

VIVA THEMES

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L'IMAGE THEME INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Thank you for purchasing this theme. This is your first step towards having a great looking site. Please read the instructions below. If you need more help please use our [support forum](#)

If you like this theme you might consider switching to the ALL THEMES PACKAGE. Please [click here for details](#)

THEME OVERVIEW

L'Image theme will make it extremely easy for you to setup your professional photography website. Category based galleries make it extremely easy for you to create a gallery and post your own pictures. Equipped also with a blog category template there's nothing missing to get going.

- Theme compatible with Wordpress 3.0.x
- 100% tableless css design.
- Custom menu system, multi-level dropdown.
- Custom background panel.
- Post Thumbnail feature.
- Blog category template.
- Theme options panel.
- Attractive custom front page image grid showing your latest gallery entries.
- 4 level dropdown navigation.
- Threaded comments.
- CSS & XHTML valid.
- Cross-browser compatible.
- Additional full width and blog page template.
- Delivered with .png source files (.psd files available in the forum)

HOW TO INSTALL THE THEME

Please unzip the '[limage_unzip_first.zip](#)' file that you received.

The theme is the '[limage.zip](#)' file inside the folder. As you might be aware, starting from WordPress 2.8 version you can actually install the themes from your administration area. To do so, in your WordPress administration area, go to '[Appearance-Add New Themes](#)'. In the top there appears a new navigation. Click on the '[Upload](#)' item, then browse for the '[limage.zip](#)' file in your computer and after locating it press the '[Install Now](#)' button.

You can also install this theme the traditional way, by unzipping the '[limage.zip](#)' file, and upload the theme folder using an ftp client to the '[wp-content/themes](#)' folder of your WordPress installation.

After installing the theme, go to '[Appearance-Themes](#)' in your WordPress administrator area, and click the 'activate' link of the newly installed theme. The theme is now the active one.

THE THEME OPTIONS PANEL

This theme comes with an advanced options panel that allows you to configure different aspects of the theme without touching code. To access the options panel, in your WordPress administration area go to '[Appearance – l'Image Theme Options](#)'. Please take a look at the different options you have there.

CHANGING THE LOGO

You can change the logo from the theme panel, by changing the 'Logo Image Url' with your new logo image url.

You can also switch to text logo from the theme panel. In this case your 'Site Title' will replace the logo.

CONFIGURING THE MENUS

The theme uses in full the custom menu navigation system introduced in WordPress 3.0. There are two menu locations in this theme: the 'Left Menu' and the 'Right Menu'.

You need to go to 'Appearance – Menus' in your WordPress admin to start configuring your menus. You first need to create a menu in the right side and then from the left you can select the pages and categories you want to be part of each menu. Don't forget to click 'Save Menu' after you add the items. *Note that you have to have created your pages and categories first and they will be available in the list to include in the menu.*

In the left you will see the active menu location and you need to assign the new menu to the location using the dropdown selection.

To enable dropdown in the menu interface, you have to drag the menu items below another menu item (child item).

THE FRONT PAGE

As you have noticed the front page of this theme consists of an image grid that will display the latest 15 images submitted to your galleries, you can change the amount of the images in the theme panel.

You can exclude any category you want from the front page. In the theme panel you have a field where you can enter the ID of the category you want to exclude.

You can find the ID when you edit that category, is the last digit(s) that appear in the url, up in the browser.

THE WIDGET AREAS OF THE THEME

This theme has 2 widget ready areas. The **BOTTOM WIDGETS** which is the 3 small widgets in the left of the copyright information in the footer. The other area is the **RIGHT SIDEBAR** which is visible in all the interior pages. You can add widgets to each area by going into 'Appearance – Widgets' in your WordPress administration area and dragging & dropping widgets into each bar.

You might also find these articles useful :

<http://www.vivathemes.com/blog/how-to-add-links-in-a-text-widget/>

<http://www.vivathemes.com/blog/adding-an-image-in-a-text-widget/>

SETTING UP THE GALLERIES

It is extremely easy to create galleries. Just create a category i.e. 'Portraits', then create a post for each image you want to upload. Upload the full sized image as a featured image of the post. The post title will display in the image description.

You can have as many galleries and subgalleries as you want.

ADDING A FEATURED IMAGE IN A POST

When you edit a post, in the bottom of the right column you have a new area called Featured Image. Click on the [Set Featured Image](#) link and you will be taken in the image uploader interface, where you can upload or select one of the existing images. Make sure that after you view your image press the '[Use as Featured Image](#)' link. The image will be resized and cropped to fit your thumbnail size.

SETTING UP THE BLOG

All you need to do is create a category called '**Blog**' and include it in one of the menus.

Note that in this theme you must use this feature only for the posts in your Blog category, not in any of the galleries.

CUSTOM BACKGROUND PANEL

One of the new features introduced is the custom background that enables you to easily change the background color of your website or upload an image as your background.

To do so, in your WordPress admin go to 'Appearance – Background' and there you can easily make the necessary changes.

USING SHORTCODES

Shortcodes are custom styled elements ready for you to use. To check out our shortcodes please see here :

http://demo.vivathemes.com/themes/method/?page_id=67

Sample usages:

Big buttons: `[bluebutton]link text[/bluebutton]`

Small buttons: `[smallblue]link text[/smallblue]`

Boxes: `[download]some text[/download]`

Columns: `[halfcolumn]some text[/halfcolumn]`

Best regards,

The Viva Themes Team