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Is your iPhone memory filled with your photos collection, but you want to keep them? Transferring your photos from your iPhone to the computer (whether Mac or Windows PC) is the best solution. But if you are looking for the easiest way to import photos, this article is for you! I will be taking you through 5+ straightforward methods one by one. So let's get started with the easiest one.



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# How to import photos from iPhone to Mac wirelessly

Follow the methods mentioned below to transfer photos from your iPhone to Mac wirelessly.

#### 1. Using Airdrop

This is one of the easiest ways to transfer photos from your iPhone to Mac without any hassle of plugging in a USB cable. Let's have a look at <u>how to use Airdrop</u> to transfer photos to your Mac.

*Note*: Ensure that you have toggled on Bluetooth and Wi-Fi on your iPhone and Mac.

- 1. Open the **Photos app** on your iPhone.
- Select the photo or video to transfer and tap Share.
  Tap Select at the top right to select multiple photos at once.
- 3. Now, select **AirDrop**.
- 4. Choose your Mac from the list.



5. The shared photo(s) will appear in your Finder window.

#### 2. Using iCloud Photos

- 1. Sign in to your Apple ID on devices you want to sync your data.
- 2. Go to iPhone **Settings**.
- 3. Tap your **name**  $\rightarrow$  **iCloud**.
- 4. Choose **Photos** and toggle on **iCloud Photos**.

#### Next, follow the below steps on your Mac:

- Launch the **Photos** app on your Mac. You can find it in the Dock, by Spotlight search (command + space bar), or in the Launchpad.
- 2. Click **Photos** at the top left and select **Preferences**.



- 3. Go to the **iCloud** tab.
- 4. Next, check iCloud Photos.

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iCloud
General iCloud
iCloud Photos
Automatically upload and store all your photos and videos in iCloud so you can access them from any of your devices and on the web.
O Download Originals to this Mac
Store original photos and videos on this Mac. Choose this option if you want to access full-resolution versions of your entire library, even when offline.
Optimise Mac Storage
If your Mac is low on space, full-resolution photos and videos are automatically replaced with smaller, device-sized versions. Full-resolution versions can be downloaded from iCloud at any time.
Shared Albums
Create albums to share with other people, and subscribe to other people's shared albums.

#### 5. Alternatively:

You can also follow the below steps:

- $\circ$  Click the Apple logo at the top left
- Select System Preferences.
- Tap **Apple ID**.

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 $\circ\,$  On the left menu, select **iCloud**.

 $\circ\,$  On the right, check Photos and iCloud Drive.



Enabling iCloud Photos on your Mac and iPhone will automatically sync photos and videos between iPhone and Mac without using USB. However, it could take up to 24 hours to complete syncing once enabled.

iCloud Photos always saves photos and videos in their full resolution, and you can download them on your Mac anytime using the Photos app.

# How to transfer photos from iPhone to Mac via USB cable

Don't want to sync your iPhone photos to Mac? Follow the methods mentioned below, which

include the use of good old <u>USB cables</u>.

#### 1. Import to the Photos app

- 1. **Connect** your iPhone to Mac using a USB or USB-C cable.
- 2. Now, open the **Photos** app on your Mac.
- 3. Click your **device's name** in the sidebar.
- 4. If prompted, **unlock your iPhone** and tap **Trust** to continue.
- 5. Now select the pictures or videos you want to import to your Mac, then click **Import x Selected**.
  - You can also click **Import All New Items** to transfer the recent pictures and videos to your Mac that are not there on your Mac.



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Now you can disconnect your iPhone and use the same steps mentioned above whenever you want to transfer photos from your iPhone to Mac.

#### **2. Using Finder**

Did you know that you can use Finder to transfer photos from your iPhone to Mac using USB? No, then follow the steps to transfer photos between your iPhone and Mac through Finder.

*Note*: For this method, you must turn off iCloud Photos.

- 1. Connect your iPhone to Mac using a USB cable.
- 2. Open Finder on your Mac.
- 3. Click your **iPhone** under the devices tab in the sidebar, then click **Trust**.

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- 4. Now click **Photos**, and check **Sync photos to your device from:** 
  - $\circ\,$  By default, pictures will be synced from the **Photos** app.
  - $\,\circ\,$  You can also select a **specific folder** you want to sync photos from.
- 5. You can also choose to sync all photos or selected albums.
- 6. Finally, click **Apply**.

These were some of the easiest ways to transfer photos from your iPhone to Mac. But what if you got a Windows PC? Don't worry; we have you covered.

## How to transfer pictures from an iPhone to PC

Transferring photos and videos from iPhone to a Windows PC isn't as seamless as transferring it to Macs. But there are a few straightforward methods. Let's have a look at them.

#### **1. Using iTunes**

- 1. Open **iTunes** on your Windows PC.
- 2. Connect your iPhone using a **USB** cable.
- 3. Unlock your iPhone and click **Trust** to continue.
- 4. Now click **Photos** in the left sidebar.
- 5. Select **Sync Photos from**  $\rightarrow$  **Done**  $\rightarrow$  **Apply**.

Now all your photos will be synced with your Windows PC whenever you connect your iPhone with PC.

#### 2. With Windows Photos app

- 1. Connect your iPhone with Windows PC using a USB cable.
- 2. Click the **Start button**  $\rightarrow$  **Photos**.
- 3. Now select **Import**  $\rightarrow$  **From a USB device**.
- 4. Select the files to import to your PC and click **Continue**.

*Note:* You may need to enter the password of your iPhone and tap **Trust** when prompted.

#### 3. Using iCloud

- 1. Install **iCloud** on your PC from the Windows Store.
- 2. Now, open **iCloud**.
- 3. Enter your Apple ID and password and click Sign In.
- 4. Click **Options...** in the **Photos** section.
- 5. Check the box for **iCloud Photos**.
- 6. Enable **Download new photos to my PC** to download. You can choose to disable **Upload new photos from my PC** and **Shared Albums** according to your preferences.

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7. Finally, click **Done**  $\rightarrow$  **Apply**.

Now photos from your iCloud will be downloaded to your PC without any hassle.

Do you know any other method to transfer photos from iPhone to PC? Tell us in the comments below.

#### Also Read:

- How to transfer data from your Windows PC to a Mac
- How to recover deleted photos from iPhone or iPad
- Find and delete duplicate files on Mac
- How to recover deleted photos on Mac
- How to transfer music from a computer to an iPhone and vice versa