

Around the World

with
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snow outside. Now find an empty glass at a table. Go out and pop a can and fill your glass. Go back inside and mingle."

"We are planning a trip to Europe this summer. But since the President has said he may tax foreign travel, we wonder."

All agencies expect some discouragement of travel to Europe. But how much, no one predicts. The U.S. overseas airline investment in new planes is enormous—Pan Am and TWA have just borrowed a new half a billion dollars. They must fill seats,

But I'd have an alternate plan in mind. The inexpensive fares are to Mexico and Hawaii. If the travel ban goes on Europe, South America will boom.

"Do you tip tour directors? What if the director is the man who runs the travel agency?"

Tour guides in Europe, Mexico, South America are usually local employees. They pick up 15 per cent or better on everything you buy. Often on your night club bills, too. So I am reluctant to tip them. But it doesn't work that way. A tour group becomes an intimate thing. As close as a family. This extends to that

nice fellow, the guide. And soon somebody says, "We must get up a collection for Pierre." So you go along with it.

With the tour director who owns the agency, I think you'll find somebody taking up a collection to get him a Swiss watch. It's a group action that simply grows.

A Thousand and One Travelers' Tales: Reader writes from Dublin: "Jammet's is closed." That wonderful, paneled restaurant where we ate Dublin bay oysters and Guinness in the back bar! From Portugal: "We paid \$25 a day at the Ritz in Lisbon for the same

thing we got two years ago for \$14. But the hotels and prices south in the Algarve were wonderful: \$10 a day with all meals."

Portugal is the country to spend a year and write a novel. About \$5 a day for two with meals in a blue sea fishing village backed by pine tree hills.

"I am thinking of buying a Chevrolet and taking it to Europe . . ."

An American car on a European road looks as big as a truck. Lots of narrow streets in little towns you can't even get into. Then there's gas-

oline. At 50 to 80 cents a gallon. And shipping. I paid about \$250 to ship home a mini-car three years ago.

"Can I use my electric razor in Europe?"

All big tourist hotels now have a special four-way outlet in the bathroom. It takes all the plugs and delivers both 110 and 220 volts. But you won't find them in the countryside. I'd favor the travel razors that convert. Or something with battery power.

" . . . to get an Interna-

tional Driving Permit" I get mine from an AAA office. Two passport photos and \$3 last time. You might find out if you need it first. European countries have been easing driving permits. Last I heard, only Spain and Portugal required the international license.

You'll need a "green card" insurance form to get across borders. The rental agency or seller should get this for you.

And get them to stick on the windshield the little decal that shows roads signs and conversion of kilometers into miles.

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