DID YOU KNOW ?



PAY ATTENTION IF YOU WANT TO MARRY AN ARMENIAN!!!

REALLY STRANGE LAWS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD

LIVING ABROAD IS EASY AS 1-2-3!!!

LIVING ABROAD. FUNNY TIPS AND GUIDLENESS

Dining

Looking for the best restaurant in town? It's easy as 1-2-3-4! (If that sounds too difficult, don't worry because '4' is eating):

1. **Google "Best Restaurant In [NAME OF CITY]".**
2. **Open the top two Google results in different Tabs.**
3. **Go eat at the one that's closer (unless it's like, ridiculous)**
4. **Congratulations! You just found the best restaurant in the city.**

Speaking the language



Going somewhere where you don't speak the language and you're afraid you'll have trouble getting aroud? 'No problemo'! It's this simple:

1. **Download a "Common Phrases" app on your phone for the language in question, and memorize a few choice phrases that you think you'll need.**
2. **Get self-conscious and just say everything in English anyway.**
3. **Oh cool, they speak pretty good English.**
4. **That wasn't hard!**

Sightseeing

Most cities have some really cool places you should check out, and here's how to find them:

1. **Google "Museums in [NAME OF CITY].**
2. **That's way too many museums. Plus you're only here for three days.**
3. **Ehhh, you don't want to spend a whole day of your trip inside some museum.**
4. **Walk around. Whenever you see a statue or some bronze, take a picture of it with your phone.**
5. **You really got to "experience" that city.**

Shopping



You don't actually have any interest in spending time on your shopping, but you read online that this city has great shopping, so you should at least go through the motions:

1. **Find some cool, local boutiques and shops.**
2. **Hahaha that's how much that thing costs? For that thing? Really?**
3. **Go get some ice-cream.**

Going to tourist destinations



1. **Google the name of that place.**
2. **Read about how "it's best to get there right when the thing opens" and that you'll need at least 2 days to see everything at the place.**
3. **Wake up whenever. Go see the things.**
4. **Be like, "I don't know what that website was talking about".**



My "Big & Fat" ARMENIAN WEDDING

Though the wedding traditions vary in different regions of Armenia and mostly are affected by the traditions used in each family, most of the Armenian wedding traditions are as follows:

The **main members** of the traditional Armenian wedding are:
-Hars (bride)
-Pessa (groom)
-Harsnaqur (usually bride's sister-not married)
-Azab bashi (usual y groom's brother-not married)
-Qavor (a man chosen by the couples from the groom's relatives as their advisor and a person whom they respect)
-Qavorkin (Qavor's wife)

Anyone marrying into an Armenian family might surely want to include many of the Armenian wedding customs into their wedding. For Armenian couples, who are on the path of joint life, there are two main events: engagement and marriage.

Traditional Engagements



The Armenian tradition is for the groom to formally request her hand in marriage from her family, called Khosk-Arnel. Of course, again too like the western world, this tradition is fast fading and most of the time the groom proposes to his beloved and then everyone is told about it afterwards, so the Khosk-

Arnel tradition is often replaced with a meeting known as Khosk-Kap, where the bride and groom share their news as soon as possible with the bride's family.
Both the Khosk-Arnel and Khosk-Kap meetings involve both families being present, usually at the bride's house. Whichever meeting it is, it's traditional for the groom's family to bring floral gifts and chocolates with them. At the Khostk-Arnel, the groom will formally ask the bride's father for his daughter's hand in marriage.
The Khosk-Kap's purpose is to bring both families to meet, mingle and celebrate the couple's unity. If the Khosk-Kap is to double as the formal engagement reception, then the event may include a full dinner, for which the groom's father traditionally brings an additional gift of cognac. Unless the Khosk-Kap is also the general engagement celebration Armenian tradition also includes another full engagement reception at a later date. At this celebration, a priest will bless the couple's rings.



TRADITIONAL WEDDING

The celebrations for a traditional Armenian wedding begins early in the morning by two wedding groups: the one in bride's home and the one in groom's home. Let's start with the groom's house. The appetizer is served. There is a band playing. The traditional Armenian band is called Sazandar. Its members start performing when the best man arrives. Red and green ribbons are pinned on clothes of those present there. Several toasts are made. Everyone is dancing.
Groom and members of his party arrive at Bride's home at around noon. They arrive holding several baskets. In these baskets there are the bride's shoes, garter, purse, jewelry, chocolate and cognac.
After entering to bride's house the bride goes to her bridal room to put her wedding gown on. This room and the rest of the house are being decorated on a day before the wedding by bride, her family members and friends. The bride does not put her wedding shoes on. It is done by the closest male member of her family. It can be her brother or cousin.
The bride circles over heads of all single women with her veil. It is done for luck by a married woman.
When the bride is finally ready toasts are made by members of both family. It is a tradition that cognac drank is served in chocolate cups. Bride and groom dance. Everybody joins in. Lot of photographs are made.
Everyone then reconvenes at the church, for a ceremony which includes all guests. The Armenian wedding ceremony reaches its peak in ritual of Crowning. Crowns worn by bride and groom are symbols of their own little kingdom or home. During the crowning bride and



groom face each other. The best man stands between them and holds a cross over their heads. This is the solemnization of the couple's vows and the exchanging of the rings which makes the couple truly married!

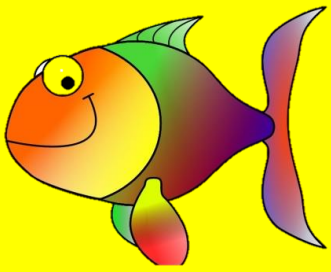
The final stage of the wedding is the reception. Between 200 and 500 people attend the party. Lot of delicious food is served. As part of the reception, the bride and groom may distribute traditional Tarosiks – small heart shaped baskets of flowers and candy. These are given out to the couple's single friends and relatives to share the luck of their love and to extend this luck to those who are single themselves. In a twist on the western myth of sleeping with wedding cake under your pillow, the idea is that sleeping with your little tarosik under your pillow will bring the vision of your future spouse to your dreams!

Odd laws from across the world

Although we have similar human rights (at least in Europe) there are some really weird laws in some countries and states.



- In Thailand it is illegal to step on money.
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- In July 2013 a law was passed in China that states it is illegal for adult children to not visit their parents "often" in China. They are also required to attend to their parent's spiritual needs.
- In Britain it is illegal to handle a salmon in suspicious circumstances.



- In Britain you are not allowed to let your pet mate with any pet form the royal house.
- In Greece, if anyone wants to get married, the law requires those to publish their wedding notice in a newspaper (written in Greek) or on the City Hall notice board.
- In Britain, it is illegal to import potatoes into England or Wales if you have reasonable cause to believe that they are Polish.



- In Britain, it is illegal to carry a plank along the pavement.

- In Victoria, Australia, it is illegal to change a light bulb unless you're a licensed electrician.



- In Sweden it is illegal to be found buying the services of a prostitute, even though prostitution is legal. Which means the prostitutes themselves would not be breaking the law.
- In Switzerland, it is illegal to flush a toilet after 10pm.



- It's illegal to chew gum while riding on Singapore's Mass Rapid Transit system

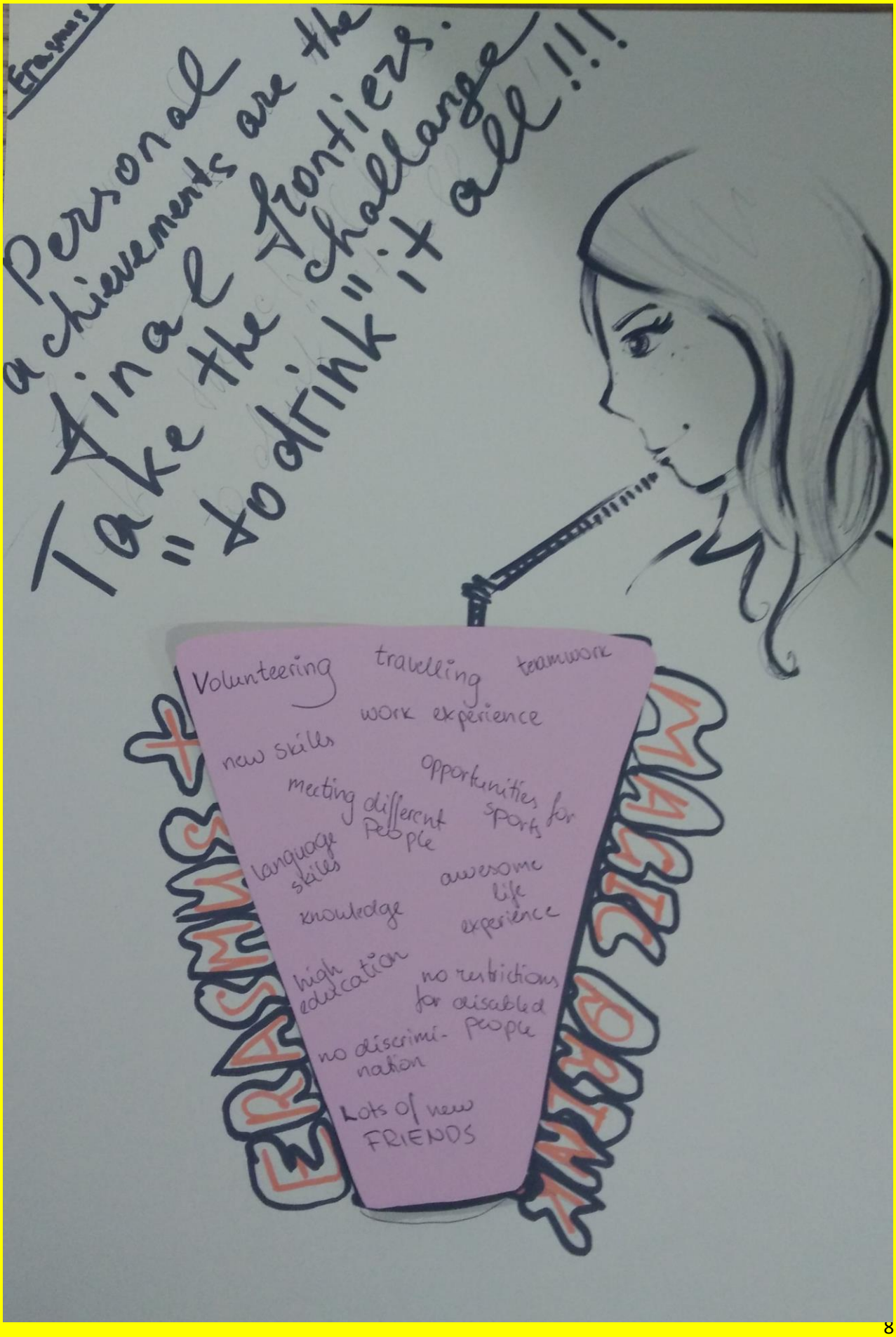
- In France, drivers are legally required to carry a portable Breathalyzer in their vehicle



- According to Canada's Currency Act, stores can legally refuse excessive amounts of coins






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