

# Around the World

with  
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AMSTERDAM—It's flower time now in The Netherlands. The whole country blazes with color.

It's a pleasant land of good beaches, picture postcard villages and green fields with black-and-white cows. The sun is Dutch gold and the sky a Delft blue.

They've opened the new Schiphol Airport, one of the best free port shopping places in Europe. (No duty, no local tax.) Best buys in this country are crystal, silver, magnificent copper, particularly in kettles. You should also look into buys on diamonds—quality and weight are controlled by the Government. Antiques, pewter and Delft china, imported cameras, radios and perfumes are worth pricing.

"Would you be interested in buying by mail from the free ports of Europe...?"

You can get a free catalogue from Shannon Free Airport, Ireland. (That's all the mail address you need.) Schiphol in The Netherlands does not sell by mail. If you buy by mail, you must pay the Customs duty when it arrives—they send the bill with the package by the mailman. Even with the duty, a number of things are cheaper than you'd pay at home.

Not free port but very good for mail order gloves and perfumes: Freddy, 10 Rue Auber, Paris, France. Write for their catalogue. It's free.

Write European Government tourist bureaus. You can pan unsuspected gold from the folders they send you. The Netherlands floods you with interesting material. Write Netherlands National Tourist Office, 681 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Tourist offices are listed in the yellow section of phone books. (Use the nearest big city.) The listing is "Consulates and Other Foreign Representatives."

"Since we don't like to fly, is it possible to go to Mexico by train?"

## Kids Learn To Swim For Free

Free swimming lessons will be available to all youngsters at county swimming pools this summer, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, announced today. Last year, approximately 13,500 youngsters received instruction free during 22 days of "Operation Big Dip."

The lessons will be given during morning hours in this area at Carson Park Pool, 2121 S. Orrick Ave., Torrance. Regular minimum fees will be maintained during the afternoon hours.

Hahn urged parents to enroll their children in this program rather than let them spend their summer on the streets.



the best recipe for folks newly moved

Take one whole and for example... (text partially obscured)

Welcome to the Vagon

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MONA MARTIN

Tourist Office says it costs \$8.35 one way — such a low price I can hardly believe it. Another low price quoted me is Mexicali (at the California border) to Mazatlan for \$14.89.

The Aztec Eagle, from Laredo, Texas, to Mexico City is a modern train. That's an 800-mile run. The Mexican

The tourist office gives me the price of a lower berth at \$8.36. But—this is not by the night. It's for the duration of the trip. Seems an odd way to sell berths. But that's what the man says.

"If we buy a car in England, how do we get it into France?"

Two ways and neither is expensive: Drive down to Lydd Airport in the south of England. They'll fly you and the car over in a Bristol air freighter. Takes about 10 minutes. British Railways will take it over by Channelboat—you too. You sleep on the

same train and, by morning, you and the car are way down into France.

I fly it. Drive down from London in the afternoon and stay at The Mermaid in Rye. That's a fascinating, old cobbled town — one of the original Cinque Ports. The Mermaid is all leaded windows and polished copper. (Really should have a parrot crying, "Pieces-of-eight!" It's right out of "Treasure Island.")

"What is the dress on a cruise ship? We are flying back and don't want too much weight."

Everybody dresses in the evening. That means a cocktail dress for you. But a man can get by in a dark suit. I usually have a linen jacket along anyway. And I fake the formal by wearing dark trousers and a bow tie with it. There's no dressing up first

night out and last night before sailing into port. There's usually a costume party. The stewards have a store of such things. (Tip an extra dollar for his help.) Daytime dress aboard ship is informal. Resort wear is the thing. You need a sweater. There's always a chill wind coming from somewhere. Coats for men in the

dining room at lunch, but many ships don't require them for breakfast. And when you leave your cabin, wedge all bottles—perfume and liquor—into drawers. Ships rolls and—crash! The time you forget this is when you go aboard and unpack. You go on deck to wave goodbye. And you come back to a shambles.

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