



Item: Fast Lane News #39 in 2023 (#186 since 2020) for Sat., Sept. 23rd 2023
From: Peter on DL 116 ATL-STR and the Graf Zeppelin Hotel in Stuttgart
To: Our Fast Lane Travel Family and Friends at home in Australia, Canada, Europe, Iceland, New Zealand, Japan, Singapore, South Africa and in the USA!



Subject: 2023 PORSCHE Daily Trip Report; My Final Thoughts: Things you need to know if you are planning to move to the South.

I. The 2023 Fall PCA TREFFEN to Stuttgart:

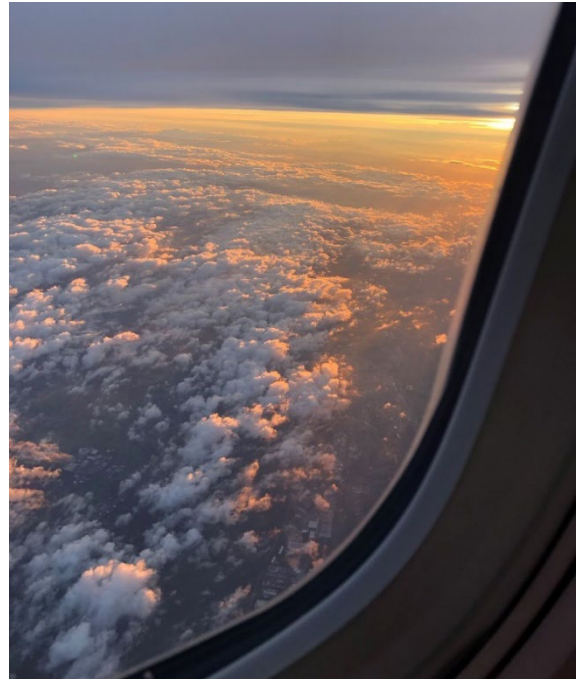
- Monday, September 18th 2023

Since I was traveling with 5 checked large suitcases, thankfully, Christina drove me to TPA in her pickup truck to take DL 1099 TPA – ATL, connecting to DL 116 non-stop from ATL to STR (Stuttgart). It's supposed to be



a relaxing, about nine-hour flight and, by far, THE most practical and easiest way to get to Stuttgart. As it often happens when you travel, the pilot on the TPA - ATL DL 1099 flight came out of the cockpit and announced that we are unable to take off because of a warning light in the cockpit that the portside emergency slide

over the wing was inoperable. Nothing wrong with the plane being able to fly, but the FAA, of course, requires, understandably, for all emergency exits to function properly. The pilot elaborated that in about 40 minutes they will make a GO – NO GO decision. I had a 2-hour connection window to make my Stuttgart flight, which now was reduced by half. I called the office and Susan started to work on options in case I missed the Stuttgart flight. Kasey placed Air Tags into the luggage so we could keep track of where the bags were. After about 40 minutes the pilot announced that the issue is fixed and we are #1 for takeoff. My connecting time in ATL has now been reduced to one hour. Arriving at ATL, Susan had arranged for a wheelchair transfer to get me rapidly from F10 to E 9. It worked beautifully.



You know when you have travelled too much? It's when you get on board and the pilot turns around and says: "Hi Pete, back again" and I respond: "Thank you Charley, it's good to be back." Hurricane Lee was now churning off the coast of Nova Scotia, it was a smooth and relaxing flight with a beautiful sunrise above the clouds in Germany.

- **Tuesday, September 19th 2023**

The DELTA Boeing 767 ER landed an hour early in STR. Not only that, but



all the luggage made it – go DELTA. My driver, Udo, with a **Fast Lane Travel Sign** was waiting – very reassuring. It was a beautiful sunny day in Stuttgart with a refreshing 63 degrees. Despite the morning traffic I was at the **Hotel Graf Zeppelin** in less than half an hour. Miro was waiting for me and helped with the luggage and check in.

First, I set up my office; unpacked my clothes, showered and Miro helped me to replace the dressing on the left side of my face. A couple days ago I had Moh's surgery to cut out some potential melanoma cells. The secret to rapidly overcoming jet lag, as I had written a couple Petergrams ago, is to have a hearty breakfast and then spend as much time outside in the sunlight. So, I did. Miro and I then walked down



Königsstrasse to the Schlossplatz and had an ice coffee, sitting outside in one of the bistros across from the castle.



Johny then arrived at the hotel and unpacked the suitcases and sorted through the various gifts which I have the hotel place on their pillows, each night, along with a personal note that tells them about the program for the next day. We worked all afternoon and then Johny suggested a new restaurant in his neighborhood: the **Speisekammer West**. We had a delightful, unexpected gourmet dinner in this lovely neighborhood restaurant.

Jet lag just hit me. I was in bed by 9:00 pm. European hotels haven't figured out the concept of a nightlight. My solution is that I leave one of the bathroom lights on and crack the door.

- **Wednesday, September 20th 2023**

Inevitably, I woke up at 5:00 am – OK, not a problem. Sat down at the computer – started to work on this Petergram; then I did yesterday's expense report details. This must be done daily otherwise one forgets to whom one gave what tip. Then I went through all the NAVI books and maps and wrote down some intermediate NAVI points, in case there is some serious road construction, or we may need an alternate route. For example, we just learned that the St. Gotthard Tunnel is now closed. There was a massive train derailment and a crack developed in the tunnel. In the spring

there was a “normal” half hour wait to go through the tunnel – but now we have to find another route – no problem.

We had a delightful Welcome-to-Stuttgart Dinner at the Zeppelino’s restaurant in the hotel. The reasons for picking the restaurant in the hotel is:

1. Excellent cuisine
2. Super service
3. It’s in the hotel – most everyone flew in today – it’s easy to just go upstairs and drop into bed.



One of the couples, on the PCA TREFFEN PLUS, Roger and Susan McLeod, took delivery of a gorgeous new Panamera GTS in Leipzig and had a wonderful drive to Stuttgart.

The PORSCHE European Delivery Experience is unequalled in its anticipation, excitement and sheer joy.

Not only are you at the birthplace of your new baby but you also get a tour

of the Factory, some excitement on the magnificent and one-of-a kind PORSCHE Test track in Leipzig. This track was designed to incorporate elements of some of THE most famous racetracks around the world, including the Nürburgring, Monza, Spa and several others. Most importantly, perhaps, you have the opportunity to learn, at the source, all the features of your new PORSCHE. I personally have taken POSCHE Euro Delivery eight times – it’s a dream come true.

- **Thursday, September 21st 2023**

It's another wonderfully sunny day in Stuttgart. Today the rest of the group is arriving. We have scheduled a lunch at 12:30 pm, followed by our mandatory PowerPoint Drivers' Briefing. We also have a Marc-Remmen designed video of our Drivers' Briefing which we occasionally use for folks who arrive late. I've also had several requests to have it accessible on our and the PCA websites. Today, as with every PCA driving event, everyone will sign the PCA, PORSCHE and Fast Lane Travel, Inc. releases.

In order to more rapidly overcome the inevitable jet lag, I am conducting a walking tour around downtown Stuttgart. I also wanted to point out the spectacular display and sale of foods from all over the world. It's a "must see." Stuttgart, yes, is the automotive capital of Germany – but it looks nothing like Detroit.



One of the focal points is the Schlossplatz (castle square). People sit there have their lunch, communicate, perhaps just enjoy the warm fall weather. Stuttgart is a delight, and you feel right at home.



Everybody has arrived safely. At 18:15 we are meeting in the lobby and are doing the 10-minute walk from the hotel down to the Schlossplatz and the famous Carls Brauhaus. No, it's not Michelin Star Cuisine but it's a relaxing, comfortable and quaint place packed with locals. I'm not saying that they serve appropriate quantities of beer – I'm just saying that the beer is fabulous and they know what they are doing.



- **Friday, September 22nd 2023**

Today is the **BIG day** where we will have the rare privilege of a **PORSCHE Factory Guided Tour** and a wonderful **Guided Tour** of the awesome and stunning **PORSCHE Museum in English**. Tours are conducted in about a dozen different languages, primarily in German. Most people think coming here is like going to Disney – you just buy a ticket, and you stroll inside. **NO – absolutely not**. While PORSCHE loves to see their brand's enthusiasts from all over the world, their primary goal is to build those magnificent cars – no, works of art. People walking through the factory are disruptive and, sometimes, hinder the efficiency of the workflow. Remember there are absolutely no pictures allowed in the Factory. But outside there are no photographic restrictions.

To be concluded next week.

II. Fast Lane's 50th Anniversary PORSCHE Fest in 2024, I may have to do twice. A couple of weeks ago, when I announced our 50th anniversary plans, I had a flood of "We are coming, please hold a space for us." It'll be another couple three weeks before the details are finalized. **It will be spectacular – still working on the details – save the date! Our plans for all PORSCHE trips next year look like this:**

2024 Fast Lane PORSCHE Trips in Planning V-35					
Day	Date	To	Date	PORSCHE Tour	Highlight
Tue	16-Apr	Sat	20-Apr	Mini PCA Spring TREFFEN	Factory & Museum & Frühlingsfest . . .
Tue	16-Apr	Mon	22-Apr	Original PCA Spring TREFFEN	. . . and 2 days' driving, Autobahn . . .
Tue	16-Apr	Thu	25-Apr	Original PCA Spring TREFFEN PLUS	. . . and 3 more days' driving, Black Forest
Sun	28-Apr	Mon	6-May	Seven-Country Adventure - V. POPULAR	NEW: D, L, B, F, CH, FL & A
Mon	3-Jun	Thu	13-Jun	Best of Fast Lane	Zeppelin, Helicopter Glacier, Black Forest
Sun	9-Jun	Mon	17-Jun	101st Le Mans Race	Chateau near track, paddock, grid walk
Mon	17-Jun	Wed	26-Jun	Twelve Alpine Passes	An annual favorite: Austria, Switzerland
Sun	30-Jun	Sat	6-Jul	US Celebration of Freedom	NEW: Milwaukee to Mt. Rushmore - Denver
Wed	10-Jul	Fri	19-Jul	US COLORADO Rocky Mountain High	5th: Pikes P, Nat'l Monument, Ritz Carlton
Sun	1-Sep	Thu	12-Sep	50th Anniversary PORSCHE Tour #1	NEW: Salzburg, Zell a See, Mürzz., Vienna,
Sun	29-Sep	Sat	12-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest - Private Estate	14th Florence, Siena, Montepulciano, Cooking
Wed	16-Oct	Sun	20-Oct	Mini PCA Fall TREFFEN	Factory & Museum & Oktoberfest . . .
Wed	16-Oct	Tue	22-Oct	Original PCA Fall TREFFEN	. . . and 2 days' driving, Autobahn . . .
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Sun	20-Oct	Sun	27-Oct	US Southern Moonshine Festival Rally	NEW: Dragon, Cherolhala, Moonsh.Festival

III. My Final Thoughts: Things you need to know if you are planning to move South.

Source: Alumni Doc Wes

1. A possum is a flat animal that sleeps in the middle of the road.
2. There are 5,000 types of snakes and 4,998 of them live in the South.
3. There are 10,000 types of spiders. All 10,000 of them live in the South, plus a couple no one's seen before.
4. If it grows, it'll stick ya. If it crawls, it'll bite cha.
5. Onced and Twiced are words.
6. It is not a shopping cart, it is a buggy!
7. Jawl-P? means: Did you all go to the bathroom?
8. People actually grow, eat, and like okra.
9. Fixinto is one word. It means I'm going to do something.
10. There is no such thing as lunch. There is only dinner and then there's supper.
11. Iced tea is appropriate for all meals and you start drinking it when you're two. We do like a little tea with our sugar. It is referred to as the Wine of the South.
12. Backwards and forwards means I know everything about you.
13. The word jeet is actually a question meaning, 'Did you eat?'
14. You don't have to wear a watch, because it doesn't matter what time it is, you work until you're done or it's too dark to see.
15. You don't PUSH buttons, you MASH em.
16. Y'all is singular. All Y'all is plural.
17. All the festivals across the state are named after a fruit, vegetable, grain, insect, or animal.
18. You carry jumper cables in your car for your OWN car.
19. You only own five spices: salt, pepper, mustard, Tabasco, and ketchup.
20. The local papers cover national and international news on one page, but require 6 pages for local high school sports, motorsports, and gossip.
21. Everyone you meet is a Honey, Sugar, Miss (first name), or Mr (first name)
22. You think that the first day of deer season is a national holiday.
23. You know what a hissy fit is.
24. Fried catfish is the other white meat.
25. We don't need no dang Driver's Ed. If our mama says we can drive, we can drive!!!

26. You understand these jokes and forward them to your Southern friends and those who just wish they were from the SOUTH.

27. Sensuous.....sence yu wuz up, git me ah beer

IV. Reminder: Fast Lane Luxury Travel, LLC: You are using a financial advisor or a CPA to handle your financial affairs, taking advantage of their knowledge – then please call our travel advisors to handle your travel: Flights, Cruises, Tours, Custom Trips & Your Private Jet Charter Flights. **For our coveted professional travel service: Susan Sheridan is here for you at Fast Lane Luxury Travel, LLC: +1 813 475 5989.**



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ensure THE best experience for our clients; our 24/7 emergency support desk is expertly serviced by in-house air specialists. Travel with ease as we have you covered in all locations, at all times. Susan can also counsel you on any pre-/post- private or small group tours, river, or Mediterranean cruises. Also, we highly recommend securing a travel insurance plan. Protecting your trip will give you peace of mind for any medical emergencies, cancellations, delays, or baggage issues.



Please stay healthy and stay young; be 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 PORSCHE Tours this year and let's look forward to 2024. **I will see you soon in Stuttgart. Can't wait. Peter**

V. I am just Sharing More Fond Random Memories With You.





