



**Item:** Fast Lane #41 in 2022 Petergram (#136 since 2020)  
**Date:** **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** Peter writing from Room #90 at the Sacher-Astoria Hotel in Seefeld, Austria, and from our Estate in Tuscany where we arrived today.  
**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 Tuscany PORSCHE Fest and Final Thoughts of the Carolinas PORSCHE Fest**

**I. Arrivals this year were a little complex.**

There were a couple of flight cancellations, re-routings, and equipment changes. But everyone made it to Stuttgart. Luckily the Stuttgarter Oktoberfest was in full swing, and Thomas had organized private seating with private toilets for us. It was an amazing party. You haven't lived until you have seen/heard 15,000 Germans dancing on tables swinging steins singing "Take me home country road."

**I just arrived with the group in Tuscany** and I'm getting ready for my dinner presentation. Here are a couple pictures from the first day of the Tuscany trip The PORSCHEs WE PICKED UP are fabulous. We drove across the legendary Brenner Pass framed by snowcapped mountains. It was breathtaking. Everyone chips in when we gas up. Of course, gas is included at \$11.00/gallon. I think this was the first time when I paid over \$1,200 for a fill up.



**We are all here enjoying the Tuscany 1 tour.** The Constatter Volksfest experience was enjoyable with lots of German beer and fun. Wednesday, we toured the Mercedes Museum and picked up the PORSCHEs. Thursday, we headed to one of our favorite 5-star hotels, Astoria Spa Hotel. Our final destination on Thursday, was our rented private Tuscan estate, Casali di Bibbiano, close to Siena, Florence and Montepulciano. We



drove over the scenic Brenner's Pass in the Italian Alps passing Bologna, Modena, and Florence. Saturday, we depart by motor coach to Florence, ending the day with a barbeque dinner by the pool at Casali. Sunday, we drive to Montalcino and Pienza to explore the sites. Next week on Monday, it's off to explore Siena with a cooking class and wine tasting later in the day. Tuesday, we drive our fun photo rally ending in Montepulicino. Wednesday, it's a scenic drive to the 5-star Interlpen Hotel, with our ending destination Stuttgart on Thursday return the Porsches and return to the Graf Zeppelin. Friday, we then head to the PORSCHE Museum for a tour and lunch at Christophorus restaurant, ending the day at PORSCHE with a tour of the factory. And Friday a final farewell dinner at the Ratskeller, meeting up with the Tuscany 2 group. Thanks to all that participated Fast Lane's 10<sup>th</sup> Tuscany 1 trip.

## II. 2023 Fast Lane PORSCHE Tours Forecast

NEW: 2023 Planned Fast Lane PORSCHE Tours V-8:						
Code	From	Date	To	Date	PORSCHE Tour	Highlights
STR-B	Sun	23-Apr	Thu	27-Apr	NEW: Spring TREFFEN to Stuttgart BUDGET	Beerfest, Factory & Museum...
STP-P	Sun	23-Apr	Sat	29-Apr	NEW: Spring TREFFEN to Stuttgart REGULAR	and... Autobahn & Black Forest ...
STR-DL	Sun	23-Apr	Wed	3-May	NEW: Spring TREFFEN to Stuttgart PLUS	and ... Alpine passes & Lake Como
TAP	Wed	31-May	Fri	9-Jun	AWESOME: Twelve Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest	Spectacular Scenery & Fun
LEM	Sun	4-Jun	Mon	12-Jun	Le Mans: The Sensational 100th Anniversary of the Race	THE most luxurious Le Mans
AUS	Mon	28-Aug	Thu	7-Sep	NEW: Munich, Grossglockner, Gmünd & CROATIA	THE BEST of PORSCHE Europe
FTR-B	Mon	11-Sep	Sat	16-Sep	NEW: Fall TREFFEN to Stuttgart BUDGET	Factory & Museum...
FTR-P	Mon	11-Sep	Mon	18-Sep	NEW: Fall TREFFEN to Stuttgart REGULAR	and... Autobahn & Black Forest ...
FTR-DL	Mon	11-Sep	Sat	23-Sep	NEW: Fall TREFFEN to Stuttgart PLUS	and ...Oktoberfest & Lake Como
FAA	Wed	13-Sep	Sun	24-Sep	Our 3rd: Fast Lane Alpine Luxury Adventure	Oktoberfest, Awesome Alps
TPF	Mon	25-Sep	Sat	7-Oct	Our 12th: Tuscany PORSCHE Fest & Interlpen	Our Annual Favorite
CIV	in planning - early December				NEW: Christmas Markets in Germany & Austria Cruise	Starting in Stuttgart to Vienna



Please note that in 2023 we have **reduced the number of our PORSCHE Tours portfolio to 8 trips**. Primarily I have enhanced our **PORSCHE TREFFEN offerings for next year**. Specifically, I had an excellent meeting with Vu Nguyen, Executive Director of the PCA last week, to make the **original TREFFEN to Stuttgart** more attractive to a broader base of PCA participants and **to get the PCA logistics and financial support necessary** to show the Executives at the **PORSCHE Company in Stuttgart** and Leipzig that the first and largest PORSCHE Club with 150,000 members supports their PORSCHE enthusiasm with a **substantial presence in Germany** at a **TREFFEN to Stuttgart**. I spend about \$2,000/month on TREFFEN ads in **PANO** and we get a tepid response, at best. Consequently, **we are offering three TREFFEN variations next year in both the Spring and Fall – see the table above**. **All trips will include the NEW PORSCHE Museum and a privileged tour of the amazing PORSCHE Factory in Stuttgart**. This year we saw the 911 and Taycan Production Lines among other special departments. Next year promises to be even better.

- A. The **2023 BUDGET TREFFEN** 4 days in Stuttgart including the Cannstatter Frühlingsfest in the **Spring** and the Cannstatter Volksfest in the **Fall** a truly local and authentic bash (better than the Oktoberfest in Munich which is primarily for tourists).
- B. The **2023 TRADITIONAL TREFFEN** – the same as “A” plus two awesome days of Autobahn driving and enjoying great roads in the ominous Black Forest.
- C. The **2023 DeLUXE TREFFEN PLUS** same as “A” and “B” plus some wonderful Alpine mountains driving and spending a little time at luxurious and romantic **Lake Como**. You’ll experience THE best of Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Italy. It’ll be our traditional **5-country Adventure™**, which we innovated and trademarked over a dozen years ago. This will be the TREFFEN crown jewel.

We also are giving the participants options as to the **model PORSCHE** they may select for Options B & C by having them reserve it directly with the vehicle provider(s). Some folks prefer a **Boxster** while others want to drive a **Turbo S**. Obviously, there is a considerable price difference, but the benefit is the selection of a PORSCHE that fits their budget.

Working on details, getting quotes from Europe and pricing. Please be patient but **start planning your 2023 schedule!**

**NOTE #1:**

- **Yes, Croatia** – I will do it, but it’ll require a considerable amount of time and effort to create it – so be patient – you have the dates, so plan on it.
- If you missed **Tuscany** this year – 2023 is the time – don’t wait – I have to limit it to 14 couples.

**NOTE #2:** Currently about 70% of the Autobahn still has **no speed limit**, a percentage which has been creeping down each year. But the speed limit drum is beating steadily in Germany by the “commie left wingers” and the misguided “greens.” Let’s hope that the majority of the German population remains steadfast to the no speed limit tradition. If not, you’ll have missed your chance to share stories of driving freedom with your grand kids.

### **III. TRULY ONCE IN A LIFETIME – LE MANS 2023**

It’s the **100<sup>th</sup> Le Mans Race** – if you ever wanted to go – **this is the year**. I already have folks registered. **Limited to 16 participants**. It is **THE most luxurious Le Mans** you can imagine; **Paddock and Pit Passes**; **50-yardline seats over the pits**; **drive around the track with personal narration of a 14-times Le Mans race driver**; **helicopter over the race**; **gourmet dining, Paris transfers**; **AND luxurious private Chateau 10-minutes from the track**. About \$20,000 per person. Last year’s feedback: “Exceeded all my Expectations.”

- Charles de Gaulle Airport pick up and return
- VIP Transfer to Le Mans – Luxury Motor Coach, or First Class Train with Guide
- Welcome “Radio Le Mans” Goody bag on arrival
- Race Team Le Mans shirts, flight bags and caps
- Exclusive “Heart of the Action” VIP Hospitality overlooking the 65-car grid
- With 5 Star panoramic viewing of the start line, the pits and the dramatic first corner
- Hosted by former 14 x Le Mans and Porsche Driver: **Robin Donovan**
- Celebrity Guest – 5 x Le Mans winner and Porsche legend: **Derek Bell** MBE
- Multi-lingual guides and drivers to escort you throughout your stay
- Superb Private Château accommodations – **close to the circuit** – a huge key element!
- All VIP meals fully inclusive – at the track, Château and “downtown”
- Pre-race welcome party & post-race celebration BBQ
- Downtown “Grand Drivers Parade” viewing & hospitality
- Private Radio Le Mans post-parade “Star Party” with celebrity guests
- Executive crew bus shuttle service throughout your stay
- Inner circle pre-race grid-walk with the drivers, press and celebrities
- Special Race Team Paddock enclosure & Pit garage “Super-Passes”
- Privileged “team only” pit access visits during the race
- Spectacular VIP Helicopter over-flights of the circuit during the race
- Stunning night-time VIP shuttle bus track tour
- Awesome Mulsanne Straight close-up viewing – 230 mph 15 feet from you!

**IV. THIS IS IMPORTANT . . . .** If you are planning a European Delivery of a **PORSCHE** and have it delivered in **Stuttgart** or **Leipzig** – **call us first**. I have

personally taken Euro Delivery 8 times over the years. There is nothing like driving your own PORSCHE in Europe or even on the Nürburgring. Based on our years of experience our most valuable advice is that we'll tell you what NOT to do. We also have a team of retired PORSCHE Executives in Germany that we'll make available to make your delivery experience as perfect as possible. Thus, we not only plan a fabulous driving itinerary for you, but we also offer a "control tower" monitoring service that watches over you day-by-day, if you like. When you are ready to place your order, call us and we'll guide you for a wonderful PORSCHE experience in your own car. In addition, we publish a booklet: "Driving is Different" in Europe with lots of valuable advice. **Call us at +1 813 343 3001.**

## **VI. Final Thoughts: The Carolinas was an awesome trip. How can I leave that wonderful part of our country without reciting a hillbilly love poem?!**

Collards is green, my dog's name is Blue  
and I'm so lucky to have a sweet thang like you

Yore hair is like cornsilk a flappin in the breeze  
Softer than Blue's and without all them fleas

You move like the bass which excites me in May  
You ain't got no scales but I luv you anyway

Yore as satisfyin as okry jist a fryin in the pan  
yore fragrant as snuff right out of the can

You have somes you teeth for which I am proud  
I hold my head high when we're in a crowd

On special occasions when you shave under yore arms  
Well, I'm in hawg heaven and awed by yore charms

Still the fellas at work they all want to know  
What I did to deserve such a purdy young doe

Like a good roll of duct tape yore there fer yore man  
to patch up life's troubles and fix what you can

Yore cute as a junebug a buzzin overhead  
You ain't mean like those far ants I found in my bed

Cut from the best cloth like a plaid flannel shirt  
You spark up my life more than a fresh load of dirt

When you hold me real tight like a padded gunrack  
my life is complete, ain't nuthin I lack

Yore complexions perfection like most vinyl sidin  
despite all the years, your age it keeps hidin

Me n you's like a moon pie with a RC cold drank  
we go together like a skunk goes with stank

Some men they buy chocolates for Valentine's day  
They git it at Walmart, it's romantic that way

Some men git roses on that special day  
from the cooler at Kroger, "that's impressive" I say

Some men buy fine diamonds from a flea market booth  
"Diamonds are forever" they explain suave and couth

But for this man, honey, these won't do  
Cause yore too special you sweet thang you

I got you a gift without taste or odor  
More useful than diamonds... It's a NEW trollin motor

**Enjoy the weekend!**

**Please stay safe, healthy, and look forward to the great times we will have together in Tuscany this October and the fabulous tours planned for 2023. Please register for the 2022 Romantic Wild West PORSCHE Tour NOW – You really can't miss this one and have some fun! All the best to you, Peter**

