



Item: Fast Lane News #27 in 2024 (Issue #227 since 2020) On July 6th 2024, I'm writing from the Biltmore in Asheville, NC with amazing fireworks. To: Our Fast Lane Travel Family in Australia, Canada, Dubai, Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa and in the USA!



Subjects: HAPPY 4th of July; A wonderful week; Trip of the Year; My Final Thoughts: A classic Tourist's Prayer

I. Happy 4th of July with love and appreciation from a grateful and happy American by fate and choice.

I am spending a desperately needed vacation week with my daughter Alicia and grandson Lukas at the Biltmore Inn. Susan, in my office, has made all the travel arrangements - **be sure to call her for ALL** your travel needs, she is wonderful: **Susan = 1 813 475 5989**. My team in Oldsmar is holding down the proverbial fort so that I can get a break – I even had a welcome chocolate cookie plate from them in my room. Now I know how spoiled our customers feel. They think of everything.



My daughter Alicia has made all activity arrangements for biking, rafting, a river stroll, a carriage ride, a farm visit, a fly-fishing afternoon on the lake. Lukas actually caught two fish – of course we tossed them back.



II. Trip of the Year: If you haven't yet and have been thinking about it, then let's get you signed up for one of our 50th Anniversary Tours. They are going to be truly "one for the books"! Enjoy!! As always, Peter has planned some surprises and has also invited Senior Porsche Executives to join us at the joint celebratory dinner. I need **two more couples** on each trip – this is simply THE celebration of 50 years of creating Porsche travel happiness. It'll be THE best ever - **don't miss it.**

1st 50th Anniversary: Sunday, September 1st to Thursday, September 12th 2024.

2nd 50th Anniversary: Tuesday, September 10th to Sunday, September 21st 2024.

Both trips overlap on Wednesday, September 11th in Stuttgart, where there will be a wonderful joint anniversary banquet with, you know me very special entertainment and Porsche Company Executives.

Highlights of both 50th Anniversary trips include:

1. Peter's personal guidance with Gerald and Fabian as the lead drivers on both tours; with logistics support by Johny in Stuttgart; Miro and Richard handling the luggage van service; Helmut and Christoph presenting PORSCHE History in Gmünd; and Hans managing our visit in Vienna.
2. A rousing welcome in Stuttgart by Porsche Executives.
3. A special visit to the regal Ludwigsburg Palace followed by picking up your pre-selected rental PORSCHES at the PORSCHE Museum.



4. Lunch at the new **Hans-Peter PORSCHE Traumwerk**.
5. Driving across the spectacular highest Alpine Mountain Road in Austria: The Grossglockner.
6. A privileged visit to the original 1948 PORSCHE Factory and the Pfeifhoffer PORSCHE Museum. See who bought the first dozen PORSCHE 356s.
7. A Mozart Dinner in "Sound-of-Music" Salzburg.

8. Secure PORSCHE Parking in Vienna at the Blaguss Company.
9. Staying at the renowned historic Sacher Hotel in Vienna.
10. A performance at the renowned Vienna State Opera of “La Traviata”. Hans was able to get us THE best tickets available, of course at a 40% premium.
11. Champagne and Canapes during the Opera Intermission in the Opera’s Marmorsaal (marble hall).



12. A police escorted visit to historic Mürzzuschlag with a reception in the Mayor’s Office.
13. An overnight stay in Zell am See, the PORSCHE Family’s hometown with a special dinner.
14. The most luxurious hotel in Austria: The Interlpen with a free day to enjoy THE most amazing spa in Austria.
15. A spectacular drive across the Hahntennjoch Mountain Pass back to Stuttgart.

IV. My Final Thoughts: The Tourists' Prayer by Art Buchwald

Heavenly Father, look down upon us, Your humble obedient tourist servants who are doomed to travel this earth, taking photographs, mailing post cards, buying souvenirs and walking around in drip-dry underwear. We beseech You, oh Lord, to see that our plane is not hijacked, our luggage is not lost and our overweight baggage goes unnoticed. Protect us from surly and unscrupulous taxi drivers, avaricious porters and unlicensed, English-speaking guides.

Give us this day divine guidance in the selection of our hotels that we may find our reservations honored, our rooms made up and hot water running from the taps (if it is at all possible).

We pray that the telephones work and that the operators speak our tongue and that there is no mail waiting from our children which would force us to cancel the rest of our trip.

Lead us, Lord, to good, inexpensive restaurants where the food is superb, the waiters friendly and the wine included in the price of the meal.

Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand. Forgive us for under-tipping out of ignorance and over-tipping out of fear.

Grant us the strength to visit the museums, the cathedrals, the palaces and the castles listed as "musts" in the guide books. And if, perchance, we skip an historic monument to take a nap after lunch, have mercy on us for our flesh is weak.

(This part of the prayer is for husbands.)

Dear God, keep our wives from shopping sprees and protect them from "bargains" they don't need or can't afford. Lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do.

(This part of the prayer is for wives.)

Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them to us. Save them from making fools of themselves in cafes and nightclubs. Above all, please do not forgive them their trespasses for they know exactly what they do.

(Together.)

And when our voyage is over and we return to our loved ones, grant us the favor of finding someone who will look at our home movies and listen to our stories, so our lives as tourists will not have been in vain. Amen.

