



**Item:** Fast Lane News #15 in 2024 (Issue #215 since 2020) on April 13<sup>th</sup> 2024, I'm writing from our offices in beautiful Oldsmar, Florida during a horrendous rain storm with tornados.  
**To:** Our Fast Lane Travel Family in Australia, Canada, Dubai, Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, and the USA!



**Subjects:** Hotel(s) of the week, Sacher; My Final Thoughts: The Truth

## **I. The legendary Sacher Hotel(s):**

(contributed by Catherine Moore, our dedicated staff itinerary creator)

This week's hotel is a city hotel, the delightful Hotel Sacher Wien (Vienna), where history meets luxury. It is our choice whenever one of our tours includes the beautiful city of Vienna, Austria. The Hotel Sacher is a five-star luxury hotel in the heart of Vienna and is also famous for its **Sacher Torte**, the culinary crown of Vienna, a chocolate cake with apricot filling and whipped cream. Not only is the Hotel Sacher a fabulous hotel, but it is also one with a fascinating history.

The hotel was founded in 1876 by the restaurateur Eduard Sacher. His father, the confectioner Franz Sacher, was the creator of the famous Sacher Torte. Eduard also apprenticed as a confectioner and eventually became a restaurant owner. In 1880, he married Anna Fuchs, who became managing director of the hotel after Eduard's death in 1892. She quickly earned a reputation for both her business acumen and her eccentricity, never being seen without her French bulldogs and a cigar. Under her management, Hotel Sacher became one of the finest hotels in the world, catering exclusively to the aristocratic class. Following World War I, Anna Sacher granted generous credit to numerous impoverished aristocrats which unfortunately led to her bankruptcy and sale of the hotel to the Görtler and Siller families.

Fortunately, The Sacher suffered very little damage in World War II. After the war, occupied Austria was divided into four zones by the victorious

Allied powers. Vienna was also subdivided into four zones. The hotel fell into Russian hands initially, but later the British set up their occupation headquarters at the Hotel Sacher. In 1949, the script for the classic film about post-war Vienna, “The Third Man”, was written by Graham Greene. It was allegedly written in the hotel’s bar where he was a frequent patron. The Hotel Sacher lies right in the heart of the city of Vienna, opposite the Vienna State Opera and surrounded by numerous museums, St. Stephen Cathedral as well as the former residence of Austrian emperors, the Hofburg. The rooms are huge, with walk in dressing rooms/wardrobes, and enormous marble bathrooms. Every member of the staff is friendly, personable, helpful and consummately professional. The attention to detail is exemplified in the hotel’s décor: luxurious, rich and romantic. The breakfasts are sumptuous, and the hotel’s excellent bars and numerous restaurants, including the famous and historic Café Sacher Wien, will delight you. The impeccable service and Old European traditional style coupled with modern luxury amenities make staying at the family-owned and operated Hotel Sacher a memorable and incomparable experience. And don’t forget to try their iconic Sacher Torte! It’s delicious! This is the view from Room #90 at the Sacher Alpin in Seefeld, Austria.





This is the view from Room #303 at the Sacher Hotel in Salzburg.



Parking in Salzburg is at a premium – and we organized this at the Sacher!





**II. NOTE: Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour will be awesome.**

I'd really like to get two more couples on either one of the 50<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary trips. You'll enjoy THE very best time of the year in Austria: **#1** From Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 and/or **#2** from Tuesday,

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. We designed the timing of the trips so that they overlap in Stuttgart. I have a special event planned for that day – you'll be very pleased. This trip is the crowning



achievement of our 50-years track record. I am personally inviting you, my dear Fast Lane Family, Friends and Customers, to join me in Germany and Austria this September to help me **celebrate my 50<sup>th</sup> year** of designing exciting tours for PORSCHE enthusiasts. As you know, I was born

in a bomb shelter, grew up in destroyed post-war Austria as one of the Trümmerkinder and have many compelling memories of my life there before coming to the United States as a teenager. Not only will this trip allow me to take you to places tourists normally don't get to see, you'll have a chance to get answers you would not find in history books. I very much look forward to sharing the joy of this experience and first-hand history with you. I will lead this very special tour to provide insights into the country I still love, including some very personal post-WW II perspectives. I have stories about the Russian occupation, the French soldiers and the wonderfully kind and generous Americans, without whom Austria would not have recovered so nicely from the brutality of WW II.

Of course, **all** luxury accommodations, gourmet meals, luggage van, parking, Autobahn permits, gasoline, taxes, tolls and gratuities are included, per the itinerary. **I hope you will join me on this very special celebratory tour!** <https://fastlanetravel.com/all-tours-2024/>

On average, the folks who will be joining us have been on seven previous Fast Lane Porsche Trips, with several over ten! So, let's celebrate starting with THE best view of Stuttgart.



**Please don't miss this fantastic experience just go to:**  
<https://fastlanetravel.com/all-tours-2024/>

### **III. My Final Thoughts: The Truth . . .** **Source: Raph Sica**

"If you want to know how old a woman is, ask her sister-in-law." (Eva Gabor)

"Old age comes at a bad time." (Ed Sullivan)

"Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened." (Stevie Wonder)

"Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard, there is nothing you can do about it." (Golda Meir)

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened. (Mark Twain)

"I'm at that age where my back goes out more than I do." (Phyllis Diller)

"Nice to be here? At my age, it's nice to be anywhere." (George Burns)

"First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up; then, you forget to pull your zipper down." (Rob Reiner)

"You spend 90 percent of your adult life hoping for a long rest and the last 10 percent trying to convince the Lord that you're actually not THAT tired." (Princess Grace)

"Old people shouldn't eat Health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." (Bob Hope)

"At my age, flowers scare me." (George Burns)

"It's like you trade the virility of the body for the agility of the spirit." (Ed Sullivan)

"The years between 55 and 75 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." (T.S Elliot)

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us... at age 40, we don't care what they think of us... at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." (Ann Landers)

"When I was young, I was called a rugged individualist. When I was in my fifties, I was considered eccentric. Here I am doing and saying the same things I did then, and I'm labeled senile." (Milton Berle)

"The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget." (Martin Scorsese)

"We don't grow older, we grow riper." (Pablo Picasso)

"It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." (Andy Rooney)

"I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me — they're cramming for their final exam." (George Carlin)

"Everything seems to slow down with age, except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips." (Elizabeth Taylor)

"When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old." (Mark Twain)

"You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks." (Dennis Quaid)

"There's one advantage to being 102, there's no peer pressure." (Adam & Eve)

"There are three stages in man's Life: he believes in Santa Claus, he does not believe in Santa Claus, he is Santa Claus." (Leon Phillips)

"Looking fifty is great — if you're sixty." (Joan Rivers)

"Time may be a great Healer, but it's a lousy Beautician." (Zsa Zsa Gabor)

**AND....Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally used up and worn out, shouting 'Man, what a ride!' (Hunter Thompson)**



#### IV. SOME MORE OF MY HAPPY MEMORIES

We shared the castle courtyard with good friends a few years ago in the Black Forest at Konrad Adenauer's favorite haunt.



Baden Baden anyone?





Yes, she is carrying about 50lbs! One Maß Bier weighs 2.3 Kilos.



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**

