Travel

Traveler's rule: Always order house specialty

HEHE ARE three basic rules for the traveler who likes a little adventure with his model in a strange city. Ask somebody who has been there to recommend a restaurant.

Learn to say, in the language of the country, "What's the specialty of the house?" Whatever the answer, say, "I'll have it."

"TI have it."

These rules can get you into a lot of delightful trouble when you travel, without actually landing you in jail. You may have to eat goat tere, as I once did in northern Italy, or struggle through a plate of rubbery cottopus as I did on the Mediterranean, but sooner or later you'll get to a place like Harry's New York Bar.

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I WAS on my way to Paris, in my usual ailse seal, with a French photographer next to me and a busybody across the ailse. The photographer and I had already told each other a lot of staries, most of them lies, shoul our last visit to New York and now it was time to pop the question.

"I haven't been to Paris for a long time," I said, with a lost tok on my face. "Can you recommend any of your favorite restaurants. Not where the tourists go, just that little place around the corner where you like to relax."

"You should go to Harry's New York Bar," the voice said from across the siste. I ignored him.



one-of-a-kind traveler

The photographer filled three pages of my notebook with suggestions, maps and recommended menu choices. Her eyes lit up every time she mentioned Angelina's, "the only tea shop left in Paris where they still do hings the old way."

"I'm tellling you, you should go to Harry's New York Har," the busybody said. "It's at No. 5 Donau Street."

OF COURSE, Angellan's was sensational even if I had to atand in line for an bour in a mass of wet raincoats on a Sunday afternoon to gain acress to pizza-tized marble tables and a small cup of French coffee.

Tourists are sometimes as good a resource as locals, so eventually I went to Harry's New York, looking over my shoulder first to be sure that the busybody didn't know I was taking his unasked-for advice.

There were pennants from every state, above the door, down the long marrow room and over the tables at the back. Parislans and Americans



Travelers must ignore the temptation of ordering what they think is appropriate for a dark bistro and order the house specialty. How else would the writer have savered the taste of a French hot dog from Harry's New York Bar in Paris?

drank martinis or beer at the long mahogany bar. One mirror behind the bar had two insects pointed on it, along with the letters IBF. The other

mirror was pasted over with French francs.

I OBVIOUSLY wasn't going to get

anything Parisian here, but I followed my rule anyway and asked, in my worst high school French "Quelle est la specialite de la maison?"
The bartender, Marc, who didn't know how to mix a drink when he came here is years ago and has been faking it ever since, replied in Eng-lish:

lish:
"The specialty of the house is
French hot dogs."

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The rule works, of course, or I wouldn't be telling this story, it was a hot dog with a French accent, fresh French breach, homemade sausage and all. And Harry's New York Bar has fostered more legends than the Brothers Grimm.

HARRY MacElhone was born in Dundee, Scotland, but he was hartending in New York when he decided to move to Paris before World War I. The Bloody Mary was invented here by a man called Pete Petoli, who later introduced it to the bars at the St. Regis and then the Pierre in New York.

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Hemlingway hung out here. George
Gershwin broke the plano while writing "An American in Paris." But the
real story was made during World
War II when the Germans allowed
people to speak English here.
It became a hangout, and soldiers
took it over after the liberation. One

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night somebody broke the Schenley mirror and all those grateful GI's pasted it together with French frances because nobody could replace it.

And the other mirror! It anybody ever comes up to you in a strange bar and starts buzzing like an insect, you'll know they are members of the IBFA, the international Bar Fly Association. It has 80,000 members and ft's growing.

The next time I'm in Paris and some tourist asks me where to go for a drink I'll tell them nonchalantly that all the Paristans go to Harry's New York Bar. I'll tell them about Angelina's on the Rue Royale too, just to keep my international reputation.

The rules work, so remember them: Ask somebody who's been there. Say what's the specialty of the house' and 'I'll have it.' It you get a hot dog, keep It to yourself.

Virgin Island cruises are tempting in winter

American Canadan Line, which has ploneered yacht-like cruises, has added nine Virgin Islands cruises, has added nine Virgin Islands cruises where the content of the Conten

that allows passengers to board directly from beach or pier. One of the Prince's most isolated ports-of-call is the uninhabited, British-held Norman Island, a place associated with pirate lore. Opening right onto a sheltered, tranquil bay, are a number of caves where pirate treasure has been found. Here, lanquoste abound in correct and giant 200-pound tarpon have been algitted.



North of Norman Island are the ample con-tours of Virgin Gorda, or "The Fat Virgin," which rises above a fringe of lesser cays. Moorn as Spanish Town in the 18th century. Virgin Gorda has "more than its share of ter-restrial oddities," according to Mitchell. One of the most indressing is the geologic formation known as "The Baths." This granite 'absyrinh sculptured by wind and wave," was formed by glant boulders, many of which are in the state of the state of the state of the Other Interesting there are considerations will include:
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Road Harbon, with a fine old Government House, West End Harbour, where escaping Danish alawes found refuge with British settlers; picture-postcard Peter Island, long the escape haven for those looking for peace of mind; and sectuded Cruz Bay, the village capital of American-held St. John, a splendid tropical wilderness (most of it a national park) known for a fragrant baytree forest and bush-covered plantation rulus.

The Prince also visits the capital of the Urigin Islands, Charlotte Amalle on the Island of St. Thomas, referred to simply as St. Thomasa.

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Here, white-and-pastel houses more than a century old are sprinkled among emerald hills that rise abruptly from the sea to an altitude of 1500 feet.

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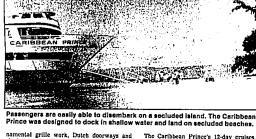
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