



Sleep in a Classic Movie

Stay at these famous hotels and you'll relive the great films that featured them—even though you won't get to pay those classic rates. Hotel Del Coronado, San Diego: The "Ladies Entrance" that Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis used in 1959's Some Like it Hot is gone, along with the verandas where eligible millionaires sat in rockers. Still, this 111-year-old Victorian marvel hasn't

changed much-except for the prices: \$12-\$32 in the early '60s, \$205-\$2,300 today (619-435-6611). The Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood, Oregon: It would have cost about \$50 to stay in evil Room 237 in 1980, when this hotel played The Overlook in The Shining. Today the rate would be \$65-\$180—that is, if the room existed: The owners asked director Stanley Kubrick to use a fake room number. Also, while there's no hedge maze (it was shot in England), you can ski year-round (503-272-3311) The British Colonial Hilton, Nassau:

James Bond checked in for 1965's Thunderball for \$89 a night and again in 1983's Never Say Never Again. Today he'd pay \$189, unless he booked one of the renovated "007 Suites" (\$380-\$485), which offer a welcome martini (shaken, of course). Also, you can take the "Live and Let Dive" scuba trips and "The Man with the Golden Club" golf packages (800-445-8667).—Steve Wilson

SOUVENIRS When your lamp only speaks Italian

In Italy you bought an espresso maker for some real Florence flavor, but-oopsmost appliances

won't work in the U.S. without a little tinkering.

■ CLOCKS: Electric clocks from overseas will gain about

10 minutes every hour in the States. Why? The difference in hertz used affects the speed of the cycle. And don't plug in the converter you took on vacation (it's only good for short periods). Instead, you'll need a transformer, which can cost \$275 (Walkabout Travel Gear; 800-852-7085). LAMPS: U.S. bulbs won't

fit these "bayonet"-style bases. A stateside lamp shop can rewire it for about \$35, or you can order international bulbs (\$3) from Appliances Overseas, Inc. (212-545-8001).

PHONES: One of the easiest to switch: converters are less than \$15 (Walkabout Travel Gear).—Randi Feigenbaum

YOU CAN'T BRING IT WITH YOU

Of course you have to throw away that apple from your carry-on before going through customs in another country, but depending on where you are, other seemingly normal items could be confiscated, too. ■ PANAMA: When they started their own lottery 85 years ago, government officials eliminated the competition by banning all foreign lottery tickets from the country. That rule is still in effect, so leave next week's Pick Six with a friend back home. ■ SAUDI ARABIA: Any prescription medicine is considered

suspect, so keep a doctor's note (or the prescription slip) with any drugs you need. ■ SINGAPORE: Did the kids bring a game to play on the plane? Authorities are so concerned about counterfeiters that they may seize toy coins and Monopoly-style bills.

■ CHINA: Buddhists beware. The government's opposition to the Dalai Lama is so strong that they'll even take magazine clippings that picture him.—Kemba Johnson

