



Item: Fast Lane 13th in 2023 Petergram (#160 since 2020)
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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, Japan, Singapore, South Africa and in the USA!
Subjects: **Trip of the week:** The awesome driving fun of the 12 Alpine Passes in unequalled Switzerland; Comments about **renting a PORSCHE** in Germany; and My Final Thoughts: The New Husband Store in New York.

I. Trip of the Week, the **12 Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest – LAST CALL!**

<https://fastlanetravel.com/2023-twelve-alpine-passes-porsche-fest/>

Please go to our website for details - Germany, Austria, Switzerland & Italy, plus a hint of Liechtenstein. We still have space and some awesome PORSCHEs waiting for you. This is your table setting at the renowned **Christophorus Restaurant** at the Museum in Zuffenhausen plus preferred parking at our luxury hotels in Switzerland.



II. **PORSCHE Rentals in Stuttgart. First a little background:** In the proverbial “old days,” i.e., the 80’s and 90’s the traditional PCA Treffen Trip to Stuttgart was a visit to the old PORSCHE Museum. It was a ground floor hall at Werk Zwei with a small souvenir counter. The bigger items, like jackets or shirts, were sold at the PORSCHE Marketing HQ next to the huge PORSCHE Parts Warehouse in Ludwigsburg. In a narrow hallway was a Dutch-door counter where a very nice lady, who spoke no English and accepted

only cash, tried to help the onslaught of a bus load of PCA Members. I translated until my voice was hoarse. The Factory tour was up close and personal where the cars were hand-assembled. In those days we were permitted to take pictures and videos. I have an amazing collection of thousands of photographs of the PORSCHE Factory in the early days from 1975 on, when all cars were assembled in one building. The noise of the hammering on the raw bodies was deafening. Today the Factory covers an area of 62 Football Fields! **There were no PORSCHE rentals in the old days.** The entire trip was conducted via a luxury bus.

There were a few years where I Euro-delivered new PORSCHEs to the folks who had ordered them in the US or Canada and were picking them up in Germany. The record years for European Deliveries were 1982, 1983 and 1984 where I organized the delivery of 26, 87 and 78 PORSCHEs, respectively. Talk about logistics management – I think I invented it. In 1982 the entire group of 26 brand new PORSCHEs with me leading the pack in a 928 GTS, headed for Budapest, Hungary. It was about 1,000 kms (620 miles). I would never do that again today. We parked our cars underground at the **Hotel Intercontinental** and spent about three days sightseeing on busses. Of course, no one in Budapest had never seen a PORSCHE 928. One of the bus drivers asked me how much such a car cost. I responded: “About \$14,000.” The driver was shocked. He responded, after converting the amount to the local Forint Currency, “that’s more than I will make in my lifetime!” I just responded that “Perhaps communism isn’t all it is cracked up to be.”



But I digress – my apologies. Today, our customers are very fortunate to **have three choices of driving a PORSCHE** in the area where they were designed, manufactured and driven on THE most awesome roads in the world. That, of course, includes the German Interstate Highway System: The legendary **Autobahn**. Today, about 2/3 of the Autobahn still has **no speed limit**. But remember – the statistics prove that it’s 2 ½ times safer to drive in Germany than in the US. Your driving choices are:

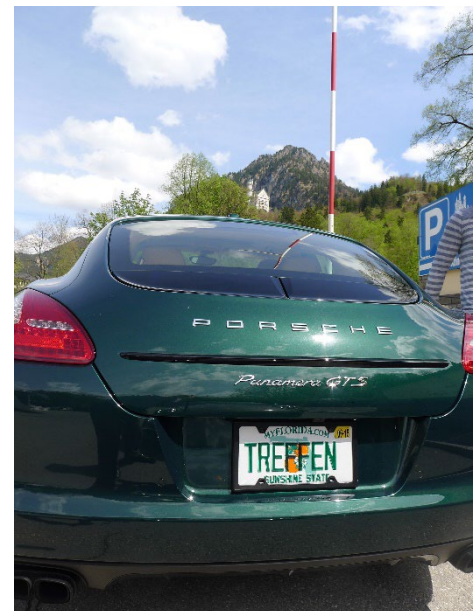
1. **Renting a PORSCHE.** The primary source today is the PORSCHE Company itself. However, there are a few other companies that who have a few Porsches in their fleet. In addition, there are a couple companies which rent various other luxury car models. Rentals typically run from about \$350/day for a 718 Cayman, to about \$450/day for a 911 and about \$550/day for a Turbo. All luxury vehicles have mileage limitations, when exceeded, the additional cost is about \$1.10/kilometer to about \$2.00 for more expensive models. Bear in mind, we always ask for a 1st, 2nd and sometimes a 3rd choice, because, understandably, there is not an unlimited amount of PORSCHEs sitting around waiting to be rented – so early booking is crucial.

A Customer Comment from last year's TUSCANY PORSCHE Trip:

"I just wanted to comment on how easy it was to rent a new Porsche 911 4S for our Tuscany Trip. I was really surprised that I was able to complete the application, enter the credit card information and complete the process in less time than it usually takes me at my preferred major car rental company – as an elite member. It was so quick, I thought I might have missed something, but the car was ready and waiting, in my requested model, when we arrived in Zuffenhausen for delivery. What a fantastic trip driving that new 911 around Germany, Austria and Italy.

Bill and Jo Ann Harvey
Cincinnati, Ohio

2. **Euro Delivery of a PORSCHE:** This aspect of PORSCHE driving enjoyment is growing again rapidly. You must purchase the car, of course, from your local PORSCHE dealer and they will arrange to have it delivered in either Stuttgart or Leipzig. Because the demand for PORSCHEs is so high currently, customers report extended waiting times. We usually have one or two Euro Deliveries on our scheduled trips. Driving the Nürburgring (slowly and carefully) is also a popular add on. Over the years, I personally have taken Euro Delivery eight times. It is a fabulous experience to drive your own car in Europe. Fast Lane handles the hotel reservations and we design some magnificent tours for the new car owners.
3. **Shipping your car to Europe:** This is a popular option, particularly if you spend an extended period of time in Europe. It's less expensive than renting a PORSCHE for a couple of months. The shipping cost is a function of how many cars are in a container. We work with a shipping agent in Bremerhaven who processes the temporary paperwork (it's like a passport for your car); customs formalities; and ships the car to Stuttgart, where it'll be waiting at the Factory PORSCHE Dealership polished with the engine running. My Panamera has been across the Atlantic three times. The real joy of driving a US registered car, especially from a state with no front license plates,



is that the speed cameras, especially in Switzerland and Austria, get you from the front. This is a picture of my Florida plated Panamera at the base of Neuschwanstein Castle. For some inexplicable reason when you drive a PORSCHE with Florida plates it seems to attract the local, ahem, citizens. I'd love to get a US group together and ship a dozen cars over for an amazing European tour.

III. My Final Thoughts: A woman goes to the "Husband Store"

A brand-new store has just opened in New York City that sells Husbands.

When women go to choose a husband, they have to follow the instructions at the entrance: **"You may visit this store ONLY ONCE!** There are 6 floors and the value of the products increase as you ascend the flights. You may choose any item from a particular floor or may choose to go up to the next floor, but you **CANNOT go back down** except to exit the building!"

So, a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband.

The 1st floor sign reads: Floor 1 - These men have jobs.

The 2nd floor sign reads: Floor 2 - These men Have Jobs and Love Kids.

The 3rd floor sign reads: Floor 3 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids and are extremely good looking.

"Wow," she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going.

She goes to the 4th floor and the sign reads: **Floor 4 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Good Looking and Help with Housework.** "Oh, mercy me!" she exclaims, "I can hardly stand it!"

Still, she goes to the 5th floor and the sign reads: **Floor 5 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Gorgeous, help with Housework and Have A Strong Romantic Streak.**

She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the **6th floor** and the sign reads: Floor 6 - You are visitor 31,456,312 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store!!!

To avoid gender bias charges, the store's owner opens a **New Wives** Store just across the street. The 1st floor has wives who love sex. The 2nd floor has wives who love sex and have money. **The 3rd through 6th floors have never been visited.**



Please stay healthy, happy and take good care of yourself...Let's look forward to the great times we will have together again on one of our fabulous fun PORSCHE tours this year and help us plan for 2024. I hope to see you soon in Europe with me. Peter