



Item: Fast Lane News #07 in 2024 (#207 since 2020) on Feb. 17th 2024, I'm writing from our Office in historic Oldsmar, Florida.

To: Our Fast Lane Travel Family in Australia, Canada, Dubai, Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa and in the USA!



Subjects: Susan's Corner – Love in Great Britain; Trip of the Week: Fantastic *TUSCANY*; Boutique Airlines that can change the way you fly; My Final Thoughts: Random Musings

I. Susan's Travel Corner: Love in Great Britain.

Introduction: Susan Sheridan is our wonderful manager of Fast Lane Luxury Travel, LLC – our own in-house licensed, bonded, and insured Luxury Travel Advisor Division (1 813 475 5989).

She has over 20 years of firsthand on-location familiarity. Her knowledge, experience and service are appreciated and loved by all of our PORSCHE



Customers, for whom she arranged their flights and add-ons. Not only that, but she and her team are well known for arranging fantastic cruises, off-the-beaten track tours, safaris and family vacations. Just last month she organized a cruise from Barcelona to Rome for a family of 24. So here is **Susan's Endorsement of the Week.**

Whether you're envisioning the perfect honeymoon, celebrating a milestone anniversary, or simply longing for a peaceful escape for two, we specialize in meticulously crafting the ultimate romantic getaway. From intimate candlelit dinners on secluded beaches to charming boutique hotels nestled



in picturesque landscapes, we'll guide you through the most captivating destinations. Allow us to ignite the spark for you to embark on your own unforgettable love stories as you journey through the world.

Visit the home of the Welsh Saint of lovers

(Bodelwyddan, Wales): Just a short trip from the northern coast and the island home of St. Dwynwen (the Welsh patron saint of lovers), travelers can visit the Grade II Victorian [Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel](#) for an adults-only getaway. Set in a beautiful woodland estate, the property has a spa and an indoor heated swimming pool.

Spend a romantic night at The Witchery by the Castle (Edinburgh, Scotland): Discover the enchanting allure of [The Witchery by the Castle](#) in Edinburgh, offering lavish suites that set the stage for an unforgettable stay. From dining in opulence to exploring the Old Town, it's an opportunity to enjoy romantic Edinburgh.

Have a luxurious dinner at an English manor house (Bristol, England): A sumptuous three-course meal at [Old Down Estate](#) combined with an overnight stay is a perfect setting for an indulgent Valentine's experience.

Stay at the luxury, award-winning five-star hotel: [Glenapp Castle](#), Scotland is celebrated as one of the UK's most romantic hotels by Harper's Bazaar, beckons you with opulent suites boasting sea views, four-poster beds, and luxurious baths—an idyllic setting for honeymoons and romantic escapes. Savor award-winning dining, find solace in the Italian Gardens, explore the secluded islands and beaches, flying falconry, visiting whiskey distilleries and toast to love as the sun sets over the vast seascapes. A symphony of love and adventure unfolds here amidst coastal beauty, creating timeless memories of romance and exploration.

Where history and luxury intertwine, beckons couples to a realm of timeless romance: [Grantley Hall](#), United Kingdom: Discover the perfect blend of old-world charm and modern opulence as you embark on a romantic journey. Delight in spa treatments at the prestigious Three Graces Spa, savor Michelin-starred culinary experiences at Shaun Rankin's restaurant and retire to lavish suites with idyllic views.





II. Trip of the Week:

DON'T MISS: the delightful **2024**

TUSCANY

PORSCHE Fest:

Sunday, Oct. 6th to

Saturday, Oct. 19th

2024

This is our 15th wonderful trip to Tuscany. Since 2010 we have put this

lovely estate: Casali di Bibbiano on the map. On this year's trip, as always, we start out in Stuttgart where we pick up our Porsches.

Traveling on our Porsche Fest to Tuscany is an unforgettable experience. The enchanting villages are sure to capture your heart and you will enjoy simple, yet elegant meals and of course . . . fine wines.

The excursions will take your breath away and you will experience exceptional destinations. One of our favorites is the medieval wine capital dating back to Roman times, Montepulciano, where we have the “*unheard of*” privilege of being allowed to park our Porsches on the **Piazza Grande** with a **police escort**.



Our special photo rally will take you to places and see sights you might not find on your own. We love to share the beauty of this part of the world with you, and you will even receive “valuable” prizes at our “Rally Dinner”!

Please join us on this truly fascinating tour for the most memorable trip of a lifetime.

You'll also enjoy a Tuscan cooking class and estate wine tasting. Furthermore, for you golfers right across the valley below the hills of Montalcino is the renowned Ferragamo Golf Course, where we can arrange a round for you on this world-famous course.

Don't forget we prefer to also handle your flights because when you are in Europe if your travel plans change or, for example, if the airline cancels your flight, we are able to help you because we have access to your flights record. If we did not book it, we cannot. **Please come to Tuscany!**



III. Boutique Airlines That Can Change the Way You Fly

In recent years, small airlines have popped up catering to very specific trips and promising a better ride for lower fares. Here, why that's a big deal.

Source: By [Barbara Peterson](#) Feb. 8, 2024 9:00 pm ET **The Wall Street Journal**.



FLIGHT PATH: A new crop of airlines is focused on a set of specific destinations, including the Maldives, Bermuda and select cities in Asia. **ILLUSTRATION:** ELIOT WYATT

THE NEXT TIME you find yourself baffled by some of the airlines listed on an airport departure board, consider this: More than 300 international airlines operate worldwide—even if you always fly the same three or four giants.

Though behemoths dominate the industry, some bantamweight contenders stand out as viable alternatives. Their pitch: These (mostly new) boutique airlines, which limit flights to just a few strategic destinations, promise not only savings but a better ride.

Some airfare experts say [you can save](#) 25% or more booking a premium seat on these under-the-radar carriers, compared with a premium economy or business class ticket on a mainstream airline. Some caveats apply: For starters, availability can vary by season, and flights may not operate every day of the week. If a flight is scrubbed you might get stuck at the airport until the next plane rolls through, which can take longer with smaller fleets.

When booking, keep in mind that some of the options below might not pop up in your first search results. You might have to check their own websites

rather than rely on your go-to online travel agencies. Read on to learn about four upstarts taking to the skies.

All Business to France and Italy

The mother of all boutique lines, [La Compagnie](#), a 10-year-old carrier based in Paris, has defied the odds to stay aloft as an all-business-class airline operating over the Atlantic. It flies just two planes, between New York City (out of Newark Airport) and Paris, Nice or Milan, and has gained a following for touches like fully-flat seats and actually edible in-flight cuisine. In the pipeline: two more jets, plus some new (as yet unannounced) cities. Fares generally cost roughly half what a mainstream airline charges for business class, with round-trip tickets from Newark starting at \$2,400.



The airline Beond launched in 2023 with a singular focus on the Maldives, an island chain popular with wealthy vacationers. PHOTO: BEOND

To the Beach and Beond

[Beond](#) (no, not a typo) launched its first flights last fall, billing itself as a “premium leisure airline” strictly focused on the Maldives, the Indian Ocean archipelago beloved by honeymooners and bucket-listers. With one 44-seat all-lay-flat

Airbus A319 (soon to be joined by an A321 with longer range and more seats), the carrier flies the roughly 10-hour trip to the capital of Male from

Zurich and Munich several times a week, charging roughly \$3,000 round-trip, and will soon add flights from Milan, Dubai and Bangkok. For now, U.S. travelers must first get to one of those [European hubs](#)—but to see the Maldives, whose low-lying atolls are threatened by rising sea levels, you’d have to change flights anyway. A similar itinerary on a major airline would cost nearly twice as much.

An Upstart Option to Bermuda BermudAir — the British island territory’s first homegrown carrier—launched last summer to offer American vacationers more options. It began as an all-business-class line but quickly pivoted to offer a two-class cabin. Though flights currently depart from just three cities—Boston, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and White Plains, N.Y.—Orlando and Baltimore will follow in March. All flights land in Hamilton. One-way fares from the U.S. range between \$99 for coach to \$399 in business class. Coming later this year: a front-of-the-plane “Aisle Class” which, as its name suggests, will have wider, podlike seats with universal aisle access throughout the business-class cabin.

Little Luxuries for All to Asia

At first blush, **Starlux**, a new airline based in Taiwan, is a contradiction: a self-styled “luxury” airline that includes a large economy class. Targeting travelers to and from Asia, it flies across the Pacific between Taipei and Los Angeles or San Francisco using wide-body Airbus A350s, and recently began flights from both California gateways to the tourist hot spot of Chiang Mai in Thailand via Taipei. Judging from early reviews, it doesn’t just fuss over those in the pointy end of the plane—even coach dwellers get a choice of craft cocktails during the long flight.

IV. My Final Thoughts: Random Musing

Contributed by: Sandra Sultar

- I saw this guy today at Starbucks. No phone, no tablet no laptop . . . he just sat there drinking coffee . . . like a psychopath.
- The Flat Earth Society has members all around the world (there actually is one). <https://theflatearthsociety.org/home/index.php/about-the-society>
- Two little boys were at a wedding when one leaned over to the other and asked, “How many wives can man have?” His friend answered: “Sixteen, four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer.”

- Don't tell secrets in the garden because the potatoes have eyes, the corn has ears and the beanstalk.
- My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect and for that I am eternally grapefruit.
- Gender study when I was a kid was Playboy.
- There is a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. Only a fraction of people will find this funny.
- The reason plant-based burgers are so delicious is that they come from a plant . . . a "meat plant."
- Be grateful that no matter how much chocolate you eat your earrings will still fit.
- My new car has buttons for pretty much everything. There is even a button that says "rear wiper." I'm still too afraid to try that one.
- Learn from your parents' mistakes, use birth control.
- It's better to grow old with a sense of humor rather than with no sense at all.

Please take care of yourself and stay young; be happy and remember those who love you...Let's look forward to the great times we will have together again on one of our fabulous PORSCHE Tours this year. **I will be there with you, and I can't wait to see you. Yours truly, Peter**

