

TIPS ON TRIPS

Travel Like A Local

(NAPS)—Talk about travel and the conversation often turns to language.

Whether you're traveling for business or pleasure, chances are the better you are able to communicate with local people, the better your trip will be.

That's where new types of pocket translators come in. New designs are less like the bulky, book-sized computers of the past and more like sleek versions of iPods or MP3 players. For instance, one new type of translator translates and speaks more than 9,000 common phrases in 12 languages and translates over 30,000 words. Plus it's small and light enough to fit easily in a shirt pocket.

All of its search functions are neatly and easily conducted using a built-in, iPod-like navigator wheel—and stylish travelers can even choose between white and dark grey finishes.

But one translator, made by LINGo Corporation and called the "Navigator," does more than just translate. It also features sight-seeing information on the 12 countries it translates for and allows users to save their 25 favorite sentences to memory.

Additionally, it comes with a metric converter, currency converter, games and a world time clock.

Of course, even if you have the best pocket translator, it's still a good idea to follow a few travel tips before leaving home:

- Check the State Department Web site for any travel advisories regarding your destination.



Talk The Talk—New types of pocket translators could help you get more out of your trip.

- Be sure to make photocopies of your passport. Leave one with a family member or person you trust and bring another with you on your travels.

- Share your itinerary with people at home. This can help them get in touch with you, should an emergency arise.

- Think before you pack. Don't put valuables, passports or medication in checked luggage. But also, check with your airline regarding FAA regulations dictating what can and cannot be carried on a plane.

For more information on the travel translator, visit the Web site www.lingotravel.com or call (800) 697-4825.

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