



Item: Fast Lane #24 in 2022 Petergram (#119 since 2020)
Date: **Saturday, June 11th 2022**
From: Peter writing from The 5-Star Graf Zeppelin Hotel in Stuttgart
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 last couple of days of the Twelve Alpine Passes**

I. Germany, Austria, Switzerland & Italy here we come:

A. Saturday, June 4th Austria to Italy

– This morning we left the awesome, should be a 6-Star Hotel, Interlpen in Tirol. Getting to the Interlpen, high above Innsbruck Is actually the pass that gets you to Seefeld and Mitterwald. The view on the way down is breathtaking because you can see the whole Inn Valley and the Italian Alps. We drove onto the Austrian Autobahn going West towards Bregenz and then got off in about 20 minutes to head south into the Ötztal Valley passing through Sölden, a renowned Tirolian Ski Resort, to the challenging Timmelsjoch Pass. Of course, our man in Stuttgart, Johny, purchased the “Vignettes” Austrian Autobahn Toll Decals and affixed them in the upper left-hand corner of everyone’s windshield. We then climbed up the serpentine **8,117 ft. Timmelsjoch Pass**. – I paid the €17 Toll for each car and lined up the PORSCHEs on the peak. There is a motorcycle museum in the peak building – but we wanted to get going into Italy. We then crossed the **6,870 ft. Jaufen Pass**. Everyone enjoyed it so much – we went back up and did it twice, We then arrived at our beautiful 5-Star Chalet Mirabelle overlooking the Meran Valley in Südtirol, Italy. We started with a much-deserved prosecco and canapés party on the terrace. What an awesome view. The cuisine was Michelin Star.



B. Sunday, June 5th – After a lavish breakfast, we departed this beautiful place, for St. Moritz, Switzerland. Now that everyone is used to driving the mountain roads we have planned to **cross over four passes** today: First, we stopped for a light lunch at our favorite restaurant in Stelvio, the Franzenshöhe on the way to the legendary **9,045 ft. Passo dello Stelvio**. After Stelvio (Stilvser Joch in German) we crossed the **7,516 ft. Passo Foscagno**. The **7,595 ft. Passo Livigno**, and we arrived at the base of the **7,638 ft. Passo del Bernna**. We were greeted by a barrier informing all traffic the pass is closed today for some serious road repair after a massive rock avalanche wiped



our part of the pass. So, instead we drove around the mountain.

C. **Monday, June 6th** – Today was a 2-pass day: the **7,493 ft. Julier Pass** followed by the **Oberalb Pass** where we had a Swiss Capuns lunch on top of the pass. We then had an exhilarating drive on the **4,140 ft. Engelberg Pass** to the 5-Star Kempinski in Engelberg. This new hotel is spectacular, the cuisine was awesome, and the town has the Aspen feeling.

D. **Tuesday, June 7th** – A pass “loop” day was in store for us with the **7,969 ft. Furka Pass**, the **7,100 ft. Grimsel Pass** and the **7,415 ft. Susten Pass**. We had to skip the last one because we were notified of an accident on the pass and huge back up. Our farewell to Switzerland Party was delightful at the Kempinski tonight.

E. **Wednesday, June 8th** – We headed back to Stuttgart with a quick luncheon stop in the Münstertal Valley on the edge of the Black Forest. Then on the Autobahn straight back to Stuttgart. We dropped off the co-drivers and in-car luggage at the hotel and headed straight back to the **PORSCHE Platz** to return the PORSCHEs we fell in love with. What an awesome experience. If one adds up all the elevations of all the passes we crossed are higher than Mt. Everest!

G. **Thursday, June 9th** – We arranged all the airport transfers – lots of hugs and let’s do this again soon. At least half the group wants to come to Tuscany in October – my all-time favorite trip in our palette of PORSCHE Fest trips.



A final 12 Alpine Passes comment. While sitting and our pre-departure dinner, I received a call from a couple cancelling their Tuscany trip because of COVID in Germany. Let me say it one more time. In Europe things are back to normal. There are testing stations on every corner. Restaurant staff is wearing masks. Walking around, dining, visiting the PORSCHE Factory or Museum there is zero concern nor requirement. People in general have become more cognizant – like keeping 6’ distance in a line, voluntarily wearing a mask and washing hands frequently – stuff we’re supposed to do anyway. I can’t tell people what to do – But I have been in Europe now almost two weeks and was here last month. Frankly, I’m more worried about going to a store or restaurant in the US than in Europe. **Don’t let the US media drive you nuts.**

- II. **Other Fast Lane Trip News:** We have four more 2022 PORSCHE Tours for you. I need a few more guests on the **Fall TREFFEN in Stuttgart**. The folks in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen are rolling out the red carpet for us – it's an awesome privilege to be invited to visit the PORSCHE Factory which has been closed for months. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see the source of our passion.
- III. **Balance of 2022:** Space on the **2022 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.
- IV. Our **US PORSCHE Fest** trips are a very attractive option for you if Europe is not in the cards for you this year. So, drive 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**. If you don't want to 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: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coKJcvb0nII> and this one <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8tGOBhxkdQ>

2022 Fast Lane PORSCHE Trips Still Available V-118						
Code	From	Date	To	Date	PORSCHE Tour	Highlights
TAP	Tue	31-May	Thu	9-Jun	Twelve Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest	RUNNING NOW!
LEM	Sun	5-Jun	Mon	13-Jun	The 99th 24-Hours of Le Mans Luxury Tour	CLOSED OUT
FTR	Sun	11-Sep	Sat	17-Sep	Original PCA Fall PORSCHE TREFFEN Stuttgart	Factory & Museum
CAR	Tue	20-Sep	Thu	29-Sep	USA Carolinas Fall Colors - Tail of the Dragon	Spaces still Available
TPF	Mon	3-Oct	Sat	15-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest & Interlpen #1	SOLD OUT
TPF2	Wed	12-Oct	Sun	23-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest & Interlpen #2	Register ASAP, selling out
RWW	Sat	29-Oct	Tue	8-Nov	Romantic Wild West - THE best of the USA	Don't miss out on this trip

- VI. **My Final Thoughts:** Introducing the new Bio-Optic Organized Knowledge device, trade-named **BOOK** (This is for your grandkids):

BOOK is a revolutionary breakthrough in technology: no wires, no electric circuits, no batteries, nothing to be connected or switched on. It's so easy to use, even a child can operate it.

Compact and portable, it can be used anywhere -- even sitting in an armchair by the fire -- yet it is powerful enough to hold as much information as a CD-ROM disc.

Here's how it works:

BOOK is constructed of sequentially numbered sheets of paper (recyclable), each capable of holding thousands of bits of information. The pages are locked together with a custom-fit device called a binder which keeps the sheets in their correct sequence!

Opaque Paper Technology (OPT) allows manufacturers to use both sides of the sheet, doubling the information density and cutting costs. Experts are divided on the prospects for further increases in information density; for now, BOOKS with more information simply use more pages. Each sheet is scanned optically, registering information directly into your brain. A flick of the finger takes you to the next sheet.

BOOK may be taken up at any time and used merely by opening it. BOOK ever crashes or requires rebooting, though, like other devices, it can become damaged if coffee is spilled on it and it becomes unusable if dropped too many times on a hard surface. The “browse” feature allows you to move instantly to any sheet, and move forward or backward as you wish. Many come with an “index” feature, which pin-points the exact location of any selected information for instant retrieval.

An optional “BOOKmark” accessory allows you to open BOOK to the exact place you left it in a previous session -- even if the BOOK has been closed. BOOKmarks fit universal design standards; thus, a single BOOKmark can be used in BOOKs by various manufacturers. Conversely, numerous BOOKmarkers can be used in a single BOOK if the user wants to store numerous views at once. The number is limited only by the number of pages in the BOOK. You can also make personal notes next to BOOK text entries with optional programming tools, Portable Erasable Nib Cryptic Intercommunication Language Styli (PENCILS).

Portable, durable, and affordable, BOOK is being hailed as a precursor of a new entertainment wave. BOOK’s appeal seems so certain that thousands of content creators have committed to the platform and investors are reportedly flocking to invest. Look for a flood of new titles soon.

Please stay safe, healthy, and look forward to the great times we will have together again on the MANY great **PORSCHE tours in 2022 and 2023**. Please register for one of our **USA PORSCHE Tours** – we really must get out now and have some fun! All the best to you, Peter

