



Item: Fast Lane #17 in 2022 Petergram (#112 since 2020)
Date: **Saturday, April 23rd 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: **Fast Lane Spring Update and Back in the USA**

I. NEWS Headlines:

A. Judge Throws Out Federal Mask Mandate for Public Transportation. Federal judge in Florida says Biden administration's Covid-19 mandate exceeds CDC's authority and is unlawful, throwing out its requirement that travelers in the U.S. wear masks on airplanes, trains, taxis, buses and other forms of mass transit. U.S. District Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle in Tampa ruled Monday that the mandate exceeded the authority granted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention under federal public-health law and was issued in violation of rule-making procedures. **Source:** *WSJ, Tuesday, April 19th 2022, p. A3.* **My Comment:** Of course, the CDC is panicking because their sunny world of importance has just gone dark by the cloud of elimination of mask rules. Let's see what develops over the next few days and weeks. Let's get on with our lives.

B. People are over the Pandemic. BA.2 is spreading, but many are fed up with precautions. BA.2 is spreading in the U.S., although few want to talk about it. The Omicron subvariant is contributing to school and work absences, yet two years of dealing with Covid-19 have made people tired of taking precautions, getting tested and asking about other people's status, say physicians, psychologists and behavioral scientists. If this is a pandemic wave, then many have decided the best response is a weary shrug. **Source:** *WSJ, Tuesday, April 19th 2022, p. A11.* **My Comment:** In Europe things are slowly returning to normal. Switzerland was the first country to eliminate all COVID related constraints and restrictions. The rest of Europe is following. Nevertheless, in anticipation of my departure for the PCA Spring TREFFEN to Stuttgart at the end of this month; on Monday, April 11th I got my 4th Moderna shot. While apparently there is no 100% guarantee, but if you are fully vaccinated, should be just fine. I will still wear a N-95 mask on the plane with a blue one over it.

II. Fast Lane Travel Update: While we are getting lots of inquiries and sign ups – the hardest element of our trips design currently is getting hotel space in European Hotels. Understandably, the European hotels give preference to their clients who come every year and are consistent customers, rather than Americans who show up sporadically. The last time we were in Europe en-mass was in 2019. While we can get rooms and suites the hotels immediately want to know numbers of participants and get at least a one-night deposits – no problem. But this underscores the need for everyone to book early . . . as in register NOW please. Otherwise, Thomas and I have to release space. This issue is even more acute in the US where there is a comparative dearth of luxury and/or 5-star properties in the most desirable locations during the most desirable seasons of the year. My commentary is reinforced by this article in the

TRAVEL WEEKLY Magazine: Americans' travel to Europe expected to increase sixfold this summer.

By Jamie Biesiada Apr 20, 2022.

Travel to Europe this summer will soar 600% over last summer, according to travel insurance vendor Allianz Partners.

"European destinations have made a significant effort to welcome Americans back, and our data shows tremendous pent-up demand for travel to the continent," said Daniel Durazo, director of external communications at Allianz Partners USA. Allianz analyzed more than 40,000 flight itineraries for trips of five to eight days this summer, between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Three-quarters of Americans headed to Europe plan to spend seven days on vacation, while 11% are planning on eight days.

A. On the **PCA Spring TREFFEN in Stuttgart** we ended up with 13 participants in 7 **PORSCHEs**. We have space available in the two hotels on this trip and can still accommodate you on the **PORSCHE Factory Tour** and **Museum**.

B. On the annual **Twelve Alpine Passes** we are **closed out**. We can get **PORSCHEs**, but the hotels in Switzerland have no more space available. Thomas has done an outstanding job enhancing this awesome experience by extending the drive in **Austria** to Innsbruck and in **Switzerland** now including the renowned town of St. Moritz. It gets better every time we conduct this trip.

2022 Fast Lane PORSCHE Trips in Current Planning V-112						
From	Date	To	Date	PORSCHE Tour	Highlight	pp Dble
Mon	2-May	Sat	7-May	PCA SpringPORSCHE TREFFEN in Stuttgart	CLOSED OUT	\$ 5,998
Tue	31-May	Thu	9-Jun	Twelve Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest	CLOSED OUT	\$ 12,998
Sun	5-Jun	Mon	13-Jun	The 99th 24-Hours of Le Mans Luxury Tour	Pit Pass, "50-yard line"	\$ 19,498
Sun	11-Sep	Sat	17-Sep	Original PCA Fall PORSCHE TREFFEN Stuttgart	Factory & Museum	\$ 6,498
Tue	20-Sep	Thu	29-Sep	USA Carolinas Fall Colors - Tail of the Dragon	78% SOLD - SIGN UP NOW	\$ 11,998
Tue	20-Sep	Sat	1-Oct	Alpine Adventure: Beautiful Switzerland & Italy	in design 75% complete	\$ 15,698
Wed	21-Sep	Sat	1-Oct	Come Home to two Peters' Austria	MOVED TO 2023	in design
Mon	3-Oct	Sat	15-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest & Interlpen	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Wed	12-Oct	Sun	23-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest & Interlpen #2	Register ASAP, selling out	\$ 15,498
Sat	29-Oct	Tue	8-Nov	USA Romantic Wild West - fabulous sunsets	Don't miss out on this trip	\$ 12,498

C. If you are planning to come on the **PCA Fall TREFFEN in Stuttgart**, you should sign up **NOW** please. Thank you.

D. The **TUSCANY PORSCHE Fest #2** is still available. I have reserved our favorite Tuscan estate overlooking the Montalcino Valley. From our dining terrace you can see the renowned luxurious **Ferragamo Golf Course** . . . and, yes, you have the time, and we have the privilege for you to enjoy an optional round at Ferragamo. If you are an equestrian our estate has horses available for you. Of course, a pool, tennis court, a soccer field and hiking trails are yours to enjoy. This is by far THE most popular of our European trips each year. We haven't been there since 2019 for obvious reasons and they are ready with the wine tasting, cooking class and open arms.

E. Our **US PORSCHE Fest** trips are a very attractive option for you if Europe is not in the cards for you this year. So, bring your own PORSCHE, Corvette, '62 Cadillac, Lexus or whatever, to our superbly planned and organized **Carolinas** and **Romantic Wild West** tours. We conduct both US trips in THE most desirable time of the year in each location. The **Fall Colors of the Carolinas**. We could also do Colorado, but I need a dozen couples to plan, organize, and get the hotel space for our legendary Colorado tour, which we have already conducted three times.

III. **My Final Thoughts:** Aging gracefully?

- "Old age comes at a bad time." – San Banducci
- "I'm so old that my blood type is discontinued." - Bill Dane
- "Wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age. Sometimes, age just shows up all by itself." - Tom Wilson
- "I'm at that age where my back goes out more than I do." - Phyllis Diller
- "Nice to be here? At my age it's nice to be anywhere."- George Burns
- "Don't let aging get you down. It's too hard to get back up." - John Wagner
- "First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down." - Leo Rosenberg
- "At age 20, we worry about what others think of us... at age 40, we don't care what they think of us... at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." - Ann Landers
- "I complain that the years fly past, but then I look in a mirror and see that very few of them actually got past." - Robert Brault
- "As you get older three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two." - Sir Norman Wisdom
- "It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." - Andy Rooney
- "The older I get, the better I used to be." – Lee Trevino
- "I was thinking about how people seem to read the bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me—they're cramming for their final exam."- George Carlin
- "Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternative." – Maurice Chevalier
- "At my age 'getting lucky' means walking into a room and remembering what I came in for." – Unknown
- "Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician." - Anonymous
- "You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there." - George Burns
- "Fall in love with what you do for a living." – George Burns on Carson in 1991
- **My Comment:** My favorite part of one of the Carson interviews of George Burns was the following interchange:
Carson: "George, You're 99 years old. You smoke cigars, drink whiskey, run around with women – what does your doctor say?"
Burns: took two long puffs from his the El Producto Queens Cigar and responded: "My doctor is dead."
He lived to be a 100! God blessed him.

Please stay safe, healthy, and 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 really should get out now and have some fun!

All the best to you, Peter

