

All capital cities are unfriendly – or are they?

Big cities often have a reputation for being rude, unfriendly places for tourists. *Sunday Times* journalist Tim Moore went to four cities London, Rome, Paris, and New York to find out if this is true. He went dressed as a foreign tourist and did three (not very scientific!) tests to see which city had the friendliest and most polite inhabitants.

The three test were:

1. **The photo test**

Tim asked people in the street to take his photo (not just one photo, but several – with his hat, without his hat, etc.) Did he find someone to do it?

2. **The shopping test**

Tim bought something in a shop and gave the shop assistant too much money. Did the shop assistant gave back the extra money?

3. **The accident test**

Tim pretended to fall over in the street. Did anybody come and help him?