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To: Our Fast Lane Travel

Family in Australia, Canada, Dubai, Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa and in the USA!

Subjects: Two of our favorite Restaurants; Two 50th Anniversary Trips; My Final Thoughts: we all could use a little laugh. Plus: Some more happy memories!

I. Two of our many favorite Restaurants in Southern Germany

contributed by Catherine Moore, our dedicated staff itinerary creator.

As noted in my previous Petergrams, Fast Lane Travel only selects hotels where we know there is ample, secure parking and, of course, delightful ambience. These considerations are also our requirements for selecting our restaurants. Here are two examples of our careful quality selection. Both places you'd never find on your own – and that's what makes our trips special.

Our tours generally begin and end in Stuttgart. We always include dinner at the delightful **Stuttgarter Stäffele**. This traditional local cuisine restaurant in the heart of Stuttgart is over 50 years old and committed to providing regional, quality cuisine using farm-fresh ingredients verified as from the State of Baden-Württemberg. As part of the "Taste of the South" restauranters, their menu offers all sorts of



local specialties and a huge selection of regional wines. One of the menu offerings we always suggest is the **onion soup**. Not only is it delicious, but it is also served in a large onion! The restaurant was originally called Hobby Club and was home to the Motor-Club Stuttgart. When the Club built a new venue, the owner, the late Erika Wilhelmer, turned the building back into a wine cellar as it had been in the past. Her son Michael was just elected as the Gastronome of the year in Stuttgart. In the old days, food like this was generally only cooked in homes, but she persisted. Thankfully, her idea of Schwäbische cuisine caught the attention of friends and customers and the restaurant flourished. We love this restaurant. The interior not only oozes Schwäbische atmosphere, which is the perfect setting for its delicious local cuisine!

Definition: What is Schwäbisch? In the 10th Century, Germany was made up of five duchies: Bavaria, Franconia, Lorraine, Saxony, and Swabia = in Germany Schwaben. This duchy was located in southwestern Germany; like all others had a distinct local German dialect was known for its hard-working industrious citizens. For example, a polite greeting in German is: “Guten Morgen.” Except in Swabia it’s “Gut Schaffe!” Meaning “Have a good workday.” I suppose that says it all

Our second secret gem is the **Schlossanger Alp**. It is not only a lovely restaurant but also part of a wellness hotel located in the middle of the Allgäu Alpine meadows and surrounded by mountains high up in Bavaria. The restaurant is consistently rated as one of the top 100 restaurants in Germany. The restaurant offers “the no-frills way of getting to the heart of



taste” by not overwhelming you with too many components. Their menu changes with the seasons, offering the freshest ingredients from local farms and the surrounding area. The alpine ambiance of the restaurant adds to the enjoyment of the cuisine with its homey, cozy atmosphere. Windows offer magnificent views of the Allgäu meadows and mountains, including a view of the Falkenstein castle ruins which are illuminated at night. If the weather permits, dining on the sun terrace is always a delight. You might even hear cow bells from the cows grazing nearby or catch a glimpse of a chamois on the edge of a mountain cliff. It’s a lovely location and the food is fantastic.

And it also falls into the category of “there is no way you’d ever find this place on your own.” We also have stayed there occasionally for one night. The fresh mountain air is invigorating. In the morning the melancholic bells of the cows grazing will wake you along with the fresh brewed coffee.



II. Two Trips of the Year! 50th Anniversary!

My apologies if I repeat myself, but we have **TWO** fabulous truly once-in-a-lifetime 50th Anniversary PORSCHE Tours this year. You can view details:

Trip #1 <https://fastlanetravel.com/flt-50th-anniversary-trip-1/>
Sun. Sep. 1st to Fri Sep. 12th 2024

Trip #2 <https://fastlanetravel.com/flt-50th-anniversary-trip-2/>
Tue. Sep. 10th to Sun. Sep. 22nd 2024

Note that the trips overlap in Stuttgart on Wednesday, September 11th where I have a very special celebration with PORSCHE executives and wonderful entertainment planned for both PORSCHE driving teams. Both at this point are pretty much sold out, but if you act quickly, **I would love to accommodate two more couples on each trip – don’t miss it!**

III. My Final Random True Stories:

Another time a fellow was seated in a movie house. Behind him an innocent bystander could not help but notice a large dog seated next to our subject. The dog was clearly observing the picture with understanding. He snarled when the villain spoke and yelped at the funny remarks, and so on. The observer leaned forward and spoke. Said he, "Pardon me, sir, but I can't get over your dog's behavior." Said the man, "Frankly, it surprises me as well. He hated the book".

#1 Lady Nancy Astor, who entered the House of Commons in 1919 as its first woman member, had few betters in the art of vicious repartee--but she did have some and one was Winston Churchill. After one hot and heavy Parliamentary session, Lady Astor said to Churchill, "Winston, if you were my husband I would poison your coffee." "If you were my wife, Madam," said he suavely, "I would surely drink it."

#2 As an initiation rite, monks of a certain monastery are sent up to the top of a high, craggy cliff to live in isolation. They are allowed to speak only two words every six years. After his first six years one initiate was visited by the head monk and was asked for his two words. He replied, "I'm hungry." "I'll see to it that you are given an extra ration of bread." Another six years passed, and the head monk came to visit. "I'm cold," said the student. "I'll get you another blanket," replied the head monk. Six years later the novice said to the visiting monk, "I quit!". "I'm not surprised," shrugged the master. "For 18 years, all you've done is complain!"

#3 In a crash of thunder, God yanked up to Heaven three influential humans: Joe Biden, Vladimir Putin and Bill Gates. "The human race is a COMPLETE disappointment," God said. "You each have one week to prepare your followers for the end of the world." With another crash of thunder, the three found themselves back on Earth. Biden immediately called his cabinet together: "I have good news and bad news," he announced grimly. "The good news is that there is indeed a God. The bad news is that God is really mad and plans to end the world in a week."

In Russia, Putin announced to the State Duma (parliament): "Comrades, I have bad news and worse news. The bad news is that we were wrong: there is a God after all. The worse news is that God is mad and is going to end the world in a week."

Meanwhile, Bill Gates called a meeting of his top engineers and programmers: "I have good news and BETTER news," he said. The good news is that God considers me one of the three most influential people on Earth," he beamed. "The BETTER news is that we don't have to fix Windows 11."

#4 It was 3:00 am in Moscow and Igor Abramovich was secretly studying his Bible in his apartment. The door suddenly opened, and the building manager appeared. "Comrade," said he, "Why are you reading that book in Hebrew?" "Because when I die and go to Heaven, I want to be able to speak the language," replied Igor. "But" the manager frowned, "what if you go to hell, Comrade?" "I speak Russian already," said Abramovich.

IV. SOME MORE OF MY HAPPY MEMORIES



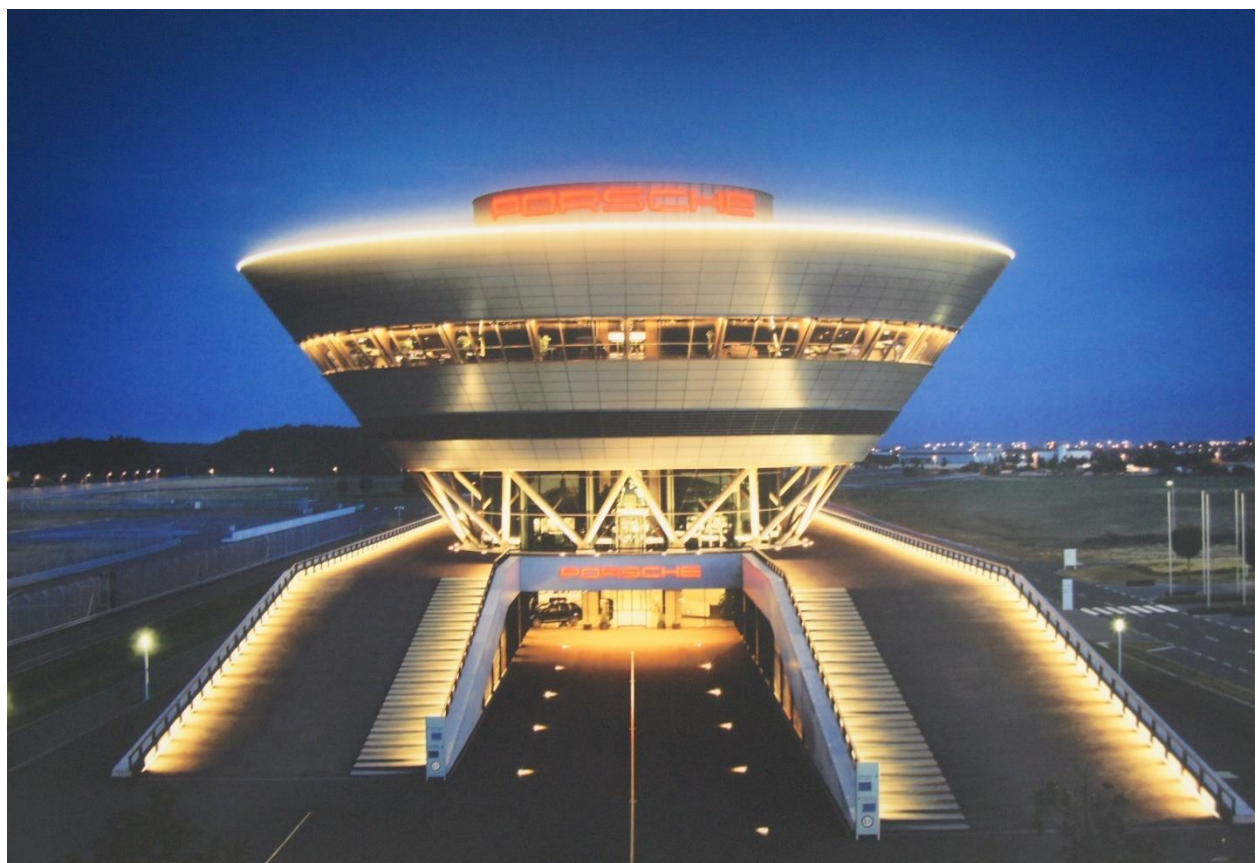


Our Porsches are waiting for us in Zufenhausen at the Porsche Museum.













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**

