

Things You Should NEVER Do In Other Countries!

today's issue: Did you ever do something stupid or embarrassing in a foreign country?

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1. **Unknowingly** 不知不覺地；無心地

a. unknowingly [ʌn`noɪŋli] (adv.) 不知不覺地；無心地

-We'd often unknowingly wasted a lot of food.

b. unknown [ʌn`non] (adj.) 不知道的；未知的

-Her name was almost unknown a year ago, but now she is famous for her novel.

-Many people fear the unknown.

c. foreign [`fɔɪn] (adj.) 外國的；陌生的；外來的

-The liquid is of flushing out the foreign object in the eyes.

2. Embarrass 使人不好意思

a. embarrass [ɪm`bærəs] (v.) 使人不好意思

-Your inappropriate behavior embarrasses your family.

-你不合時宜的行為使你的家族蒙羞。

b. **embarrassment** [ɪm`bærəsmənt] (n.) 窘迫；難堪

-**Financial embarrassment** made her sell the car.

c. **dilemma** [də`lɛmə] (n.) 困境·進退兩難

-She faces the dilemma for choosing her career path.

-她正面臨事業抉擇上的進退兩難。

3. Norm 基準；規範；常態

a. norm [nɔrm] (n.) 基準；規範；常態

-Population **aging** is becoming a norm in developed countries.

b. standard [`stændəd] (n.) 標準；規格；規範

-My teacher said that my work wasn't up to his standard.

c. **criterion** [kraɪ`tɪriən] (n.) 標準·準則·尺

-> 複數 criteria

-The crowd wasn't sure what criterion the judges used to select the **contestants**.

-觀眾們不清楚評審們是用什麼標準來選參賽者的。

4. observe 看到；觀察；奉行

a. observe[əb`zɜv] (v.) 看到；觀察；奉行

-We observed the habitat of the **reindeers** carefully for a month and found something strange.

b. note [not] (v.) 注意；記下

-I noted that he didn't pay attention to the speaker.

c. notice [ˈnɒtɪs] (v.) 注意，注意到

-My dog didn't notice that I entered the room.

5. Likewise 同樣地

a. likewise [ˈlaɪkwɑɪz] (adv.) 同樣地

-It' was nice to see you. **(answer)** Likewise.

b. as well [æz wɛl] 同樣地

-Just like my sister, I like spicy food as well.

c. moreover [mɒrˈoʊə] (adv.) 而且；再者；此外

-His **essay** didn't meet the standards, moreover, some part of it are **plagiarized**.

-他的論文沒有達到某些標準，甚至有些部分還是**抄襲**來的。

As a tourist, we can sometimes break those rules **unknowingly** and find ourselves embarrassed or even in serious legal trouble. So it is usually best to read up on the cultural norms, and if in **doubt**, look around and observe how the locals behave, and do **likewise**.

當我們出國遊玩，我們有時會無意間犯了禁忌、讓自己難堪或甚至觸犯了國外的法規。因此出國前最好事先了解當地文化常態，如果不確定有哪些禁忌，可以入境隨俗觀察當地人怎麼做，並跟著他們做。