

Item: Fast Lane #20 in 2022 Petergram (#115 since 2020)

Date: Saturday, May 14th 2022

From: Peter starting to write on Lufthansa Flight 131 non-stop FRA to TPA &

concluding in our office in Oldsmar

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: Back from Europe and our 2022 PCA Spring PORSCHE Treffen was a

delightful and rewarding success!

I. This Monday, I returned from Germany. What is Europe Like? Is it safe? Understandably, I get this wide-eyed question a lot these days from customers, friends, and neighbors. Answer: Europe is basically completely back to NORMAL. The US Media is driving everyone nuts. There is no war in Germany or the rest of the European Union nor anywhere near this side of the Bosporus. Prior to my departure, Allyn, our wonderful Agency Manager, filled out the required "German Passenger Locator Form" for me. Nobody ever asked for it. I even tried to hand it off three times and no one was remotely interested. Flying to FRA on April 30th, Lufthansa did require that customers wear masks on the plane. However, that restriction has been lifted by the EU as of next week. I have been inoculated four times and I was wearing my PORSCHE lanyard with the proof, which no one, during the entire trip, ever looked at.

Translation:

TEST CENTER
You'll get quick
service getting your
test
+ No Charge
+ No Appointment
Needed
+ Very Little Waiting
Time
+Pain Free
+ Your results within
15 Minutes via text



Arriving in FRA, wearing a mask in the airport was optional. Wearing a mask at the hotel, restaurants, the PORSCHE Museum, PORSCHE Factory was optional. However, when we took the subway S-Bahn from the Museum back to the Hauptbahnhof, masks were still required on all public transportation. Europe was as normal as it was in 2019. Nevertheless, On Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 16:30 (4:30 pm – they are open every day till 8:00 pm) I

went one block from the hotel to the closest **COVID** inoculation and testing center (they are on virtually every corner). I had the nose thing done. Within 15 minutes I got the "all clear" negative message on my phone. On Monday, at the Lufthansa check-in in FRA (not in STR) they did look at the message on my phone. That's it – no other questions or concerns were voiced. This is the sign in the Testing Center.

**Conclusion:** come to Europe and get back into life – it's more fun now than ever because they are **so happy to see us.** You'll love this spring in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Italy. I'm flying back in a couple of weeks to conduct the **Twelve Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest**. Not only that but we have an awesome supply of PORSCHES from the PORSCHE Company itself. Can't wait.

II. PCA Spring TREFFEN Report Conclusion:

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 – Today most folks returned to the US. However, in addition, Fast Lane's Comprehensive Travel Service includes a variety of Special Arrangements for our participants such as:



- **A.** We specialize in a **Nürburgring Program** from one "hot" lap around the **Nordschleife** in a GT3 RS to a full-day program where you drive with a professional instructor next to you in a 718 GT, or a GT3, if you can handle it, for example. On the TREFFEN we arranged the Ring for two participants before the TREFFEN and for two afterwards. There is nothing better in your PORSCHE driving experience portfolio than our Nürburgring Program **You'll have "done" THE Ring.**
- **B.** We also offer **CUSTOM designed tours**. For example, a couple from Texas wanted to celebrate a special anniversary, drive around Switzerland, and meet up with relatives in Zürich. No problem, one of our key planning executives, Thomas, created a very special itinerary for them. Not only spectacular Alpine drives and exclusive hotels, but also a delightful **anniversary surprise**. Romance is alive and very well at Fast Lane Travel. We have organized special trips for "big" birthdays; major life events like retirement; or that special anniversary.
- C. European Delivery of your PORSCHE: Over the last close to 50 years, we have designed and completed over 500 European Delivery Tours. If you are thinking about ordering a PORSCHE from your dealer, after you have selected what you want and have a delivery date, call us and we'll lay out an amazing route for you, make hotel reservations, and create and experience for you, which you could never do on your own. This is particularly important because the European Delivery Travel Program's hierarchy of "needs" is: order the car; get a delivery date; call us; we make sure that we have planned: secure parking; pee stops; luxurious accommodations; our "Driving in Europe is Different" publication and training. Our staff will assist you with travel arrangements; meet & greet in Stuttgart or Leipzig; transfers to your delivery location; plus, a complete driving program for you.
- **D.** How it Works: Just like dealing with your CPA or attorney, you are buying our experience, current knowledge, language capabilities, local connections, driving routes expertise and on-trip travel assistance, as you may need it. We charge a reasonable non-refundable planning fee for a consultation; a bullet point outline; with cost and distance estimates; considering seasonality, local holidays, regional circumstances, time of the year (e.g., major Alpine passes are still closed in May); and your personal

preferences or special interests you may have. We then have a second consultation with the result of your complete and agreed to travel plan. We now go to work with lots of phone calls and e-mails in probably three or more languages, assuring certain availability of venues, and scheduling our European team to be ready for you. You'll then get a complete itinerary with all reservations, NAVI directions and road book, key contacts, and local support – which is





especially important when you return your new baby, for example, in Sindelfingen on a Sunday. At this moment we are working on **EuroDelivery** travel plans for four different folks who are picking up a GT3, a 718 GTS, a Turbo S and a 911 GTS Cab. This is very **valuable service** to anyone who has never driven extensively in Europe or who is concerned about getting the maximum enjoyment of driving their new beauty. But it is equally important to us that the new PORSCHE owner(s) can sleep peacefully at an Alpine resort at night, knowing that their quarter-million Porsche is parked safely and ready for tomorrow's drive. On our next trip together, over a drink, I'll tell you some "oh-we'll-do-it-on-our-own" stories of the folks who did exactly that.

## III. Other Fast Lane Trip News:

- A. PORSCHES for all our Tours will now be available this fall: With the support of our European contacts and staff, we have been able to negotiate an arrangement with Executives to get PORSCHE 992's cabs and coupes; Panameras; Macans; and some other rare models which could be another option for the folks who don't mind little luggage space and a bit of a harsher ride.
- B. Drive your own PORSCHE in Europe: If you are planning to stay a little longer in Europe, we can ship your own PORSCHE to Bremerhaven in a container and from there to Stuttgart where the Factory will be happy to open the container, to service it and have it waiting for you with the appropriate documentation, insurance and driving program. My Panamera has crossed the Atlantic three times. There is nothing more exhilarating than passing a German Highway Patrol Officer and you're doing 130 mph, sucking off his hubcaps as you woosh past in your own car with US or Canadian plates. It's even better with cars from the 19 US States (AL, AZ, AR, DE, FL, GA, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MS, NM, NC, OK, PA, SC, TN, WV) which have no front license plates (speed cameras in Europe get you from the front).
- C. The annual Twelve Alpine Passes is SOLD 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 include the Innsbruck area plus in Switzerland now including the renowned town of St. Moritz. It gets better every time we conduct this trip. Passo dello Stelvio and eleven more passes, here we come.

D. Coming Home with two Peters to Austria: We moved this trip to 2023 since European Hotels in Austria are sold out for the balance of 2022. The demand for travel, understandably, has gone off the charts. We've been busy with the preparations for the Spring TREFFEN and the 12 Alpine Passes and we haven't had a minute to focus on finishing the 2023 schedule. The good news is that we have

2022 Fast Lane PORSCHE Trips V-115							
From	Date	То	Date	PORSCHE Tour	Highlight	pp Dble	
Tue	31-May	Thu	9-Jun	Twelve Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest	Awesome Alpine Driving	\$	12,998
Sun	5-Jun	Mon	13-Jun	The 90th 24-Hours of Le Mans Luxury Tour	Pit Pass, "50-yard line"	\$	18,498
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	Three spaces still available	\$	11,998
Tue	20-Sep	Sat	1-Oct	Alpine Adventure: Beautiful Switzerland & Italy	Moved to Fall 2023	\$	15,698
Wed	21-Sep	Sat	1-Oct	Come Home to two Peters' Austria	Moved to May/June 2023		2023
Mon	3-Oct	Sat	15-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest & Interalpen #1	SOLD OUT	SC	LD OUT
Wed	12-Oct	Sun	23-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest & Interalpen #2	Register ASAP, selling out	\$	15,498
Sat	29-Oct	Tue	8-Nov	Romantic Wild West - THE best of the USA	Don't miss out on this trip	\$	11,998
	Note: due to the more than doubled gas prices in Europe we had to add a gas surcharge						

been able to secure a <u>reliable supply of PORSCHES</u> for some amazing drives, especially in the Austrian Alps and the awesome **Grossglockner** High Alpine Pass. Thomas, Catherine, and I will be working on it and publishing it very soon.

- E. Space for three couples on the 2022 TUSCANY PORSCHE Fest #2 is still available. I have reserved our favorite Tuscan estate overlooking the Montalcino Valley. From out 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.
- F. Our US PORSCHE Fest trips are a very attractive option for you if Europe is not in the cards for you this year. So, <u>drive your own</u> PORCHE, 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. If you cannot bring your own car, we will assist you to rent one from PORSCHE Drive Atlanta or the Phoenix PORSCHE Dealer. Please check out these links: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coKJcvb0nll">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coKJcvb0nll</a> or this one

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coKJcvb0nII or this one https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8tGOBhxkdQ

IV. I can't help sharing a few pictures from the PCA Spring TREFFEN in Germany:









## V. My Final Thoughts: Classic Insults:

"He had delusions of adequacy."

Walter Kerr

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."

Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."

William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it."

Moses Hadas

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."

Mark Twain

"He has no enemies but is intensely disliked by his friends."
Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one."

George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one."

Winston Churchill, in response

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here."

Stephen Bishop

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator."

John Bright

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial."

Irvin S. Cobb

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." Samuel Johnson

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up."
Paul Keating

"In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily."

Charles, Count Talleyrand

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him."
Forrest Tucker

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?"

Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork"

Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."
Oscar Wilde

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music."

Billy Wilder

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But I'm afraid this wasn't it."

Groucho Marx

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination."

Andrew Lang (1844-1912)

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 realty should get out now and have some fun!



All the best to you, Peter