



Item: Fast Lane #11 in 2022 Petergram (#105 since 2020)
Date: **Saturday, March 12th 2022**
From: Peter Sontag writing from our office in Oldsmar, Florida
To: Our Fast Lane Travel Customer Family and Friends at home in **Australia, Canada, Europe, Iceland, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa** and in the **USA!**
Subject: **The Ukraine Effect #2; Porsche Halts Production; and Let's Get Back Into Travel Starting with our USA Trips!**

I. In the NEWS: One more time . . . memories of my childhood.

The Ukraine Effect #2 – My Comments: The lasting nauseating memory of my early childhood are not the freezing huddles three stories underground with old women crying and praying; with the reverberations of the bombs earthquaking the basement floor and extinguishing the candlelight; they are not rotting bodies hanging from lampposts; they are not the painful hunger that makes you gnaw on your shabby blanket, but they are the sirens. That undulating wailing scream forecasting destruction and death. I'm sorry, but when I watch the news these days and see what the Ukrainians are going through, it's personally painful. I feel very sorry for the people of Ukraine. Let's hope and pray that this conflict will cease soon. No further comment on how our "leadership" is handling this crisis. We're all on the same page.

II. Porsche Production Shuts Down Temporarily Due To Ukraine Invasion

Source: Motor1.com, by Christopher Smith

As Russia's invasion of Ukraine stretches through the second week, supply chain issues already hampered by the semiconductor shortage are causing additional problems for some automakers. As a result, [Porsche](#) is temporarily halting production at some locations, and it could eventually affect all models. Last week, we [reported on automotive suppliers based in Ukraine](#) that create wiring harnesses for some brands, including Volkswagen Group. Disruptions in production are already happening, however, a post on Twitter from Caleb J Schroëter claimed to show a specific timeline for Porsche production shutdowns affecting each model throughout the month of March.



2022 Fast Lane PORSCHE Trips in Current Planning V-105							
Code	From	Date	To	Date	PORSCHE Tour	Highlight	pp Dble
STR	Mon	2-May	Sat	7-May	PCA Spring PORSCHE TREFFEN in Stuttgart	Autobahn & Factory	\$ 5,998
TAP	Tue	31-May	Thu	9-Jun	Twelve Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest	Alpine Driving	\$ 12,998
LEM	Sun	5-Jun	Mon	13-Jun	The 90th 24-Hours of Le Mans Luxury Tour	Pit Pass, "50-yard line"	\$ 18,498
GRC	Sat	27-Aug	Thu	8-Sep	German Romantic Castles - Baltic Sea	Huge Success in '21	\$ 16,598
FTR	Sun	11-Sep	Sat	17-Sep	Original PCA Fall PORSCHE TREFFEN Stuttgart	Factory & Museum	\$ 6,498
CAR	Tue	20-Sep	Thu	29-Sep	USA Carolinas Fall Colors - Tail of the Dragon	Huge Success in '20	\$ 11,698
SWI	Tue	20-Sep	Sat	1-Oct	Swiss Alps & the Italian Dolomites	in design	\$ 15,698
AUS	Wed	21-Sep	Sat	1-Oct	Come Home to two Peters' Austria	NEW Luxury Experience	in design
TPF	Mon	3-Oct	Sat	15-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest & Interlpen	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
TPF2	Wed	12-Oct	Sun	23-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest & Interlpen #2	Register ASAP, selling out	\$ 15,498
RWW	Sat	29-Oct	Tue	8-Nov	USA Romantic Wild West - fabulous sunsets	Huge Success in '21	\$ 11,998
XMS	Fri	2-Dec	Mon	12-Dec	Stuttgart X-Mas Market & Cruise to Vienna/Budapest	10 Christmas Markets	from \$5,200

A. According to the Twitter post, the shutdown began on March 2 with the [Macan](#) and [Panamera](#), followed by the [Taycan](#) on March 3. If the info is accurate, [Porsche Cayenne](#) production cuts off on March 7; 718 production stops on March 14, and finally, it reaches the [911](#) with GT3 / Touring production halting on March 17. General 911 production cuts off on the last day of March. The Twitter post doesn't mention how long the shutdowns will last, aside from stating that all lines will be *partly* stopped. In an email to *Motor1.com*, a Porsche spokesperson confirmed that production at the Leipzig factory shut down on March 2. The Panamera and Macan are built there; the shutdown is initially through the end of this week (March 11). Presently, the manufacturing plant in Zuffenhausen is unaffected, but the spokesperson said "further steps will take place in an orderly process. In the coming days and weeks, we will operate on a short-term basis and continuously reassess the situation." Virtually every major automaker is either affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine, or offering some measure of aid to the country. [Volkswagen Group](#), [Porsche](#), [Mercedes-Benz](#), and [Stellantis](#) donated one million Euros to Ukraine relief last week, and they were [joined today by Nissan](#). Ford donated \$100,000, General Motors donated \$250,000, and all these brands along with Honda, Toyota, and Volvo have either halted exports to Russia, shut down operations in the region, or both.

© ©Motor1.com Porsche production robots

III. **We'll be back.** Judging by the calls we are getting; we should be back to "normal" in the fall – We need to show the folks in Stuttgart that we are grateful for their hospitality.

IV. 2022 European PORSCHE Tours UPDATE:

It looks like European travel is getting back to normal. Thankfully, folks are eager and ready to get out and enjoy life again. On the **PCA Spring PORSCHE TREFFEN** in Stuttgart I can still accommodate about 2 couples. On the **Twelve Alpine Passes** we have two groups of 6 couples each, but we have space for more. Don't forget about Le Mans – it's the 90th running of the race. It's expensive, but as they say, worth it. It's THE most inclusive and luxurious Le Mans Race trip you can imagine. We include the Normandy Beaches, wine tasting, a drive around the track with a curve-by-curve description by Robin Donovan who drove the race 14 times. You are in the paddock with the drivers; pit passes; helicopter over the track during the race; Mulsanne night visit; luxurious chateau 15 minutes from the track. There is no other experience like it.



V. **2022 USA Tours:** By popular demand I am offering the wonderful and hugely successful **Romantic Wild West PORSCHE Fest** – check it out on our website www.fastlanetravel.com or just call us at 813 343 3001 or e-mail us at info@fastlanetravel.com – Thank you.

For the folks who want to experience John Wayne's Wild West and be awed by THE amazing scenery – you must join us on the **Romantic Wild West PORSCHE Fest** from Sat. Oct. 29th to Tue. Nov. 8th – It was by far THE most fun and successful PORSCHE Fest last year – **DON'T MISS THIS wonderful Experience. I'd like six more couples to sign up for this trip.**

Furthermore, we are getting the most calls right now for the luxurious **Carolinas PORSCHE Fest**, Tuesday, September 20th to Thursday, September 29th. Don't miss our day at the PORSCHE Track in Atlanta; "German" Helen, GA; Romantic Highlands and, of course; the challenging and beautiful **Tail of the Dragon** – America's favorite mountain road in the East. **FILLING UP FAST.**

Despite the fact that the rest of Europe is following into Switzerland's footsteps, if Europe is not for you this year – then please don't miss our spectacular and successful **US PORSCHE Tours!**



I. My Final Thought:
Sign of the times in Napa:



Please stay safe, healthy, get both of your inoculations and booster shots, wear your masks inside in public and don't hug strangers. Look forward to the great times we will have together again on the MANY fabulous PORSCHE tours in 2022. Please register for one of our **USA PORSCHE Tours** – we all need to get out now and have some fun!

All the best to you, Peter