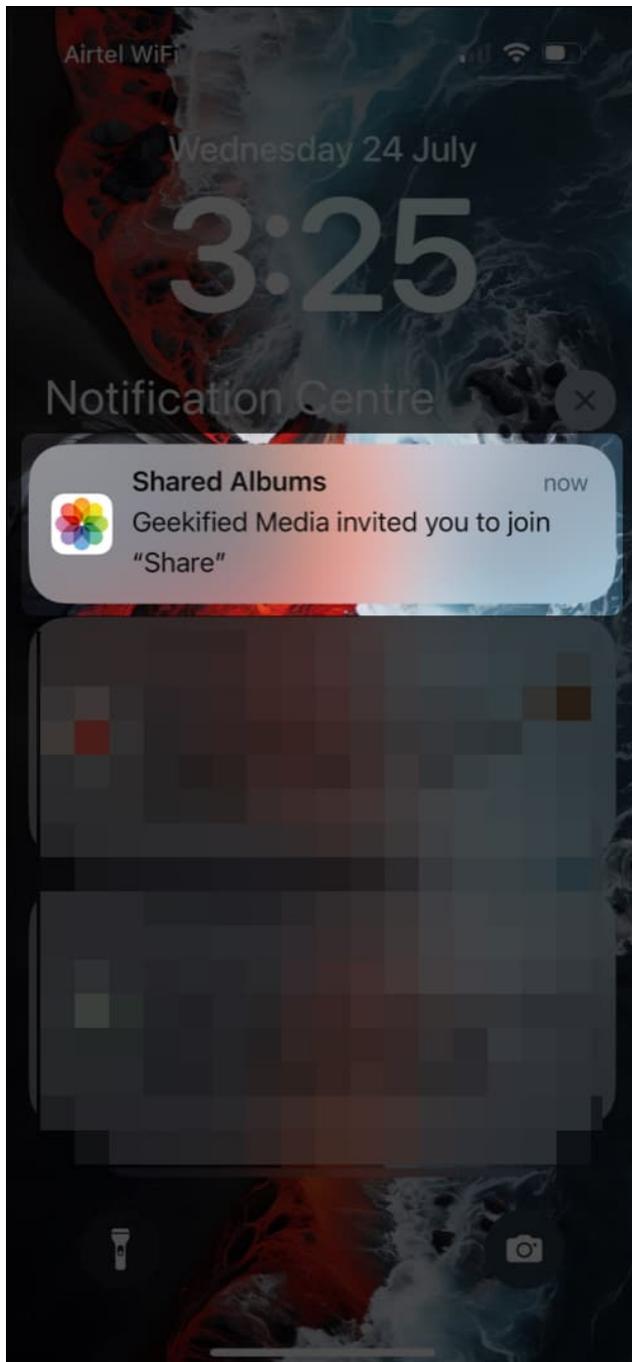
1. Open the **Settings** app.
2. Scroll down and select **Apps**.
3. Here, locate and tap on **Photos**.
4. Finally, toggle on **Shared Albums** if it isn't already.



If you've toggled on the Shared Album feature just now, ask your friend to share the invitation to join it again. Once you receive the invitation, you can accept it and start collaborating on it, as shown below.

How to accept a Shared Album invite via Notification Center

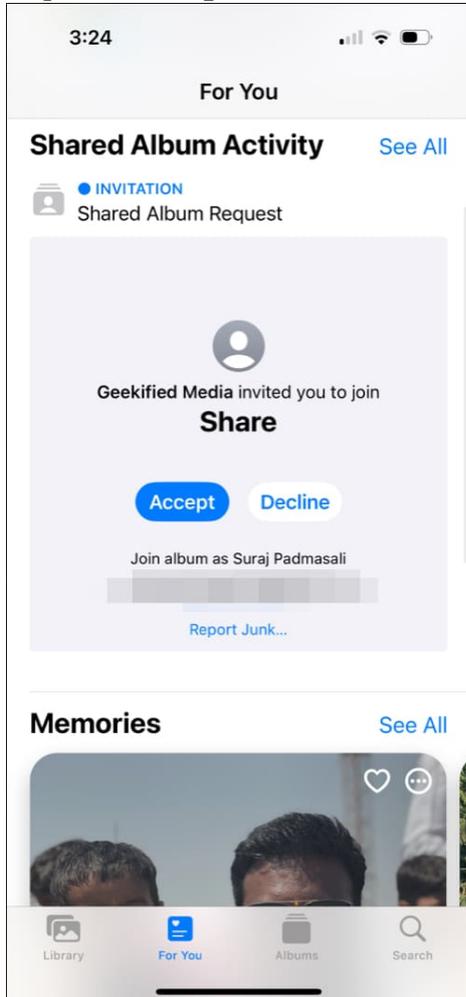
1. Swipe down from the top-left of the iPhone screen to access the Notification Center.
2. Locate the **Shared Album** Invite notification and long-press on it.
3. Next, tap the **Accept** button to accept the invitation.
4. Alternatively, tap the **Decline** button if you're unaware of the person who sent you the invite.



How to accept an invite to a Shared Album via the Photos app

1. Open the **Photos app** and go to the **For You** tab.
2. Scroll down to the **Shared Albums** section and tap on it to see the Shared Album invite you've received.

3. Tap the **Accept** button on the invite to accept the invitation and start collaborating.



Note

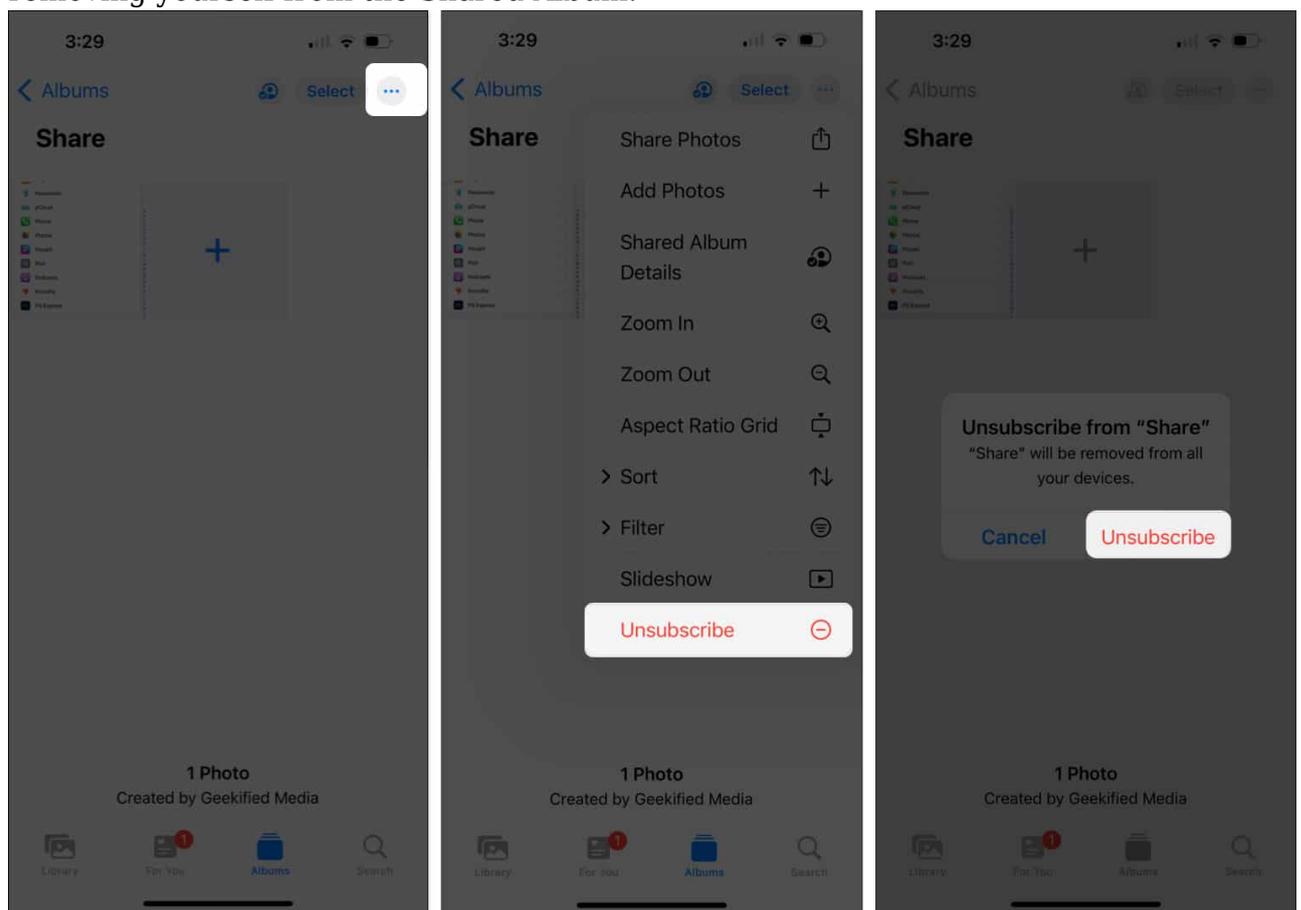
- You won't be able to use Shared Albums if the iCloud Photos is turned off on your iPhone, and you can't turn on iCloud Photos if there isn't enough space available in your iCloud storage.

How to leave a shared photo album on an iPhone

iCloud Shared Albums is a great way to engage and collaborate with your loved ones. However, there may come an instance when you may no longer want to be part of a Shared Album. In that case, you can leave the shared photo album like this:

1. Open the **Photos** app and go to the **For You** tab.

2. Scroll down to the **Shared Albums** section and tap on it.
3. Here, select the Shared Album you want to leave.
4. Tap the three-dot icon button in the top-right corner and select **Unsubscribe** from the available options.
5. Next, tap **Unsubscribe** again when the confirmation prompt appears to confirm removing yourself from the Shared Album.



Note

- Before leaving a Shared Album, be sure to save the photos and videos you need to your iPhone. Once you unsubscribe, you'll lose access to all the photos and videos in the Shared Album.

Enjoy shared memories...

Now that you know how to accept Shared Album invites on an iPhone, you can see the Shared Album's contents and leave your comments under photos and videos for everyone to

see. In addition, you can also collaborate on the Shared Album by sharing your own photos and videos.

Shared Albums doesn't just help you collaborate easily with others, but it also ensures you enjoy increased privacy and high-quality images without relying on any third-party apps.

If you still have some questions, feel free to comment below.

What should you do if you don't see a Shared Album invite?

If you're [unable to use Shared Albums on your iPhone](#), make sure you've turned on the **iCloud Photos** feature in the Photos app settings.

Can you accept a Shared Album invite on multiple devices?

You don't need to accept a Shared Album invite on multiple Apple devices signed in with the same Apple ID. If you've turned on iCloud Photos, you'll see the Shared Album on all your devices.

What happens if you accidentally decline a Shared Album invite?

You'll need to ask the sender to resend the Shared Album invite.

Can you share a Shared Album with people who don't use Apple devices?

Yes, you can. All you need to do is head to the **Shared Album** in the Photos app > **People** tab and turn on **Public Website**. This will publish the content in the Shared Album to a public website that anyone with the website link can access.

Read more:

- [How to customize the Photos app on iPhone in iOS 18](#)
- [How to delete duplicate photos on iPhone](#)
- [How to find size of files and photos on iPhone and iPad](#)