

Around the World

with
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RIANO, SPAIN—When the hot summer comes to Madrid, you must drive north until you reach the sea at Santander.

Turn west along this Cantabric coast. About a day's drive onward you will find a rough, twisting road inland through the gorges of the Picos de Europa.

It is "For Whom the Bell Tolls" country. Wild and mountainous little villages. The people are Asturians—Celtic people with blue eyes and red cheeks. Their cattle are dun-colored beasts with fierce horns.

It is cool (In summer Madrid, it's in the mid-90s.) At Riano there is a good paradox, a Government inn. The valley floor is covered with aspen and silver birch, golden dandelions and deep-blue, bell-shaped flowers.

Through it runs the Esla river. Wide and shallow, running over brown rocks into gravel pools. Full of salmon-colored trout. You fish it with a 12-foot whippy rod, a picnic lunch and a river-cooled bottle of Spanish white wine.

"We would like any advice on routes with most interest through Spain this summer."

Stay north, stay north! The country south of Madrid is fascinating—it's Moorish and Roman. But the best lies you up for the middle of the day.

Lot of people go to the Costa Brava, the eastern coast on the Mediterranean, or Majorca. But I can't see it. It's desert dry. And even beside the sea, hot enough that you want to stay indoors from noon to 4 o'clock.

There aren't as many people on that northern route. Fewer tourists has kept the food simple to dull. Veal is a daily thing, and I ate it until I felt I was going to moo. But there's good shrimp along the coast. The wine is good and so are the salads.

It's fascinating country. At the end of a river road, between rock walls, I ran into a perfect Roman bridge. A great arch of brown stone spanning the Sella. The road follows the antique pilgrims' way to the shrine of the Apostle St. James at Compostella. On the northern coast at La Coruna (with a Roman lighthouse), the Spanish Armada sailed against England. The land is full of ruined castles, and Roman roads lie empty and forgotten in the mountains.

"How about the cheapest country? We are two young people on summer vacation."

Mexico, Spain and Portugal—probably staying with families who rent rooms whenever you can. Otherwise use youth and student hostels. All these countries have taken a stiff attitude toward beads, long hair and guitars. That's not a social comment—just a tip. (Shave before you cross the border, grow the beard again afterward.)

"If we buy clothing in Europe, will we have trouble with sizes? I understand they have different ways of marking them."

They do have different markings. But I have NEVER had to carry a conversion table. Every place you buy has such a table or else they know it by heart. If you want a converter, most airlines give them free.

"Is there a way to get city maps in European cities?"

In the capitals, walk into airline offices. You usually find them on the giveaway table. For smaller towns, the national tourist offices have them.

Tourist (Government) offices give you maps of the country. Pan American Airways has a handy booklet, "New Horizon Maps of Europe." It includes maps of major cities. Gasoline stations don't give away maps as ours do. But they usually have some to sell. Shell stations give them away.

"Some people advise us to rent a car in Europe and drive and others say forget it and fly. That the highways are too crowded."

If it's just getting point to

for my taste. Put me in a plane, give me a drink and a magazine and a nice, clean, short ride.

But—if you can take a little time, rent a car. Get a good map showing major highways. And stay OFF of them. Get on the secondary roads. You see the country. Stop in little villages for lunch. And it's rewarding. Very much so.

Girls Enter Pets

Two sisters, Cynthia Marie Kelly, 14, and Lynn Kelly, 15, of 408 W. 21-4th St., have entered their dairy goats and dairy dishes in the 14th annual Great Western Fair and Dairy Show to be held May 30 through June 4 at the Great Western Exhibit Center, Santa Ana Freeway and Atlantic Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Ethics Top Concern in Mail Count

The conduct of Congress is most on the minds of constituents who write to him, Congressman Alphonzo Bell (R-28th District) said this week. Bell said an analysis of his mail during February showed that the two subjects most frequently mentioned were Congressional ethics and the Adam Clayton Powell affair.

The ten subjects which drew the heaviest mail during the month asked him to:

- Urge establishment of an ethics committee for the House of Representatives.
- Urge exclusion of Adam Clayton Powell from the Congress.
- Express concern over the

- Express concern about the mounting national crime rate.
- Urge and support stronger federal anti-pollution measures.
- Urge an increase in military activities in Vietnam.
- Urge an increase in third-class postage rates.

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