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**From:** Peter writing from our office in Oldsmar, 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:** **PORSCHE European Deliveries; Fast Lane Trips News & Outlook and my Last Report from my family trip to beautiful Austria**

**I. PORSCHE European Deliveries are coming back strongly.** The experience of picking up your new PORSCHE in Stuttgart or Leipzig is . . . I have trouble finding enough appropriate adjectives like breathtaking, exhilarating, amazing, rewarding, memorable and incomparable. Over the years, I personally, have had the pleasure of enjoying a PORSCHE delivered 8 times. At Fast Lane Travel we have designed, planned, organized, and completed over 500 Custom European PORSCHE Delivery Tours. So, if you are thinking about picking up your new baby in Germany and enjoying some real driving, don't do it alone, that's what we are here for. Below are some happy examples from a couple of recent lucky new PORSCHE owners taking delivery in Europe:

**A. Two buddies from Canada picking up a GT3:**

Steve called me about three months ago and was very specific about driving key Alpine passes like Passo dello Stelvio, the Oberalp Pass, the Pflügen Pass and a couple more in his brand new GT3. In response to my question: "What's the delivery date in Zuffenhausen?" Steve replied "May 6<sup>th</sup>" I told him that he wasn't going anywhere! Steve: "WHY NOT?!" My response: "Because most Alpine Passes don't open till June!" He agreed to let PORSCHE build the car, store it safely for a month and then take the trip in June. **Steve's Accolade:** *"Thank you so much Peter, we appreciated your help. I look forward to taking some time to sit down this weekend and share my ABSOLUTLY amazing experience provided by you, as well as all the good folks at Fast Lane."*



**B. Another Euro Delivery also from Canada**

**picking up a 718 GTS:** They wanted a more relaxing trip with less intense driving, 5-star hotels, shopping, sightseeing and superb cuisine. **The lady writes:** *"The whole trip has been beyond our expectations!! The heel has been the Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni on Lake Como. I bought 3 lovely pair of shoes and Cristiano wants to be remembered to you and hopes to see you again soon!! I saw his badge and struck up a conversation. Hope you are well and will speak when we are home. Thank you so much! My Comment:* Over the last close to 50-years we have forged relationships with various hotels, garages (very





important), restaurants and shops. Some of them have become close friends. So, you might be wandering around in a little village, like Bellagio on Lake Como, and just run into one of our endorsed vendors or associates. It's almost like coming home.

## II. Travel Industry News: Delta Predicts Travel Rebound Will Stretch Past Summer

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[Delta Air Lines](#) Inc. on Wednesday said strong demand for travel offset higher costs and helped the airline turn a profit in the second quarter. Delta's operations were marked by stumbles in recent months, however, as the airline expanded too rapidly in an effort to take advantage of the influx of passengers, Delta Chief Executive Ed Bastian said.

Delta on Wednesday reported a profit of \$735 million for the three months ended June 30, as it recouped rising fuel costs by charging higher fares, and said it is on track to post further profits in the third quarter and for the year as a whole. Delta shares sold off, however, falling 6.3% in midday trading. Its adjusted profit of \$921 million, or \$1.44 a share, fell short of the \$1.73 a share analyst had expected, according to FactSet. Mr. Bastian also said [the travel resurgence](#) isn't just a summer phenomenon. The airline's bookings are still relatively strong heading into fall and winter as rising inflation and recession fears have yet to derail the [pent-up appetite for travel](#) that has been unleashed in recent months, he said. Delta executives said they believe demand from business travelers will step up this fall when summer vacation travel ebbs. "I think that demand is going to continue for some time," Mr. Bastian said in an interview. "We may already be seeing effects for the economy, but certainly we're [not seeing it in our business.](#)" Delta anticipates that revenue in the third quarter will be up as much as 5% from the same period in 2019. Delta said its unit costs, excluding fuel, were 22% higher compared with the same quarter of 2019, and it expects a similar increase in the third quarter. Fuel prices rose 37% from the first three months of the year and market prices were nearly double 2019 levels.

Travel's long-awaited rebound has brought difficulties for airlines as they emerge from over two years of choppiness. Demand evaporated during the early months of the global coronavirus pandemic, and the climb back has been prone to setbacks. Now that travelers have returned, airlines including Delta have struggled to generate much-needed revenue by flying more without overextending themselves and sacrificing reliability. "Candidly, we outdid it," said Mr. Bastian. "We pushed ourselves too much beyond our

capabilities.” The six-week period between mid-May and the end of June was a “really rough time frame,” Mr. Bastian said, with higher levels of cancellations and delays. Delta culled its schedule in July and into August and is planning to hold off on additional growth for the rest of the year in an effort to get a handle on its problems.

“It wasn’t a disaster. But it was not the operational performance that our customers deserve and come to expect from us,” he said. “We’re not going to grow our airline until we’re fully confident that we have all the resources in place to serve with the reliability our customers expect.”

Mr. Bastian said those steps have been working, and Delta’s performance in July so far has been back in line with 2019 levels, with less than 1% of flights canceled this month so far. Those measures have also come at a cost. Delta said it expects to spend more than \$700 million on premium pay and overtime this year—50% higher than in 2019. Carriers encouraged thousands of workers to retire or leave during the pandemic. They have been racing to hire again, but continue to face a shortfall of pilots and other employees, making it more difficult to recover when things go wrong.

Mr. Bastian said Delta has hired over 18,000 people since the start of last year and has close to 95% as many employees as it had in 2019, even though it is flying less. But the lengthy process of getting pilots, flight attendants, mechanics and others through training has meant the airline isn’t back to full force and likely won’t resume growing until later this year or next. Delta said its domestic passenger revenue during the second quarter was 3% higher than in the same period of 2019.

A recovery in international travel also has gotten under way as travel **restrictions have fallen away, including a requirement that people test negative for Covid-19 before flying to the U.S.** Atlantic routes exceeded 2019 levels in June, the airline said.

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### III. 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 of days driving a PORSCHE on the Autobahn, in the Bavarian Mountains and across the Austrian Alps. 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 I predict that it’ll be THE wildest Oktoberfest party ever.

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 or Tucson PORSCHE Dealers**. Please check out these links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coKJcvb0nII> and this one

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8tGOBhxkdQ>

## V. 2023 Fast Lane PORSCHE Tours Forecast: DETAILS in a month or so.

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	

Thank you very much for the many expressions of interest we have received for our 2023 PORSCHE Tours. The "Coming Home to Austria" trip has received the most inquiries so far.

2022 Fast Lane PORSCHE Trips Still Available V-128						
Code	From	Date	To	Date	PORSCHE Tour	Highlights & Status
FTR	Sun	11-Sep	Sat	17-Sep	Original PCA Fall PORSCHE TREFFEN Stuttgart	12 Spaces still Available
CAR	Tue	20-Sep	Thu	29-Sep	USA Carolinas Fall Colors - Tail of the Dragon	4 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 VERY best of the USA	Don't miss out on this trip

## VI. Report from Austria concluded:

**Day 6 in Austria: Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>** A wonderful day of sightseeing in Salzburg. We



took the funicular up to the fortress and enjoyed the view from this magnificent fortress that watched over the town for well over a thousand years. Salzburg (translated: Salt Fortress). Salt was THE most valuable commodity for thousands of years. The Romans paid their soldiers in coin and salt. Salt was the only way to preserve food for thousands of years. Salzburg will be included in the "Two Peters' PORSCHE

trip to Austria next year!" Tonight our man in Salzburg, Richard, met us and joined us for dinner at the Weiher Wirt Restaurant right across the lake from the Sound of Music Castle!

**Day 7 in Austria: Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>** We headed back to Vienna on the A-1 Autobahn. After checking into the Hotel Europa, we enjoyed dinner at a wonderful Vegan Restaurant. Beer is vegan, of course?

**Day 8 in Austria: Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>** Today we did some last-minute shopping with everyone finding their own preferred little stores, including a mega souvenir store on the ground floor of the hotel. It used to be a coffee shop – Kaffeehaus – but obviously souvenirs are substantially more profitable than people sitting around drinking the traditional “Melange”. Vienna is an amazing city. It’s easy to get around. Lukas was determined to ride a tram with his mom. David, Julie and Billie went to the Museum of Optical Illusions. Highly recommended for any future visits to Vienna. Tonight, we were invited by the Pfisterer Family to their home for a spectacular farewell-to-Austria Dinner.



**Day 9 in Austria: Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>** Today we checked out and headed to the Airport in Vienna. I am so very grateful that my kids took time out of their busy lives and came home to OPA’s Austria. I shared with them what it was like to be born amidst the WW II bombings; fear of the GESTAPO; then living ten years under Russian Occupation; learning a trade which enabled me to come to the US and become a grateful American. My grandkids, Billie and Lukas have told me that they will remember this trip forever. We can’t wait for the photobook my daughter Alicia is creating. Thank you, my readers, for letting me share my personal happiness with you.

**VII. My Final Thoughts: Important Things to Remember!** Choose the ones that apply to you. If you are not over 65, accept my apology and delete this!

**1 – It's time to use the money you saved up.** Use it and enjoy it. Don't just keep it for those who may have no notion of the sacrifices you made to get it. Remember there is nothing more dangerous than a son or daughter-in-law with big ideas for your hard-earned capital. Warning: This is also a bad time for investments, even if it seems wonderful or fool-proof. They only bring problems and worries. This is a time for you to enjoy some peace and quiet.

**2 – Stop worrying about the financial situation of your children and grandchildren,** and don't feel bad spending your money on yourself.

**3 – Keep a healthy life, without great physical effort.** Do moderate exercise (like walking every day), eat well and get your sleep. It's easy to become sick, and it gets harder to remain healthy. That is why you need to keep yourself in good shape and be aware of your medical and physical needs. Keep in touch with your doctor, do tests even when you're feeling well. Stay informed.

**4 – Always buy the best, most beautiful items for your significant other.** The key goal is to enjoy your money with your partner. One day one of you will miss the other, and the money will not provide any comfort then, enjoy it together.

**5 – Don't stress over the little things.** You've already overcome so much in your life. You have good memories and bad ones, but the important thing is the present. Don't let the past drag you down and don't let the future frighten you. Feel good in the now. Small issues will soon be forgotten.

**6 – Regardless of age, always keep love alive.** Love your partner, love life, love your family, love your neighbor and remember: A man is not old as long as he has intelligence and affection.

**7 – Be proud, both inside and out.** Don't stop going to your hair salon or barber, do your nails, go to the dermatologist and the dentist, keep your perfumes and creams well stocked. When you are well-maintained on the outside, it seeps in, making you feel proud and strong. Don't lose sight of fashion trends for your age, but keep your own sense of style. There's nothing worse than an older person trying to wear the current fashion among youngsters. You've developed your own sense of what looks good on you – keep it and be proud of it. It's part of who you are.

**9 – Always stay up-to-date.** Read newspapers, watch the news. Go online and read what people are saying. Make sure you have an active email account and try to use some of those social networks. You'll be surprised what old friends you'll meet. Keeping in touch with what is going on and with the people you know is important at any age.

**10 – Respect the younger generation and their opinions.** They may not have the same ideals as you, but they are the future, and will take the world in their direction. Give advice, not criticism, and try to remind them that yesterday's wisdom still applies today.

**11 – Never use the phrase in my time.** Your time is now. As long as you're alive, you are part of this time. You may have been younger, but you are still you now, having fun and enjoying life.

**12 – Some people embrace their golden years,** while others become bitter and surly. Life is too short to waste your days on the latter. Spend your time with positive, cheerful people, it'll rub off on you and your days will seem that much better. Spending your time with bitter people will make you older and harder to be around.

**13 – Do not surrender to the temptation of living with your children** or grandchildren (if you have a financial choice, that is). Sure, being surrounded by family sounds great, but we all need our privacy. They need theirs and you need yours. If you've lost your partner (our deepest condolences), then find a person to move in with you and help out. Even then, do so only if you feel you really need the help or do not want to live alone.

**14 – Don't abandon your hobbies.** If you don't have any, make new ones. You can travel, hike, cook, read, and dance. You can adopt a cat or a dog, grow a garden, play cards, checkers, chess, dominoes, golf. You can paint, volunteer or just collect certain items. Find something you like and spend some real time having fun with it.

**15 – Even if you don't feel like it, try to accept invitations.** Baptisms, graduation, birthdays, weddings, conferences. Try to go. Get out of the house, meet people you haven't seen in a while, experience something new (or something old). But don't get upset when you're not invited. Some events are limited by resources, and not everyone can be hosted. The important thing is to leave the house from time to time. Go to museums, go walk through a field. Get out there.

**16 – Be a conversationalist.** Talk less and listen more. Some people go on and on about the past, not caring if their listeners are really interested. That's a great way of reducing their desire to speak with you. Listen first and answer questions, but don't go off into long stories unless asked to. Speak in courteous tones and try not to complain or criticize too much unless you really need to. Try to accept situations as they are. Everyone is going through the same things, and people have a low tolerance for hearing complaints. Always find some good things to say as well.

**17 – Pain and discomfort go hand in hand with getting older.** Try not to dwell on them but accept them as a part of the cycle of life we're all going through. Try to minimize them in your mind. They are not who you are, they are something that life added to you. If they become your entire focus, you lose sight of the person you used to be.

**18 – If you've been offended by someone – forgive them.** If you've offended someone – apologize. Don't drag around resentment with you. It only serves to make you sad and bitter. It doesn't matter who was right. Someone once said: Holding a grudge is like taking poison and expecting the other person to die. Don't take that poison. Forgive, forget and move on with your life.

**19 – If you have a strong belief, savor it.** But don't waste your time trying to convince others. They will make their own choices no matter what you tell them, and it will only bring you frustration. Live your faith and set an example. Live true to your beliefs and let that memory sway them.

**20 – Laugh A Lot.** Laugh at everything. Remember, you are one of the lucky ones. You managed to have a life, a long one. Many never get to this age, never get to experience a full life. But you did. So, what's not to laugh about? Find the humor in your situation.

**21 – Take no notice of what others say about you** and even less notice of what they might be thinking. They'll do it anyway, and you should have pride in yourself and what you've achieved. Let them talk and don't worry. They have no idea about your history, your memories and the life you've lived so far. There's still much to be written, so get busy writing and don't waste time thinking about what others might think. Now is the time to be at rest, at peace and as happy as you can be!



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