



**Item:** Fast Lane News #19 in 2024 (Issue #219 since 2020) on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2024, I'm writing from our offices in beautiful Oldsmar, Florida.

**To:** Our Fast Lane Travel Family in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Dubai, Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand,

Singapore, South Africa and in the USA!

**Subjects:** 2024 PCA Spring TREFFEN in Germany Feedback.

**Trip of the Week:** Don't miss the PCA Fall TREFFEN to THE Source! **My Final Thoughts:** The minds of engineers.



### **I. 2024 PCA Spring TREFFEN in Germany Feedback;**

Hi, Wendy! We had an amazing time on our PCA Spring Treffen! Still having withdrawals from Germany, Porsches, new friends and the meals!



THE best dad & son experience.

Plus, your Stuttgart Team Fabian and Johny were a real joy too! Can't say enough and we can't wait for our next trip with Fast Lane!! Sincerely, Chris (dad) & Aaron (son-17). Grosse Ile, MI.

## II. TRIP of the Week – **Please register ASAP** – the Fall PCA TREFFEN by Fast Lane Travel, Inc.



This year my US and European Teams and I, at Fast Lane Travel are celebrating our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** Since 1974 we have shared the experience, excitement and emotion of what it is like to drive a PORSCHE in its birthplace and be driven the way it was meant to be with thousands of PCA Members and Friends. This was the **2012 Fall PCA TREFFEN** Group at the **PORSCHE Factory in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen**. One of the Key elements of our joy in our PORSCHE life is **PASSION!** We love our PORSCHE Friends, our PORSCHE Events, our PCA Membership, and all the joy our passion has given us. We are a unique, down-to-earth, collection of folks from all walks of life. In fact, I quote the motto of the PCA **“It's Not Just the Cars, It's the People.”** Breakfast/Dinner meetings and other social gatherings, such as rallies, driver's ed or a **“once-in-a-lifetime visit to the Source,”** allow us to enjoy the camaraderie of others who share our passion for the marque.





## TRIP of the Week – **DETAILS** – the Fall PCA TREFFEN by Fast Lane Travel, Inc. Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

To enhance your experience, we suggest arriving in Stuttgart a day ahead to allow time for relaxation, adjusting to the time change, and exploring the area. We're delighted to assist with your flights, pre- and post-trip arrangements, travel insurance, and any other travel needs for our Porsche tour guests. Please contact our remarkable travel agency manager, **Susan**, at **813-475-5989** or via email at [susan@fastlaneluxurytravel.com](mailto:susan@fastlaneluxurytravel.com).

**NOTE:** If you have a pre-existing medical condition that may cause you to cancel your tour, insurance must be added within 14 days of your initial trip deposit.

### Day 1: Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Depart North America

- Depart from your home for your overnight flight to Europe.

### Day 2: Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Arrival in Stuttgart

- Arrive in Stuttgart; check in at ***Steigenberger Hotel Graf Zeppelin***
- **Welcome to Germany** for **dinner** and drinks

After you check in and freshen up, you will have some free time until dinner. We recommend that you take a walk to help get over any jet lag. Turn right as you leave the hotel and walk to the **Königstrasse** – a pedestrian-only area with shops, museums, parks, cafes and more.



### Day 3: Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Ludwigsburg Palace

- **Lunch** followed by **Mandatory Drivers' Briefing** and **PORSCHE** tour paperwork
- **Ludwigsburg Castle** tour
- **Dinner** and drinks

Enjoy **breakfast** in the **Steigenberger Hotel Graf Zeppelin**. Your morning is free to enjoy as you please. We will meet for **lunch** in one of the hotel's restaurants, the **Stübli**, followed by the important **Drivers' Briefing** where we will complete the **liability and release waivers**.

After our drivers' safety briefing, our motor coach will transfer us to **Ludwigsburg** where we will have a fascinating tour of **Ludwigsburg Palace**. Nicknamed the "**Versailles of Swabia**," this 452-room Baroque palace complex has extensive gardens and is the largest palatial estate in Germany.



After we return to our hotel from Ludwigsburg, you'll have time to freshen up before we meet in the lobby for our short walk along the **Königstrasse** to the **Schillerplatz** for a delightful **dinner**. Tomorrow will be an exciting day after a good night's rest at the **Hotel Graf Zeppelin**. (Incl. Breakfast, lunch & dinner)





#### Day 4: Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – PORSCHE Museum and Factory Tour

- A rousing and warm welcome by **PORSCHE** Executives
- **PORSCHE** Museum and **PORSCHE** Factory tours
- **Lunch** at the **PORSCHE** Museum
- Inspect and pick up your rental **PORSCHE**
- **Dinner** and drinks at the **Graf Zeppelin**

Enjoy another delightful **breakfast** in the **Steigenberger Hotel Graf Zeppelin** before boarding our private motor coach to **Porsche Platz 1** in Stuttgart. You'll be thrilled by our privately



guided tour through the **PORSCHE** Factory and **PORSCHE** Museum. You will also visit some closed-to-the-public areas like the New Car Delivery, Goodie Store and Special Selection. A fantastic **lunch** hosted by **PORSCHE** will be served to us at the **PORSCHE** Museum.

Later in the afternoon, you will pick up the **PORSCHE** you selected from the **PORSCHE** Museum. We will drive our **PORSCHE**s back to

the **Hotel Graf Zeppelin** where they will be securely parked overnight.

Tonight, we will enjoy **dinner** at the renowned **Restaurant Zeppelino's** at the Hotel Graf Zeppelin. (Incl. Breakfast, lunch & dinner)





**Day 5: Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – Drive Bavarian Alps to Lake Constance (~340 kms)**

- Drive your **PORSCHE** from Stuttgart on **Autobahns** to the **Bavarian Alps**
- **Lunch** at **Schlossanger Alp**
- Drive to **Lindau** on **Lake Constance**
- Drinks and **dinner** at the **5-star Hotel Bayerischer Hof**



Start your first driving day with a delightful **breakfast** at the **Steigenberger Hotel Graf Zeppelin**. After breakfast, check out and have your large luggage in the lobby ready to load into our luggage van. Our **PORSCHEs** will be lined up at the hotel ready for our departure. After leaving Stuttgart, we'll drive the **A8 and A7 Autobahns** into the **Bavarian Alps** where we will stop for lunch at the charming and scenic **Hotel Schlossanger Alp**.

After a delicious **lunch**, we'll continue our drive to **Lake Constance** and the lovely island of **Lindau**. We'll check in to the **Hotel Bayerischer Hof**, a luxury hotel located on the banks of **Lake Constance** (called the **Bodensee** in German). Drinks and **dinner** tonight will be at this delightful hotel overlooking the harbor on Lake Constance. (Incl. Breakfast, lunch & dinner)



**Day 6: Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – Return to Stuttgart (~ 250 kms)**

- **Breakfast** at *Hotel Bayerischer Hof*
- Drive back to **Stuttgart**
- Return **PORSCHE**, check in to *Hotel Graf Zeppelin*
- Evening at the **Cannstatter Volksfest**

Enjoy your last **breakfast** at the beautiful *Hotel Bayerischer Hof*. After loading your large luggage in our luggage van, check out and we'll begin our drive back to **Stuttgart**. Along the way, you may have the opportunity to join or renew your membership in Fast Lane Travel's **150 mph Club** on one of the **Autobahns**.



We'll arrive back in **Stuttgart** where you must sadly return the **PORSCHE** you've fallen in love with! After returning the PORSCHEs at the **PORSCHE Museum**, we'll transfer back to the *Hotel Graf Zeppelin* and check in once again.

After we freshen up, we'll meet again for our transfer to the **Cannstatter Volksfest – Stuttgart's Oktoberfest** – with food, music and of course, beer! We've reserved a **private seating area** in one of the famous beer tents. It's an experience you'll never forget and a wonderful end to your **TREFFEN!** (Incl. Breakfast, Canapes & Dinner)



**Day 7: Saturday, September 28<sup>TH</sup> – Depart Stuttgart**

- Depart Stuttgart and return home or travel on to other destinations in Europe.

Enjoy another fabulous **breakfast** at the *Steigenberger Graf Zeppelin*. If you are departing for North America, you will be transferred to the Stuttgart Airport for your return flight. (B)





# 2024 Traditional Fall TREFFEN

**\$6,498 per person, based on double occupancy.**

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- \* **Luxury accommodations**
- \* **Canapés, Dinner)**
- \* **Gasoline (at \$11.20 per gallon)**
- \* **Cocktails, wine & beer in the evenings**
- \* **Multi-lingual guides**
- \* **NAVI Roadbooks**
- \* ***Driving in Europe is Different* booklet & briefing**
- \* **Meals included as noted (Breakfast, Lunch,**
- \* **Autobahn tolls and parking fees**
- \* **Gratuities and entrance fees**
- \* **Walkie-talkies on the road**
- \* **Pocket itineraries**
- \* ***Who's Who* booklet**

## IN ADDITION, PORSCHE CHOICES (rates subject to change & based on availability):

- \* 911 Turbo Coupe (548 € p/day)
- \* 911 Coupe (438 € p/day)
- \* 718 Cayman (299 € p/day)
- \* Cayenne (328 € p/day)
- \* 911 Convertible (460 € p/day)
- \* 718 Boxster (350 € p/day)
- \* Panamera (369 € p/day)
- \* Macan (328€ p/day)

You will be **renting your PORSCHE** from the **PORSCHE Museum** in Stuttgart and the **rental cost will be charged directly to your credit card, just like a normal car rental in the US.** Our staff will help facilitate the rental process for you. The cost depends on the model you choose. **Please provide us with the following for your PORSCHE rental:**

- \* Copy of Driver's License (mandatory International Driver's License – get it at AAA – it's easy – no testing)
- \* Copy of Passport (you must have a minimum of 6 months before expiration)
- \* Credit card number, expiration date and security code – for security we prefer to do this telephonically.
- \* **Note: The PORSCHE Company requires a rental deposit of 2,500 € for a 911 or 5,000 € for a Turbo**
- \* Since not all models are always available, we need your **first, second and third choice** of PORSCHE model. **Sign up ASAP** to enhance the probability of getting your first choice.

## YOUR PORSCHE RENTAL INCLUDES:

- \* Depending on the model, there is a quota of free kilometers included. Note: there may be a charge of 1.10 € for each extra kilometer. **On this trip, we are estimating a total distance of 600 km.**
- \* Second driver at no extra fee (requires the same information as the main driver)
- \* Comprehensive insurance (2,500 € deductible, 5,000 € for Turbo)
- \* PORSCHE Rental from: Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm

Please bear in mind that this tour is designed, planned and priced approximately 12 to 18 months prior to the event. Therefore, there is a possibility that certain routes, venues, accommodations and prices may change due to circumstances beyond our control: Acts of God, foreign currency exchange rates, COVID restrictions, local events, traffic, weather or the performance of the drivers renting the PORSCHEs.



**A deposit of \$1,500 per person is required to secure your tour space**

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**- Peter Sontag, Founder and CEO**

**"It's our business to do pleasure!"**

#### **IV. My Final Thoughts: Comprehending Engineers**

##### **Comprehending Engineers-Take One:**

Two engineering students were walking across campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?"

The second student replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike.

She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take whatever you want".

The second engineering student nodded approvingly. "Good choice; The clothes probably wouldn't have fit."

### **Comprehending Engineers-Take Two:**

An architect, an artist and an engineer were discussing whether it was better to spend time with the wife or a mistress.

The architect said he enjoyed time with his wife, building a solid foundation for an enduring relationship.

The artist said he enjoyed time with his mistress, because of the passion and mystery he found there.

The engineer said, "I like both."

"Both?" the architect and the artist asked.

Engineer: "Yeah. If you have a wife and a mistress, they will each assume you are spending time with the other one, and you can go to the plant and get some work done."

### **Comprehending Engineers-Take Three:**

What is the difference between Mechanical Engineers and Civil Engineers?

Mechanical Engineers build weapons, and Civil Engineers build targets.

### **Comprehending Engineers-Take Four:**

The graduate with an Engineering degree asks, "How does it work?"

The graduate with a Science degree asks, "Why does it work?"

The graduate with an Accounting degree asks, "How much will it cost?"

The graduate with an Arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"



### **Comprehending Engineers-Take Five:**

To the optimist, the glass is half full.

To the pessimist, the glass is half empty.

To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

## **V. SOME MORE OF MY HAPPY MEMORIES**















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**

