COURTESY

different CULTURES, *different* CUSTOMS.

Some customs you'll find charming and some will cause you to think, "We do that better at home." You've come to Europe to experience a different way, so it's only fair that you respect the European way of life and adapt to any situation graciously. **Here are some things Europeans frown upon:**

TAKING ANY FOOD OUTSIDE THE BREAKFAST ROOM

It is inappropriate to carry rolls, or anything else, with you when leaving the breakfast room.

BRINGING STORE-BOUGHT BEVERAGES INTO THE DINING ROOM

Drinks are not included with most dinners. If you would like a beverage, please purchase it in the dining room or in the hotel bar.

BUYING BEVERAGES TO TAKE TO YOUR ROOM

Having a drink in Europe is a social affair. Europeans will go to a café to have a drink and not to the hotel room.

ICE IS NOT USED IN BEVERAGES AS OFTEN IN EUROPE AS IN THE U.S.A.

In fact, most beverages are served at room temperature. Be prepared that ice may not be available or that you may be charged extra.

ASKING FOR TAP WATER WITH YOUR MEAL WITHOUT GIVING A TIP

Europeans don't drink tap water with their meals. Therefore, if you ask for tap water, it is customary to tip the server the equivalent of 50 U.S. cents in the local currency. Tap water is perfectly safe to drink in most European countries, but may contain different minerals than what you are used to at home. If you prefer to purchase bottled water, you will need to indicate if you want it with bubbles (carbonated) or without bubbles.

KEEPING THE MOTOR COACH CLEAN

Please discard trash in designated bags/cans. Most Drivers/Tour Managers will not allow food on the coach. Even if they do permit a ready-to-eat sandwich or other snack, please do not prepare your lunch on the coach as this tends to become messy. The neat appearance of the motor coach is important to the Driver and your fellow travelers. Help keep it clean!

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