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From: Peter writing from home in Clearwater, FL
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: **Lost Luggage Solution and Fast Lane Fall PORSCHE Tours.**

I. Travel Industry News: More Airlines Are Losing Luggage. AirTags and Tile Trackers Can Help.

As the global airline industry struggles to meet surging demand, people are taking luggage tracking into their own hands.

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Packed planes, sky-high fares and fewer Covid-19 related regulations were supposed to be a boon for the airline industry world-wide. But as the summer travel season gets into full swing, shares of many major U.S. airlines have been dropping. WSJ's Joe Wallace explains what is weighing on airlines' stocks.

A summer of flight delays, packed airports and cancellations is giving way to another growing problem: missing luggage. Hoping to keep lost bags from ruining their trip, many people are turning to discreet, lightweight Bluetooth trackers from companies such as Apple and Tile. The technology is designed to help owners locate keys, handbags and other easy-to-misplace belongings — including luggage. When your stuff isn't where it should be, you can fire up an app to show you its last known location. After landing at the Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport on July 2, Conrad Gray, a 49-year-old DJ hired to work at a wedding, checked Apple's Find My app to see if his suitcase carrying his clothes and equipment was heading to baggage claim. It wasn't. Instead, Apple's map showed that his bag never made it on the plane and was thousands of miles away in Cairo, where he had a layover.

"On the plus side, I didn't have to wait until the carousel was unloaded," said Mr. Gray, who lives in Nairobi, Kenya. "I knew my bag was in another country." He scrambled to shop for wedding attire and borrowed DJ equipment from the reception venue.

Passengers all over the world, especially those traveling to Europe, have said it has taken weeks to receive delayed luggage. Airport chaos at London's Heathrow Airport recently caused Delta Air Lines to fly 1,000 pieces of delayed luggage back to the U.S. with no passengers on board the jet. A Delta spokesperson said the company doesn't expect that to happen again.

For those about to make a trip, know this: Bluetooth trackers only get you so far. AirTags and Tiles can show you where your luggage is and can play sounds to help you find where it is buried among piles of suitcases. But you still have to wait on airlines to retrieve your baggage. "People may be successful at tracking the bag, but that doesn't mean they'll be successful at getting their bag," said David Dague, an airline-industry expert and principal at the management consulting firm Arthur D. Little.

Many airlines are notoriously difficult to reach on the phone, and you could end up sitting on hold for hours. Once you get through the labyrinth of automated menus and hold music to speak to an actual human, you then have to wait for airline staff to find your luggage, register it and put it on the next plane out. While airline staff warns passengers about checking batteries in their suitcases, that typically doesn't apply to trackers. Apple and Tile's devices use low-powered wireless communication, so they don't affect aircraft systems and are safe to pack into checked luggage, according to guidance from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration.

Apple's AirTags and Tile's namesake trackers function similarly but have distinct features, depending on what level of monitoring you want and which smartphone ecosystem you are in. Here is what you should know about using them for luggage tracking. AirTags are small \$29 disc-shaped devices that can be slipped into your suitcase or attached to luggage handles using Apple's Loops accessory. They don't have GPS. Instead, they rely on the millions of devices in Apple's Find My network to let people know of their whereabouts. Other people's iPhones, iPads or Macs that come within Bluetooth striking range can relay the AirTag's approximate location to the cloud. You even watch your tracker's movements in near real time on the Find My app. When no other devices are nearby, Apple will show you the AirTag's last known location. Apple's AirTags can show you where your luggage is located and send alerts if you've left it behind.

Mr. Gray waited two weeks for EgyptAir to locate his luggage and fly it to him, even though he knew where it was all along, he said. Once his AirTag showed it had arrived in Kenya, he didn't wait for the airline to contact him about its return. "As soon as it made it, I went straight to the airport, told them the situation, and they let me into baggage claim," Mr. Gray said.

If you have an iPhone 11 or later, an AirTag can share its precise whereabouts when it is nearby, which is helpful if you or an airport attendant are trying to identify which bag is yours in a room full of lost luggage. AirTags also have a speaker, so if you have trouble differentiating your suitcase from others you can activate a chime.

You don't have to charge them. AirTags run off coin-size batteries, which are replaceable. The batteries last about one year before you need to swap them.

Unlike AirTags, which all look the same, Tile's locaters start at \$25 and come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Some look like credit cards and are flat enough to slide into the pocket on luggage tags. Tile Stickers are the size of three stacked quarters and have an adhesive backing to hold them in place.



You can use Tile's mobile app for Android and iOS to set up your tracker and find it if it is within Bluetooth range—up to 400 feet depending on the type you have. If you are farther away, Tiles can let you find their location by pinging the company's cloud server.

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Both tracking devices can be bought on Amazon.

2022 Fast Lane Luxury PORSCHE Trips Still Available V-130					
From	Date	To	Date	PORSCHE Tour	Highlights & Status
Sun	11-Sep	Sat	17-Sep	Original PCA Fall PORSCHE TREFFEN Stuttgart	6 Spaces still Available
Tue	20-Sep	Thu	29-Sep	USA Carolinas Fall Colors - Tail of the Dragon	4 Spaces still Available
Mon	3-Oct	Sat	15-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest & Interlpen #1	SOLD OUT
Wed	12-Oct	Sun	23-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest & Interlpen #2	Register ASAP, selling out
Sat	29-Oct	Tue	8-Nov	Romantic Wild West - THE VERY best of the USA	Don't miss out on this trip

II. 2022 Fast Lane PORSCHE Trips Outlook:

The traditional **FALL TREFFEN to Stuttgart**. We have completed all arrangements for this exhilarating experience to enjoy a day in Zuffenhausen at the awesome **PORSCHE Museum** and be able to get a very rare tour of the **PORSCHE Factory**. In addition, we spend a couple days driving a PORSCHE on the **Autobahn**, lunch in the **Bavarian Mountains** and enjoying the 5-Star Hotel Bayerischer Hof In Lindau directly on **Lake Constance**. Furthermore, it's a very rare treat to get invited by PORSCHE. **Get a group together from your local PCA Region** and enjoy unequalled hospitality and an amazing PORSCHE Experience. **Come on, check it off your bucket list! LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!! GOOD NEWS:** The City of Stuttgart is forecasting that the long COVID-induced closure of the Cannstatter Volksfest will finally be lifted this fall! It's not confirmed yet, but it I predict that it'll be THE wildest Oktoberfest party ever.

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 or Tucson PORSCHE Dealers. Please check out these links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coKJcjb0nII> and this one <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8tGOBhxdQ>

2023 Planned Fast Lane PORSCHE Tours:					
From	Date	To	Date	PORSCHE Tour	Highlights
Fri	21-Apr	Wed	26-Apr	Original PCA Spring PORSCHE TREFFEN Stuttgart	Factory & Museum
Sun	23-Apr	Thu	4-May	NEW: From Munich to Amazing Croatia	Alps, Gmünd & Adriatic Coast
Sat	3-Jun	Mon	12-Jun	HUGE: The 100th 24-Hours of Le Mans Luxury Tour	Paddock, Pit Pass, Tribune
Wed	7-Jun	Fri	16-Jun	REPEAT: Twelve Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest	Awesome Scenery & Fun
Sat	8-Jul	Mon	17-Jul	Our 5th: Colorado Rocky Mountain High	The BEST of the Rockies
Sun	28-Aug	Thu	7-Sep	NEW: Come Home to Two Peters' Austria	An unequalled private tour
Mon	11-Sep	Sun	17-Sep	Original PCA Fall PORSCHE TREFFEN Stuttgart	Factory & Museum
Wed	20-Sep	Sun	1-Oct	Our 3rd: Fast Lane Alpine Adventure	Repeated by Popular Requ.
Tue	3-Oct	Sun	15-Oct	Our 12th: Tuscany PORSCHE Fest & Interlpen	Our Annual Favorite
in planning - early December				NEW: Christmas Markets in Germany & Austria	Starting in Stuttgart to Vienna

III. 2023 Fast Lane PORSCHE Tours Forecast: DETAILS to FOLLOW – still working on it.

We have received lots of interest in our 2023 PORSCHE Tours. The top four count so far are: TREFFEN, Austria, Twelve Passes, and Tuscany.

IV. My Final Thoughts: Useless but, perhaps, entertaining facts:

1. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
2. Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
3. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
4. The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
5. The shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
6. There are more chickens than people in the world.
7. Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
8. The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."
9. On a Canadian two-dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.
10. All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
11. No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
12. "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
13. All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
14. Almonds are a member of the peach family.
15. Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
16. Maine is the only state (in USA) whose name is just one syllable.
17. There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
18. Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula"
19. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
20. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
21. Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
22. In most advertisements, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
23. Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
24. The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful a Life."
25. A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.
26. A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
27. A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
28. It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
29. The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
30. In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.
31. The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

32. Mr. Rogers was an ordained minister.
33. The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
34. There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
35. "Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

NOW you know everything...You could be a TEENAGER!!!

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

