



American Travelers in Europe Get More Help Than Deserved

Editor's note: How do you make a visit to Europe as enjoyable as possible? Edwin Emery, a professor of journalism at the University of Minnesota, offers some suggestions in the following dispatch. Emery is in Europe as a Guggenheim Fellow studying the operations of U.S. press associations.

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(Written for United Press International)
London — (UPI) — American tourists are given a good welcome and friendly help in Europe — probably more than they deserve.

After four months of driving 10,000 miles through 10 European countries with my wife and daughter, we can cite countless examples of European courtesy, friendliness and fair-dealing. The number of unhappy incidents we can count on the fingers of one hand.

There were the two Germans in Saarbrücken — one a former war prisoner — who walked halfway across the city with us to make certain we found the restaurant where friends were dining. There was the Italian youth who rode with us after dark through the twisting streets of Siena to show us to our hotel, then walked back after smilingly refusing a tip.

Spoken Greetings
Friendly waves of hands and spoken greetings from the roadside have followed us through Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Spain, France, Belgium, Holland, Great Britain and Ireland. We are strangers, with round export plates on our Volkswagen, and that is enough to gain a friendly smile, even before the "USA" sign can be seen.

Language differences are no barrier to friendliness. A group of Germans in a Munich restaurant "talked" to us with much merriment. They found out their guest was a journalism professor, through painstaking effort, and we found out one had a brother in New York.

Little pocket "phrase books," sign language and gestures can go far toward achieving understanding. The tourist who acquires some "hotel" and "menu" German, Italian, French or Spanish can make his way without trouble.

It is not hard, either, to learn how to compliment the hosts on the good meals or extra service. Showing appreciation with a phrase in their language works wonders — just as it does at home.

Natives Also Pay
Some Americans expect Europeans to "have their hands out" for the reputedly inexhaustible American dollars. In continental countries where an established 10 to 15 per cent service charge is added to the bill in lieu of tips, this might be considered to be true — but remember that the natives pay the same extra amount.

Driving a car through Europe is very easy. Road signs are good, signs are clear and numerous, traffic is orderly, and the same gas stations with many familiar brand names are available. Parking is nearly always possible on the street outside your hotel.

Many Europeans, of course, speak English. It is a common tongue in Holland, Belgium and Scandinavia, and fairly widely spoken in other countries, particularly by those who deal with tourists. This is fortunate for language-deficient Americans.

Europeans have a friendly curiosity about America. They might be vague about the location of a midwestern state like Minnesota, but they've heard of its Sen. Hubert Humphrey. They know a good deal about American foreign policy, politics and culture.

They do not talk too readily about international politics, the war or American shortcomings unless they are "warmed up" and convinced you are in earnest.

Of course, Europeans have stereotyped ideas about America, but as Americans have about Europe. They ask how we spend our leisure time, for example, with tongue in cheek — for their picture of an American is "a man in a hurry," too hurried to enjoy life.

The wife of a French professor, after imploring us not to take offense, said that this was their favorite joke: "An American and his wife are standing in front of the great Notre Dame Cathedral. The man looks at his watch, frowns, turns to his wife and says: 'I'll do the outside and you do the inside. We'll meet here in five minutes and compare notes.'"

Some additional tips for travelers who want to be happy in Europe:
Learn what each currency is worth in dollars. Use their money, not the dollar bills that some tourists think are "good anywhere." In fact, some European currencies are stronger than the dollar these days.

Don't be an "American" and stay at luxury hotels and drink at American bars if you wish to meet people from other countries. You will only meet somewhat weary Europeans who have to serve a somewhat demanding clientele.
Remember that there are many tourists from other

lands. Half the tourists in Italy come from Germany and Austria.
Don't overstock with such items as cleansing tissues, soap, razor blades, films, cigarettes. Water is good, milk is pasteurized in any ordinary place you visit.
Don't worry unduly about customs regulations and cur-

rency problems. Currency controls have been abandoned throughout Western Europe's booming economy; frontiers are as easy and friendly to cross as the one between the U.S. and Canada.
Remember you don't win everything at home, either. If something costs more than you expect, or you can't get "American coffee" — try again next time.
Don't try to see too much in

a short time, know where you are going, and find out in advance what attractions you should see. Read a few guide books and try not to be too ignorant about other peoples' cultural achievements, institutions and ways of life.
Smile if you can't do anything else — someone will help you out. For Americans, despite their faults, are liked in Europe if they will let themselves be liked.

BACK IN PRISON—Leo Kampa, 31, a Stillwater, Minn., convict who escaped when he had a week to wait for legal release from prison, was back behind bars after 24 hours of freedom. Stunned and bruised after a series of violent episodes after his break, he was corrailed by St. Paul police after he jumped from a 14 foot roof in a final futile try for freedom. (UPI Telephoto)

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