

Solution to Travel Brochure

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I followed the suspect across the bridge as he made his way from the bank by the light rail station to the meeting place, a smoky bar, where he was immediately drawn to a rack of colorful magazines. I felt certain that this was a familiar cue from his handler—chalk it up to experience. He flipped open a copy of Flag Fancy magazine to an advertisement for vacation packages, thought for a while, then dropped it on the table before running out. Is this the break we needed in the case? Signs point to yes.



1. Depending on your familiarity with billiards, you will recognize some of the terms in red.
2. Recognize that the flags use colors found in the standard American 15-ball set. Ignore the emblems and insignias. Just pay attention to the stripes.
3. Turn those colors into numbers and add them up within a given package.
4. Index those numbers into the alphabet.

Tour Package Itineraries	Corresponding colors	Corresponding values	Sum
•Hamburg; Flanders; Vatican City; Hong Kong	Red; Yellow; Yellow/White; Red	3; 1; 9; 3	16
•Monaco; Tokyo	Red/White; Purple	11; 4	15
•Isle of Man	Red	3	3
•Poland	Red/White	11	11
•Pheonix; Wallonia	Purple; Yellow	4; 1	5
•Styria; Lybia	White/Green; Green	14; 6	20

SOLUTION: POCKET