



**Item:** Fast Lane News #48 in 2023 (#195 since 2020) for Sat. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> writing from my home in Steubenville, Ohio  
**To:** Our Fast Lane Travel Family and Friends in Australia, Canada, Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa and in USA!  
**Subjects:** US Airport Rankings; 2024; My Final Thoughts: My 1<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving, The Benefits of Travel insurance and the importance of the Rettungsgasse!



## I. The Worst Airports for Holiday Flight Delays

Source: by [Briana Bonfiglio](#) / November 15, 2023 / travel market report



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Between the crowds and the weather, we all know holiday air travel can be a huge headache. Though there's always a chance of cancellations and delays, some airports are more prone to holiday travel chaos than others. A recent study by [agamble.com](#) revealed the 25 worst airports for holiday travel that had the most delays and cancellations between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day in 2022. The data showed us the best airports for holiday travel, as well.

Here are the airports you might want to avoid if you're dodging delays and cancellations, with the percentage of flights that were delayed and canceled during the 2022 holiday season.

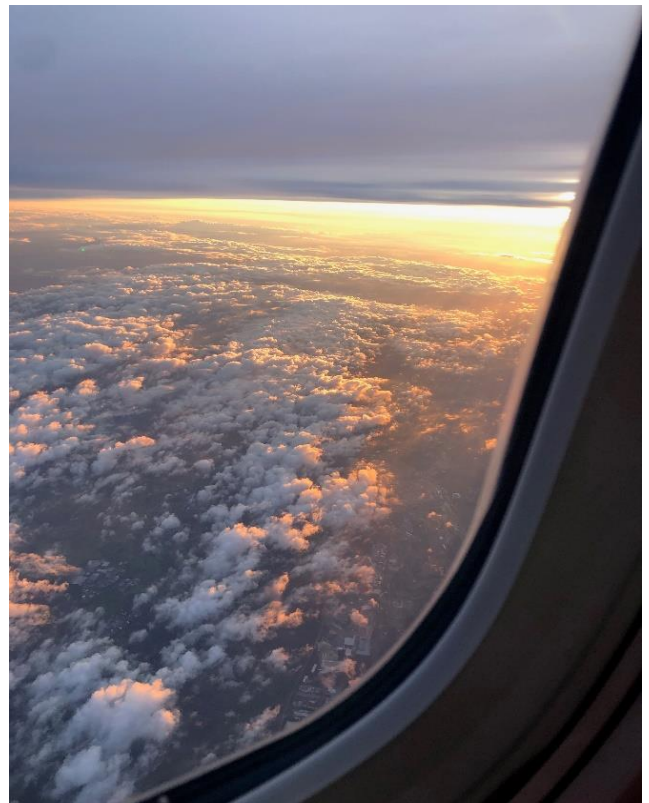
- Chicago Midway International: 49.2%
- Orlando International: 42%
- Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International: 41.3%
- William P. Hobby (Houston): 41%
- Dallas Love Field: 40%
- Harry Reid International (Las Vegas): 39.6%
- Metro Oakland International: 39.1%
- Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood: 38.8%
- Tampa International (Tampa): 38.2%
- San Antonio International (San Antonio): 37.7% delayed or canceled

Those are just the top 10 worst airports for holiday travel. The full list of 25 airports includes four in Texas, four in California, and four in Florida.

On the flip side, here are the best to travel through during the holidays, with their percentages of on-time departures from last year's holiday rush.

- Charlotte Douglas International: 77.5%
- Washington Dulles International: 75.7%
- Detroit Metro Wayne County: 74.8%
- Ronald Reagan Washington National: 73.6%
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International: 73.6%
- George Bush Intercontinental (Houston): 73.6%
- Chicago O'Hare International: 73.3%
- Salt Lake City International: 72.7%
- Philadelphia International: 72.4%
- Dallas/Fort Worth International: 71.5%

Regardless of where you or your clients are traveling, there's always a risk of delays or cancellations during the holidays. Remember to check for the most updated flight information before leaving for the airport and exercise your best patience when you get there.



II. Just another 2024 reminder for you – we are still working on locking in all 2024 reservations, getting quotes and finalizing all itineraries. **Thank you for your patience.** Our 2024 PORSCHE Trips Forecast includes our **fabulous 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** with wonderful venues, superb accommodations, and a couple of surprises. **The PCA Spring TREFFENS are advertised in the next PANO. NOTE: We are offering an early-bird \$500 bonus for pre-holidays bookings on specific trips: PCA Spring TREFFEN Plus, the Seven-Country Driving Adventure and the Twelve Alpine Passes. BOOK NOW.**

From	Date	To	Date	CODE	2024 Fast Lane PORSCHE Tour
Tue	16-Apr	Sat	20-Apr	STM	SHORT PCA Spring <b>TREFFEN MINI</b>
Tue	16-Apr	Mon	22-Apr	STR	Original PCA Spring <b>TREFFEN REGULAR</b>
Tue	16-Apr	Thu	25-Apr	STP	Original PCA Spring <b>TREFFEN PLUS</b>
Sun	28-Apr	Mon	6-May	SCA	Seven Country Driving Adventure
Sun	9-Jun	Mon	17-Jun	LEM	101st 24 Hours of Le Mans Race
Mon	17-Jun	Wed	26-Jun	TAP	Twelve Alpine Passes
Sat	29-Jun	Sun	7-Jul	COF	<b>NEW: USA Celebration of Freedom</b>
Wed	10-Jul	Thu	18-Jul	COL	<b>NEW: USA Colorado</b> Rocky Mountain High
Sun	1-Sep	Fri	13-Sep	50 #1	50th Anniversary <b>PORSCHE Tour #1</b>
Tue	10-Sep	Sun	22-Sep	50 #2	50th Anniversary <b>PORSCHE Tour #2</b>
Sun	22-Sep	Thu	26-Sep	FTM	Short PCA Fall <b>TREFFEN MINI</b>
Sun	22-Sep	Fri	28-Sep	FTR	Original PCA Fall <b>TREFFEN REGULAR</b>
Sun	22-Sep	Tue	1-Oct	FTP	<b>PLUS PCA Fall TREFFEN PLUS</b>
Sun	6-Oct	Fri	19-Oct	TPF	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest - perfect time
Sat	19-Oct	Tue	29-Oct	CMR	<b>NEW: USA Carolinas Moonshine Festival</b>

Let me elaborate on the various PORSCHE Trips:

A. **April/May 2024:** We are offering **3 Spring PCA TREFFEN Trip options** to accommodate all budgets and the opportunity to visit the SOURCE of our passion. In addition, based on the principle: “if you want to know how to run your business, ask your customers.” A couple weeks ago, we got the strongest endorsement for designing a **NEW TRIP: The Seven Country Driving Adventure.** We are staying at fabulous 5-Star Hotels in Germany and Switzerland, but we are also visiting: Austria, Liechtenstein, France, Belgium, and Luxembourg. It’s an amazing new trip based on your requests to see more of Europe in a limited amount of time. Don’t forget our **\$500 early-bird reward** to you. My staff tells me that we have received a strong response to the offer.



B. **June/July 2024:** Of course, we are offering the annual very popular **Twelve Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest** designed for those who love to drive the Alps and may boast of having “done” the Passo dello Stelvio; starting with my favorite the Hahntennjoch Pass. For the race enthusiast we are planning the 101<sup>st</sup> Running of the Race in **Le Mans**, hosted by Robin Donovan and Derek Bell. Lastly, we are planning our first **USA trip** at the end of June so that we are at Mt. Rushmore on July 4<sup>th</sup> for this **Celebration of Freedom Trip** where you drive your own car from Milwaukee to South Dakota, ending in Denver. Immediately following the Celebration of Freedom, we are once again conducting our renowned **Colorado Rocky Mountain High**. Starting in Colorado Springs, the Air Force Academy, Pikes Peak, the Gateway Canyon Resort to the Ritz Carlton Bachelor’s Gulch and a Photo Rally through the Colorado Monument will make it unforgettable.

C. **September 2024:** Will be our busiest month. Like in the Spring we are offering **3 Fall PCA TREFFEN Trip options** to accommodate all budgets and the opportunity to visit the SOURCE of our passion. Don’t miss Stuttgart this year!

The **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PORSCHE Fest** will be the Pinnacle of 50 years of **Fast Lane Travel Tours**. Our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** has been carefully planned to touch all the important PORSCHE Venues, WW II History and my Austria. I am planning two back-to-back trips which will overlap in Stuttgart. **We are including:**

- A special event at the PORSCHE Museum and a Factory Tour.
- We’ll have lunch and visit Hans-Peter PORSCHE Traumwerk.
- Ferdinand PORSCHE Erlebniswelt Mattsee, Salzburg Lake District
- The “Grossglockner High Alpine Road”.
- The site of the **original** PORSCHE Factory site in Gmünd & Malta Valley.
- A Mozart dinner in a Baroque Monastery in Salzburg.
- Austrian Mountain drive to Vienna’s Hotel Sacher on roads the Band of Brothers hasn’t even been on.
- A Vienna Opera performance or a wonderful musical event (the 2024 Opera program isn’t out yet – I’m hoping for La Traviata).
- The Vienna Zentralfriedhof, a major historic WW II site.
- Steiermark Mountain Drive – a special visit to Mürzzuschlag.
- Exclusive lunch at the Steirereck am Pogusch.
- Zell am See and the Gerlos Pass or Rattenberg t.b.d.

- A farewell to Austria Party at the legendary Interlpen Hotel.
- A sendoff celebration in Stuttgart.

Specific confirmations, invitations and deposit invoices will be sent out after Thanksgiving.

### **III. My Final Thoughts: I am very thankful for being an American!**

My daughters asked me to write a book about my tumultuous life. I started with a couple chapters about being born during the bombings of WW II, growing up during the Russian occupation, hunger illnesses and deprivation. Then having the tremendous opportunity to come to the US and finishing high school. I just thought that you might enjoy reading about my experience of my first Thanksgiving. It was November 1960, I was 17, and it was my 5<sup>th</sup> month in this wonderful town called Steubenville, Ohio, in this amazing country called the United States of America.

Towards the end of football season, in Ohio, the leaves had turned into spectacular fall colors. We raked the leaves from the two huge oak trees in the front yard into big piles. Mark of course made a sport of diving into the leaf piles. We then burned the leaf mounds on the street in front of the house. An American Holiday was celebrated called Thanksgiving. Toodie (my American Mom) had been cooking since early morning – the house was filled the most inviting mouth-watering aroma. I was told by Dick (my American Dad) that I should have a big breakfast, as in twice the normal cereal with a cut up banana on top, because we'll have no lunch, but we will have an early dinner. A Thanksgiving dinner! Not sure what that meant but I looked forward to it.

Toodie's sister, Beverly, and her husband Frank Taylor, a U.S. mail man by profession, arrived first. Beverly brought some covered dishes which were hurried into the kitchen. Then Toodie's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Peterson, arrived and Mr. Peterson had a high ball (that's what whiskey was called in Ohio) in the living room and his usual unlit Churchill-size cigar in his mouth. The dining room table was set with the best China, silver, and cloth napkins. Toodie was persnickety about every detail of this event. Then at about 3:45 pm everyone helped carry bowls and trays of food into the dining room. At this point I had been in the U.S. about five months and had become familiar with the American way of food consumption. But I had never in my life seen so much food for so few people. There were eight of us – just the right amount for the small dining room.

There was a big empty space in the center of the oval table surrounded by mashed potatoes, noodles in gravy, orange colored small orbs called sweet potatoes bathed in their glaze, lima beans, mushy little rolls called “dinner rolls,” butter, red jam, cranberries in a sauce and also round slices of jellied cranberry sauce, green, transparent Jell-O with bits of pineapple in it, Waldorf salad, and green translucent Jell-O with white little balls in it called marshmallows; and finally two gravy dispenser filled with the hot brown liquid. Then came the piece de resistance. Dick, to a deserved round of applause, brought in this huge platter with the biggest chicken I had ever seen. It was explained to me that this was not a chicken, but a bigger relative called a Turkey. WOW. I made a note to myself, why they would name a big chicken after a country? Then Toodie ladled the “stuffing,” which looked like chopped up Semmelknödel, into another bowl, completing the array of carbohydrates. Dick then proceeded to carve this monster with an electric knife, separating the meat into light and dark meat, whatever that meant?

When that was done, everyone bowed their heads and folded their hands, Mrs. Peterson said a grace along the lines of thanking the Lord for our blessings – she also included me in her prayer in that Peter is here with us etc. – very moving and unifying. After the prayer, plates were passed around and filled with food. Surely it must have been 10,000 calories per plate. There was a very tall goblet of ice water at every plate. Ice water? I posed the question: “What kind of wine are we going to have with this beautiful dinner?” Suddenly silence except for the clanging sound of utensils dropped onto the plates. Mrs. Peterson’s eyes doubled in size; Mr. Peterson’s cigar, still in his mouth, angled downwards; Mark grinned from ear to ear as in “you’re in trouble now, buster;” Toodie smiled apologetically; Dick stood up and took me into the kitchen where I was admonished. “Our kind of people don’t drink wine. Only winos drink wine out of paper bags on the Bowery!” I apologized and made a mental note that someday I must go to this place Bowery – I had never seen wine in paper bags.

After dinner we had pumpkin pie with “Cool Whip” which tasted nothing like Schlagobers in Austria. We also had apple pie a la mode with a glob of vanilla ice cream on the side and a slice of cheddar cheese on top – very strange. Why would anyone put salty cheese on top of a sweet dessert? The coffee was bland – watery and no taste. There were no after dinner drinks. I really thought a Cognac would have been nice.

After dinner the men moved to the sunken living room, where Mr. Peterson smoked his Churchill size cigar, Dick a cigarette and Mark and I sat there just hitting each other – with the goal to get the last hit. This usually stopped when

an adult exclaimed: “will you two stop horsing around . . . Peter you should know better.” This usually resulted in a one-minute break and then some secret hits from behind or taps with one’s elbow.

We watched the Steelers on the big black and white TV console in the living room – I didn’t understand at all what was going on in this strange game, but I liked the shots of the cheerleaders. During advertisements Mark or I were dispatched to the console to change the channel with the big round knob to “see what else was on” the other three channels resulting in calls to “go back, go back” because presumably the game had resumed. The good news was that in 1960 the Steelers beat the Redskins 22-10. All in all, it was a festive day and the beginning of a half a pound a month weight gain for me for the balance of my two-year stay in America.

#### **IV. Reminder: the importance of purchasing a travel insurance policy by Susan Sheridan +1 813 475 5989.**

Fast Lane Luxury Travel, an affiliate of Travel Leaders Network, strongly encourages travel insurance to protect your investment. Travel insurance can protect you if you have a medical emergency or death in your immediate family before or during travel and you need to cancel or delay your trip or if you require medical attention or evacuation. Most pre-paid arrangements are non-refundable regardless of the circumstance. There is no guarantee that your US private health insurance will work overseas. Please ask us if you would like a quotation for travel and cancellation insurance. **This is why:**

##### **1. Medical Emergencies:**

- Travel insurance provides coverage for medical emergencies and unexpected illnesses or injuries abroad.
- There are potentially higher costs of healthcare in foreign countries and travel insurance can alleviate the financial burden.

##### **2. Trip Cancellation or Interruption:**

- Travel insurance protects against unexpected events that may lead to trip cancellations or interruptions, such as illness, family emergencies, or natural disasters.
- Note that without insurance, travelers may lose the money invested in non-refundable bookings.

##### **3. Lost or Delayed Baggage:**

- Travel insurance typically covers lost, stolen, or delayed baggage.
- Note that without insurance can lend the inconvenience and financial loss associated with having to replace essential items if luggage goes missing.

#### **4. Travel Delays:**

- Travel insurance can provide compensation for expenses incurred due to unexpected travel delays, such as missed connections or cancellations.
- The importance of having financial protection in situations where delays impact on the overall travel experience is immeasurable.

#### **5. Emergency Evacuation:**

- Travel insurance often includes coverage for emergency evacuations, particularly important in remote or challenging destinations.
- There can be potential costs and logistical challenges of arranging emergency medical transportation without insurance.

#### **6. Natural Disasters and Political Unrest:**

- Travel insurance can offer protection in the face of unforeseen events such as natural disasters, political unrest, or civil disturbances.
- Insurance may cover trip cancellations or changes due to situations beyond the traveler's control.

#### **7. Personal Liability Coverage:**

- Travel insurance can include personal liability coverage, protecting travelers in case they accidentally cause harm to others or damage property.
- There are legal and financial implications of not having this coverage.

#### **8. 24/7 Assistance Services:**

- Travel insurance offers the convenience and peace of mind provided by the 24/7 assistance services.
- These services can assist with medical emergencies, travel arrangements, and other unexpected situations.

#### **9. Risk Mitigation and Financial Protection:**

- Travel insurance is a form of risk mitigation, providing financial protection against unforeseen events that can disrupt travel plans.
- The relatively small cost of insurance premiums can save travelers from significant financial losses.

#### **10. Global Coverage:**

- Travel insurance offers global coverage, ensuring that travelers are protected regardless of their destination.
- Have peace of mind that comes with knowing there's financial and logistical support in unfamiliar environments.



**V. Addendum - Rettungsgasse:** At every Drivers' Briefing in Stuttgart, I emphasize the importance of understanding the "Rettungsgasse". Here is the PPT slide where I show you the bridge banner. If you don't speak German, it may be hard to



understand what this means. You could get in serious trouble if you don't adhere to it. **Here it is in real life . . .coming . . .**



**and. . . going . . . The infraction fines start at 300 €uros.**



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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 in Stuttgart in 2024. It'll be our**

**fabulous 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Invitations, confirmations and details will go out soon, we are working on the arrangements. Can't wait to see you. Peter**

2024 will be a very special celebration year. Porsche will be rolling out the red carpet and I am including some amazing routes, events and life-time memory venues. Yours, Peter

