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Tips for travelers

BY DOMINIKA KASZYNSKA

Whenever you want to travel to another country first you need to find out information about some important matters to not get deported or killed the first day you spend there. This guide will help you survive a travel, prepare for it and hopefully make it easier and more fun.

1. Where am I going to? - First check all kinds of geographical information about the country that you want to visit. You need to know where it is located. That will help you choose transportation method and find out if the climate there is for you. Should you bring a winter jacket, gloves and a warm hat or sunglasses and five liters of sunscreen? Weather forecast will help you pick the right clothes but it is not the only thing that you need to take into consideration while packing. Remember to check what is considered to be “respectful clothing”.

You should also learn about what kind of sockets people use in the country you're going to go to, which side of the road they drive on, if there's a time difference etc. And first thing first what's the political situation in the country? Were there important current events? Is it safe to go there now? What are the country relations? Are you allowed to go there? What do you need in order to get into the country? Passport? Visa?

Can you enter the country if you've visited a country that is the political opponent of your next destination? Are there extra conditions because of COVID?

2. How to behave there? - Most importantly read the rules that apply in the country you're going to go to. Are they totally different than in your country or there are only a couple of slight differences in the law that you have to remember? Save yourself from getting fines or any other kind of punishments. Check eating mannerisms, all the things that can offend locals - find out what are the things you can and cannot do or say in certain situations. Should you leave a tip or is it included in the price? Get to know weird customs and special traditions, behaviours that you can see there beforehand so you're not surprised in case the situation occurs and so you can act accordingly instead of not knowing what to do. It's often dictated by the religion.

3. How to communicate? - What is the national language in the country? Do you know the way to communicate in the country you're going to? Are there people that can help you with translation? Are there any important things in the body language of the people living in the country that you're going to? You should know if they want to say yes or no by nodding their heads. Some gestures that are ok for you, at the same time can be rude to them. It is also recommended to learn a few basic words like thank you, please and other basic phrases in the local language.



It can save you in case you can't translate something and there's nobody that can help you with it. Even if you don't have to use it, usually local people consider it really nice that you've learnt some basics and you're trying to use them. Find the institution you can reach out to in case of emergencies.

4. How to stay safe?- What are the most dangerous things that you're at risk while being in the country? How to prevent stressful events? What are the precautions? Find out what to avoid - health- wise. Which places aren't safe and who should avoid them? How to lower chances of becoming a victim of any kind of crimes?

5. What's worth trying? - Where to find a place with breathtaking atmosphere? Where to see the most special thing about the country? What's the best traditional food? It's so worth it to see the places and try new things! Prepare the list of things that you want to visit and experience in the country that you're planning to go to.

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Try to find out as much as you can about the differences between your country and the country you're going to. They can have totally different food or even use taps and toilets different ways! The more you know the higher chances that you'll survive! Now go explore!

EVERYONE SHOULD VOTE BECAUSE...

BY GEORGI LANDZHEV

Even if you went to a polling location and only voted for one person, it will be counted. By law your vote has to be counted. Your ballot cannot be skipped or ignored otherwise it is unconstitutional. Sometimes elections can come down to a small number of votes which greatly affects how your city, state, and nation are run. Your vote counts, vote!





1. Vote! It's Your Right.

People have died defending this right. Don't take it for granted! Voting is more than just electing a candidate, it's choosing the right policies and people who have your

best interests in mind when making decisions that will affect our community, state and nation. When you vote, you are taking an active role in deciding issues regarding health care, immigration, equal opportunity, voting rights, infrastructure, jobs, education, social security, neighborhood safety, taxes, etc

2. Vote to Allocate Federal Money To this Region.

This money can be used for education, youth programs, healthcare, veterans, creating jobs, the environment, etc. In the Rio Grande Valley 4 out of 10 people vote in a Presidential Election and only 2 out of 10 vote in a Gubernatorial Election. This is not enough! For this region to grow and get state and federal funding, we need to vote.

3. If You Do Not Vote, Someone Else Will.

Voting only takes a couple of minutes but the ripple effect caused by your vote will last beyond a candidate's term. Do you want someone else deciding for you the laws that will affect your family and community? Voting gives you the power to choose how your city, state, and country will be run. If you don't vote, you can't complain! Go vote and make the decision before someone else does it for you.



4. Decide How Your Taxes Will Be Spent.

Elected officials such as county/city commissioners, the governor, state officials, legislators, President, and members of Congress will decide how to pay for public services with the money collected from our taxes and how to share the tax burden. Take an active role and find out if your candidate shares your views and will spend your money wisely.

5. Voting Affects Your Job.

When you vote for a member of Congress, the President, the governor and your legislators they make decisions that affect minimum wage, fairness in hiring, pay equity, job security, workplace safety, and health insurance provided by your employer.

6. Vote to Improve Your Child's Education

Local and state school board members who you elect will make decisions on policies and budgets that will affect how well prepared your children will be for their future. Your Legislators, governor, members of Congress, and the President also make decisions that affect the cost and quality of public schools and higher learning institutions. Vote to place your children and grandchildren in good hands.

7. Healthcare is Affected by Your Vote.

Your vote grants the governor, legislators, and Congress the right to take action and pass or reject laws that will determine your access to health care. Vote and elect people who have your best interest in mind. Do it for your loved ones, so they can have access to a Healthcare that represents your views.

8. Social Security is Affected by Your Vote

Whomever you elect for president and Congress will decide how much payroll tax you pay and what Medicare services you receive and share payment for. They also make decisions on cost of living increases and benefit schedules for your Social Security pension.

9. Vote to Improve the Safety of Your Neighborhood.

Elected officials and judges make day to day decisions on laws that will affect your community, law enforcement, crime prevention, traffic patterns, and where to build schools, parks, and recreational places.

10. Vote to Improve Your Highways.

Have you ever wondered why we have so many roads with potholes and no one seems to be doing anything about it? The people you elect like commissioners, legislators, governor, and members of Congress take an active role in deciding what highways are needed, what public transit support and how the bill will be paid. Vote to elect people who will do something to fix the problems we face.



Life without the EU

BY VIRGINIJA MARIJA RADZEVICIUTE

Can you imagine a life without European Union? In most cases people have no idea what aspects of their every day life's are affected by EU. The easiest way for a millennials or Gen z a to imagine what would be like without EU is to ask their parents. Our parents and grandparents grew up in different times and witnessed the beginnings of EU. But even then it is hard for a modern European citizen to imagine their lives without this union.

TRAVEL

On average, 65 % of the EU population made tourism trips for personal purposes in the course of 2019. A huge percentage of those trips were made within the EU. Thanks to European citizenship we can easily plan our trips without the requirement to have a visa. Imagine planning a trip if you weren't a European citizen. Spontaneous weekend trips abroad wouldn't be that easily achievable since visa process can't take a long time and it can be costly.

WORKING

Freedom of movement is one of the fundamental rights of EU. It not only allows us to travel freely but to study and work wherever we want within EU. Ability to work and study in EU allows you to find opportunities when they're not possible in your country. For example, during 2008-2009 economic crisis a lot of people lost their jobs. A lot of those people found it hard or impossible to find jobs in their native countries, so they had to migrate to other countries. Without EU, labour migration would be much harder.



STUDYING

Studying abroad would face the same problems as the labour market.

European Unioj gives us the freedom to seek education in any country of our choosing. Not only can you study abroad, you can also participate in Erasmus + projects and without EU our magazine wouldn't be possible.

ECONOMY

EU is one of strongest economic areas in the world. With 500 million people, it has 7.3% of the world's population but accounts for 23% of nominal global GDP. Free trade helped to reduce costs and prices. Trade between EU creates new jobs and higher income. To lose EU would mean to lose jobs, free trade and no custom taxes. That would result in total collapse of some member coubtries economies.

BY FILIPPO BRATIS

THE MAGNIFICENCE OF GREECE

It's widely known that Greece has experienced its share of economic troubles in the last few years, but it still remains one of the most popular and beautiful countries in the world. There are many reasons for this such as our delicious cuisine, world-class beaches, rich history and gorgeous islands.

First and foremost, the country's unique light, the endless blue color of Greece and the islands have made Greece synonymous with summer holidays. Our country has almost 16,000km of coastline – offering countless small beaches and charming bays. Half of its coastline is on the mainland, while the rest can be found on the thousands of Greek islands. The crystal-clear waters of the beaches and the breathtaking landscapes that most of them have around offer its visitors calmness and peace of mind even if you visit the beach for only an hour.

However, even though Greece has a really hot weather on summer, it can also have a great snowy winter and lots of winter sports and activities to do. Our country is home to major ski and snowboard centres such as Arachova, or Kalavryta in the Peloponnese. One of my favorite destinations is Elatochori Ski Centre in the Pieria Mountains, on the northern slopes of Mount Olympus. Perched at an altitude of 1,450m (4,700ft), the centre has six ski trails stretching over 10km (6mi), complete with a track for snowboarding





Last but not least, Greece is a country with a very rich history from the Bronze age, to the classical, Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman and modern Greek period. It is also famous worldwide for many renowned people and their positive contribution to world culture through the centuries. This is the home of some of the most-famed archaeological sites and collections in the world, including the Acropolis in Athens, the site of the first Olympic Games, the Palace of Knossos in Crete and so much more. The well-preserved ruins that date back to the ancient world, meandering through age-old cities like Mycenae or marveling at majestic temples and civilizations dedicated to Greek gods and goddesses, leave me in a state of constant amazement.

In conclusion, living in Greece is like living in paradise. You always have a new place to visit, on winter or summer. It is a place for both mountain and beach lovers. Both summer and winter lovers. There is no way you won't find a place to fall in love with. And in addition to all that, you never stop learning about our rich and endless history. There are so many reasons why our country is beautiful that could take all day for me to analyze and I still wouldn't have enough time. And the sad part is that most of the Greeks don't even realize it.



HOW THE PANDEMIC HAS EFFECTED EU AND HUMAN RIGHTS

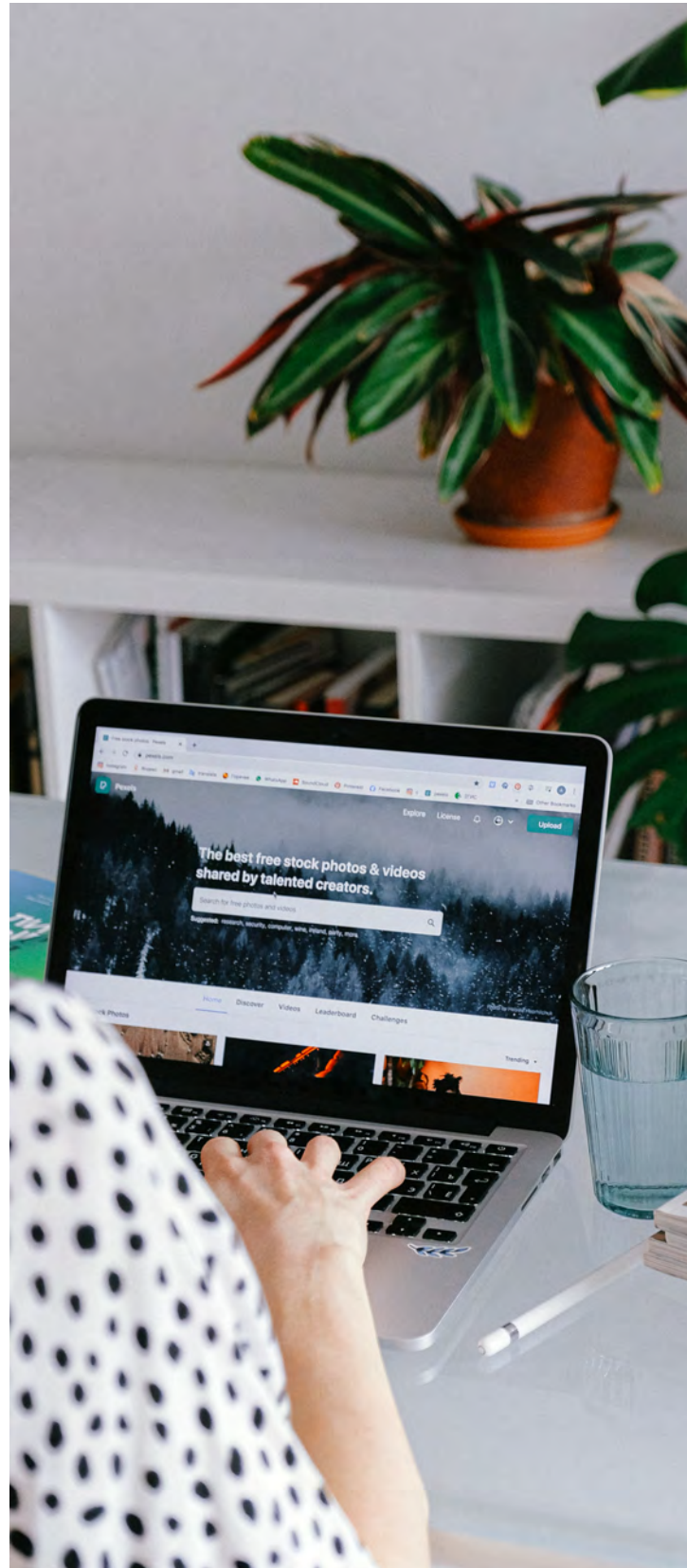
BY SOFIA LACZKOVA

Most of young people in EU never experienced restrictions of freedom in their life, but what happened with the world in 2019?

Of course corona times came, but for most of us it ment much more than just a virus. I was at the end of my high school studies, when everything began. I had to graduate and choose university, but our student life ended here. I was always listening to news and wondered, but didn't take it so seriously, as nobody. And then I was just sitting and studying for 2 years from home.

Personaly I can't say how working people dealt with this situation, but I know that corona virus took student s chances, improving themselves, traveling was forbiden, and many of us couldn't study first year at their university and were at home. Im sure that Iam not alone with this feelings. I felt unfairnes. Going for a walk once a day, sitting by a computer the whole day, staying alone with university books.

This were our rights and they were taken. Of course historical period brought us worse times such as second world war, but we have a right to feel unhappy in 21 century. You see measures changing every time for optimal reason, but the question is: What count of impact has it got on our psyichal health? We are young and want to live. So please, country leaders, if you can help us and leave us live our life fully, do it. We necessary need it.



Word search puzzle

OFFENSIVE	INEQUALITY	STEREOTYPES	INDIFFERENCE
INTOLERANCE	BRUTALITY	THREAT	VIOLENCE
PREJUDICE	EXCLUSION	SEGREGATION	DISCRIMINATIONS

K	O	I	H	H	D	W	F	I
D	R	N	A	M	I	I	P	N
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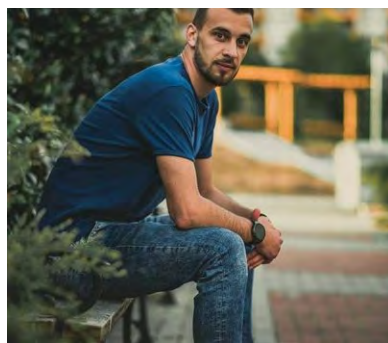
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