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## When in ROME...

*There are a few tips to help you maximize the value of your travel dollar.*

“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.” *St. Augustine*

**Currency:** Monitor foreign currency so as to buy at the best possible rate.

**Reservations:** Avoid booking the last flight of the day. If cancelled or delayed, you may have to stay overnight.

**Culture:** Be aware of protocols in behaviour and dress, especially in business travel where positive first impressions are crucial.

**Language:** A simple, courteous greeting in the local language will be appreciated.

**Safety:** Leave expensive jewelry and watches at home. Put your office address on luggage tags. A pocket flashlight and a Swiss Army Knife are useful to carry.

**Anticipate Glitches:** Speak up if your accommodations are not adequate. Get promises of compensation in

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writing. Carry adequate out-of-country health insurance. Verify that your drug plan will cover prescriptions filled in another country. If you wear glasses, take a spare pair and a copy of your prescription. Don't put medicines in unmarked bottles! If you require regular medication, carry a copy of the prescription and your medicine with your travel documents.

**Adventure Travel:** If unsure of your abilities, start with small outings and build up slowly before taking a trekking holiday.

**Documentation:** Photocopy your passport and visas. Leave one copy with a friend or relative and store another separately from the original. Seal documents in plastic bags, especially in humid, tropical countries.

**Map it Out:** Research the region or major cities you are visiting. Even on a business trip, you might be able to visit a gallery or historic site you have always wanted to see.

**Political Situations:** Be aware of the current political climate. Consult your travel agent, embassy or internet sites for advice.

Successful travel often depends more upon preparation than destination. Invest a little time, then relax and enjoy the trip!