



Item: Fast Lane #49th in 2022 Petergram (#144 since 2020)
Date: **Saturday, December 3rd 2022**
From: Peter writing from our office in Oldsmar, Florida
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!
Subjects: The Schengen Area, the 100th Le Mans Race, and some Hillbilly wisdom – good advice.

I. What is the Schengen Agreement? Why is it called Schengen?

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The name Schengen comes from the town in southeastern Luxembourg where France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands signed the original Schengen Agreement on June 14, 1985. It is a treaty that led most

of the European countries towards the abolishment of their national borders, to build a Europe without borders known as the “Schengen Area”. Signed initially by only five EU countries, the agreement remains one of the world’s biggest areas that have ended border control between member countries. The Schengen area covers 26 countries (“Schengen States”) without border controls between them. These countries are Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

A key question for Fast Lane: Will **Croatia** join Schengen in 2023? **Croatia** looks set to lift its border controls with other Schengen countries. Romania and Bulgaria could also join the Schengen zone, although an official date has not been announced. What does that mean for Fast Lane and your European PORSCHE driving enjoyment? To design the luxurious



PORSCHE driving experience in Croatia I will not nail down a date in 23 or even 24 until we complete the planning, pricing and location check work first. I am sending two of our European team members (one who is Croatian) to Ljubljana. The trip will include a visit to the PORSCHE Family **Erlebnisswelten Fahrtraum**. Then an amazing drive across the legendary highest Alpine Road in Austria – the ominous **Grossglockner**. On the way, we'll spend a day at the original PORSCHE Factory site in Gmünd and visit the **Pfeifhofer PORSCHE Museum**. More details to follow.

II. The 100th Le Mans Race is 90% sold out. A couple spaces left.

The **100th Le Mans Race** is this year! This will be a once in a life-time spectacular event – it is THE most convenient; amazing race access; private chateau about 10 minutes from the track; **pit passes (!)**; club privileges; paddock base location; helicopter to fly you over the race; visit to the Normandy Beaches; round-trip transfers to CDG; 14-time Le Mans Race Driver, Robin Donovan, is your guide; and lunch with Derek Bell. Mark your calendar **Sunday, June 4th to Monday, June 12th 2023**. If you want to “do” Le Mans with amazing access privileges; a chateau close to the track; and the guidance of professional race drivers – don't miss out. We can only accept reservations from a dozen race lovers – due to the size of the chateau. We have 5 spaces left. – shoot me an e-mail: peter@fastlanetravel.com and I'll send you an itinerary immediately. **It is very exclusive so REGISTER NOW!**



You'll be in the pits and on the track before the race for an up-close encounter with the PORSCHE 963 challenger. Not only do we have a Chateau close to the track (this is huge), a helicopter to fly you over the race for an amazing view but also “insider” amenities like paddock access, “50-yard seats” over the pits and access to the ACO. Don't miss it. We won't be around for the 200th anniversary 😊.

III. 2023 Summary:

We are getting the strongest response for the **12 Alpine Passes**, the **100th Race at Le Mans** and the **Spring TREFFEN plus** trips. Based on experience, the Tuscany and Interlpen PORSCHE Tours will be sold out by February. When you have selected your preferred trip, please call us or go online and click in which one of the tours you would like to participate. It'll be a fantastic year to be in Europe and enjoying the benefits of our native local knowledge, our close to 50 years of PORSCHE Tours experience and the Fast Lane luxury style you have enjoyed since 1975.

2023 Fast Lane PORSCHE Trips in Planning V-149					
Day	Date	To	Date	PORSCHE Tour	Highlight
Sat	22-Apr	Fri	28-Apr	Original PCA Spring PORSCHE TREFFEN	Factory/Museum & Bavaria
Sat	22-Apr	Mon	1-May	Original PCA Spring PORSCHE TREFFEN PLUS	Plus Austria & Lake Como
Wed	31-May	Fri	9-Jun	Twelve Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest	Plus Austria, Italy & Lake Como
Sun	4-Jun	Mon	12-Jun	100th 24-Hours at Le Mans Race	Chateau near track, Helicopter
Wed	13-Sep	Mon	18-Sep	Original PCA Fall PORSCHE TREFFEN	Factory/Museum & Bavaria
Wed	13-Sep	Fri	22-Sep	Original PCA Fall PORSCHE TREFFEN PLUS	Plus Austria, Italy & Lake Como
Sun	24-Sep	Sat	7-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest - Private Estate	Siena, Montepulciano, Med'n Beach
Wed	4-Oct	Sun	16-Oct	Interlpen PORSCHE Fest - Alpine Luxury	Fabulous Spa & Alpine Exursions
Fri	1-Dec	Sun	9-Dec	Christmas Markets starting in Stuttgart	Nuremberg, Salzburg, Vienna

Note: travel demand to Europe is the highest we've seen since 2019. THE most desirable venues and hotels are filling up. For example, I had to move the Interlpen Trip because the hotels for the earlier dates were already full. **This year you need to start planning your PORSCHE vacation earlier to make sure you don't miss out.** So, please choose your trip and **call us – 1 813 343 3001** or just go to www.fastlanetravel.com and register for your trip

IV. Final Thoughts this Week: Old Hillbilly Wisdom

Contributed by Ralph Sica

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.

Keep skunks, bankers, and politicians at a distance.

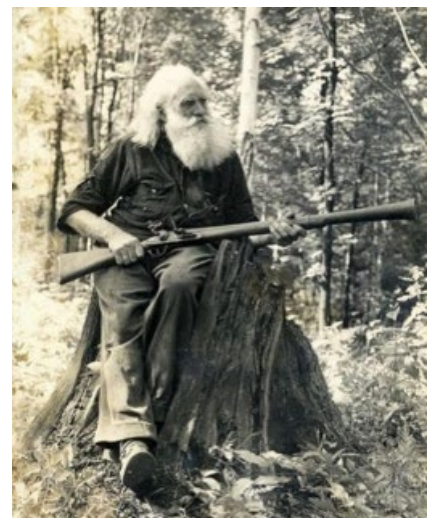
Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

If you don't take the time to do it right, you'll find the time to do it twice.



Don't corner something that is meaner than you.

Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.

It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

You cannot unsay a cruel word.

Every path has a few puddles.

When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

Don't be banging your shin on a stool that's not in the way.

Borrowing trouble from the future doesn't deplete the supply.

Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.

Don't judge folks by their relatives.

Silence is sometimes the best answer.

Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

The biggest troublemaker you'll ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

Good judgment comes from experience, and most of that comes from bad judgment.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

Most times, it just gets down to common sense.

Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.



Please stay healthy and happy. Look forward to the great times we will have together again on the MANY fabulous PORSCHE tours in 2023 and help us plan for 2024. I can't wait to get back to Europe next April. All the best to you, Peter