



Item: Fast Lane News #22 in 2024 (Issue #222 since 2020) on June 1, 2024. I'm writing from our offices in Oldsmar, Florida, along the shores of Tampa Bay & the Gulf of Mexico with the most beautiful beaches in Florida.



To: Our Fast Lane Travel Family

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

Subjects: The Black Forest; Buena Vista Touring Group; 12 Alpine Passes; and My Final Thoughts: Alternate Meanings; Plus: Some more happy memory pictures!

## I. Is the Black Forest Really Black?

contributed by Catherine Moore, our dedicated staff itinerary creator.

If you have two or three days before or after the delivery of your new PORSCHE or before or after one of our tours, a fabulous destination for a short adventure from Stuttgart is the **Black Forest**.

One of the most beautiful and legendary areas of Germany – the **Black Forest**, or *Schwarzwald* as it's known in German, isn't really black, but more of a deep dark green. The vegetation is so dense that even on a sunny day, little daylight penetrates this solid canopy of tall trees. Since the densely growing spruces look very dark and impregnable from a distance, two thousand years ago the Romans named the area "silva nigra" (which means **Black Forest**).





With deeply carved valleys, thick woodlands, luscious meadows, timber-framed farmhouses and cascading waterfalls, the **Black Forest** is just waiting to be explored, experienced and photographed.

The Autobahn A-81 is THE best way to get to the Black Forest from Stuttgart. And, yes, this lady is doing 250 kms/hr = 155 mph. As my friend, Eric Polins, once said while he was driving on the Autobahn “this is so right!” Yes it is, and it is a lot safer than doing 70 mph on the I-95.



Driving to and within the **Black Forest** is magnificent! Leaving Stuttgart, you'll travel southwest on the fabulous Autobahns A-81 before discovering the breathtaking and winding roads of the **Black Forest**, including the well-known **Black Forest High Road** (*Schwarzwaldhochstrasse*). Thanks to this and other country roads, you will not only enjoy thrilling drives but also see the picturesque villages, serene farms, forests, meadows and vineyards of the **Black Forest**. Here's the best part: cuckoo clocks!



You must stop in **Triberg** to see displays of the **Black Forest's famous cuckoo clocks** – **THE best place**, with plenty of parking, is **The House of 1000 Clocks, Am Bach 17, 78098 Triberg im Schwarzwald, Germany**. Say hello to Rebecca Weisser, a lovely lady from Kansas who married our good friend Thomas Weisser, the owner of the store.

Then, perhaps, stop at scenic **Lake Titisee**. Buy some souvenirs and walk around the small lake. It's beautiful. There are two wonderful hotels we recommend for your overnight stays, the 5-star **Parkhotel Adler** surrounded by parkland in Hinterzarten, and the 5-star **Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa** in Baden-Baden, known for its "Old World" elegance, hot springs and casino.



As you begin your return drive to Stuttgart via winding country roads, you may want to stop at **Castle Bühlerhöhe**. Situated above the **Rhine valley**, you can enjoy a picturesque lunch there on the castle terrace. Following lunch, depart for an exciting drive back to Stuttgart on several backroads and on some of the least crowded Autobahns in Germany. We think the beauty of the area, the thrill of driving the Autobahns and the winding roads throughout the **Black Forest** will give you and your PORSCHE fond memories.



**II. Next Week:** On Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> I'll be heading TPA-ATL and then on DL 116 from Atlanta to **Stuttgart** (STR). I'll be returning on DL 117 from Stuttgart to Atlanta and on to Tampa on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Thus, after this Petergram issue #222, **I'll be writing the next three issues from Europe.** I am conducting two PORSCHE Tours:

A. **The Buena Vista Touring Group.** This is a custom designed personal tour for a wonderful fun-loving group of four couples from Miami who want to enjoy a luxurious driving tour and cultural experiences in the Alps at the perfect time of the year. They all bought awesome Euro Delivery Porsches, which due to supply chain issues couldn't be completed so we are getting them beautiful rental Porsches.

B. **The 12 Alpine Passes.** This is our annual trip for our customers who, just like the first group, anticipate driving the most beautiful Alpine roads and passes in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Northern Italy. Of course, our 5-star hotels have fabulous spas just waiting to spoil the ladies. Everyone has received our "Driving is Very Different in Europe" publication and, hopefully, has studied it. Of course, our PowerPoint Driver's Briefing in Europe underscores our focus on safety.

## **II. Two amazing 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tours!**

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

**Trip #1** <https://fastlanetravel.com/flt-50th-anniversary-trip-1/>

**Sun. Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> to Fri Sep. 12<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Trip #2** <https://fastlanetravel.com/flt-50th-anniversary-trip-2/>

**Tue. Sep. 10<sup>th</sup> to Sun. Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024**

Note that the trips overlap in Stuttgart on **Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** where I have a very special celebration with PORSCHE Executives and wonderful entertainment planned for both PORSCHE driving tours. Both, at this point, are pretty much sold out, but if you act quickly, **I have space to accommodate two more couples on each trip – don't miss it! It'll be**



**THE best ever.** You are benefitting from 50-years of Porsche Travel key contacts, knowledge and experience. Some highlights include:

- Lunch at Hans-Peter Porsche's Traumwerk collection.
- A Mozart Dinner Concert in Sound-of-Music Salzburg.
- The birthplace of Porsche in Gmünd w. Helmut Pfeifhofer.
- The ominous Grossglockner Highest Alpine Road.
- Multiple amazing scenic drives in Austria.
- Peter's personally guided tour of Vienna with historic recollections of WW II.
- Visits to places in Vienna regular tourists don't get to see.
- I have been able to get premium tickets for a performance at the renowned Vienna State Opera for "La Traviata".

**III. My Final Thoughts:** The **Washington Post** published a contest for readers in which they were asked to supply alternate meanings for various words. The following were some of the winning entries:

1. Coffee (n.), a person who is coughed upon.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.
6. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightie.
7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoyle (n.), an olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. Flatulence (n.) the emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified demeanor assumed by a proctologist immediately before he examines you.
13. Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions.
14. Circumvent (n.), the opening in the front of boxer shorts.
15. Frisbeetarianism (n.), The belief that, when you die, your soul goes up on the roof and gets stuck there.
16. Pokemon (n), A Jamaican proctologist



## 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**

