



Item: Fast Lane News #33 in 2024
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17, 2024, I'm writing from 170 E 87th
Street in Manhattan and our offices in
beautiful Oldsmar, Florida along the
shores of the Gulf of Mexico
To: Our Fast Lane Travel Family in
Australia, Canada, Dubai, Europe,
Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand,



Singapore, Dubai, South Africa and in the USA!

Subjects: Off the Beaten Path; 2025 Survey; Euro Delivery
Feedback; Trip of the week and Five Great Lessons.

I. Oh, the Ordinary Places You'll Go!:

Source: NYT, July 19th 2024

Credit: Michelle Perez, By Bonnie Tsui

While I do not necessarily agree with the political leanings of the **New York Times**, their travel information and editorials are worth reading. The article describes various vignettes and experiences away from the beaten path. The article describes the experiences of various travelers seeking out the unusual local venues or events that tourists normally don't get to see or experience. Immerse yourself in the local everyday life.



In 2025 I am planning a trip called "The Amazing Hidden Austria".
Friday, May 30th to Tuesday, June 10th. We'll stay in castles, enjoy local cuisine like Fridattensuppe, Speckknödel, and the mandatory delightful Kaiserschmarren dessert with raisins and Zwetschkenröster. We'll stay in castles. We'll drive on roads

After creating, managing, conducting and completing hundreds of Porsche Tours I am told that I have succeeded in providing happiness that are life-time memories, true to our motto "it's our business to do pleasure".



the Band of Brothers hadn't discovered. We'll have local music and I'll teach you "I bin a Steirerbua und hab a Kern Natur. . ."

As always creating a new trip is a huge amount of work: laying out the route; making sure hotel space is available; secure parking; weather consideration; local holiday; Porsches, and EU staff availability. Of course, the hotels and castles, inevitably want to know how many people are you bringing? Well, we won't know until the trip is finished and advertised. I'll have to limit the participation to 12 couples due to the number of rooms available at certain castle estates.



You'll travel the road built by the Romans 2100 years ago from Tamsweg to Radstadt across the Obertauernpass. We'll drive to Lake Grundl and from there we'll take a boat over to Lake Toplitz, which is the lake where the Nazis reputedly dumped billions in stolen gold and counterfeit British Pounds. **According to Wikipedia:** Lake Toplitz is mentioned in the scene in the 1964 [James Bond](#) movie [Goldfinger](#) where Bond receives the gold bar used to tempt [Auric Goldfinger](#) (played by [Gert Fröbe](#)); the bar is said to have been part of a [Nazi hoard](#) that was recovered from the lake. For Fröbe, this was a tongue-in-cheek reference



to the 1959 German movie [Der Schatz vom Toplitzsee](#), where he also played the main [antagonist](#) – the undercover ex-[SS](#) officer who (within the context of *Goldfinger*) had led both the placement of the Nazi hoard in the lake, and the post-war recovery operation. It's a fascinating hidden place not known to American Tourists.

Please shoot me an e-mail if you are interested in this once-in-a-life-time enchanting and very special trip, to save a space for you.



II. 2025 Survey – The responses are trickling in – thank you very much. I'll publish the results next week. So far the leaders are the **Fall Porsche Fest** and the **Amazing Hidden Austria**.

III. Euro Delivery Feedback: Don & Barbara Lewtas, Canada
PORSCHE Spyder RS

Dear Peter, Wendy, Susan and Thomas,

Barbara and I are now back home and we want to thank all of you for organizing a wonderful European delivery tour for us with our new Porsche



Spyder RS. The route enabled us to visit so many special places and take in many fabulous experiences, particularly the Nürburgring Track, many alpine passes, Milan and lake Como. The hotels you selected for us were excellent and provided safe accommodation for our

new Spyder RS as well. The Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni in Bellagio and the Interlpen Hotel Tyrol were particularly special. The tour pace set out for us did not have too much driving on any day, identified nice lunch stops, had us arriving at our daily destinations in good time and provided two to three day stays in wonderful locations. Our guide for Bellagio and the driver for Milan that you arranged were both excellent. There were so many nice touches that we appreciated. Such as, our trip booklet, the Austrian and Swiss toll passes waiting for us, the help from Johny at the end of our tour in moving through Stuttgart with our luggage from where we dropped off the car to getting safely on the right train to Munich, and upon our return, Thomas assisting in taking care of a minor camera ticket I seemed to have picked up that was only in German.

You guys know how to arrange driving tours through Europe and how to make them special. A few pictures from our trip are attached. For some reason, many include our new Porsche. All of you were wonderful to work with! Many thanks for making our trip so special. We hope your 50th-anniversary trips coming up are most enjoyable.

We'll be back, **Don and Barbara Lewtas - Toronto, Canada**

**Congratulations on 50
years!**





IV. TRIP of the Week – We still have a couple of spaces on the 2024 Fall trips in September. Especially on the TREFFEN - Come join us.
Please go to our website: www.fastlanetravel.com

V. My Final Thoughts: Five Great Lessons
Source: April 21st 1999, from my daughter Julie:

The Important Things Life Teaches You

1. Most Important Question

During my second month of nursing school, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how

would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello'. I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

2. Pickup in the Rain

One night, at 11:30 PM, an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car.

A young white man stopped to help her - generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960s. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxicab. She seemed to be in a big hurry! She wrote down his address, thanked him and rode away. Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached. It read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes but my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others." Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole

3. Always remember those who serve

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" "Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it.

"How much is a dish of plain ice cream?" he inquired. Some people were now waiting on a table and the waitress was a bit impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she said brusquely. The little boy again counted the coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed. When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies - her tip.

4. The Obstacle in Our Path

In ancient times, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the big stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. On approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

As the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many others never understood. Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve one's condition.

5. Giving Blood

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at Stanford Hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year-old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save Liz." As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color

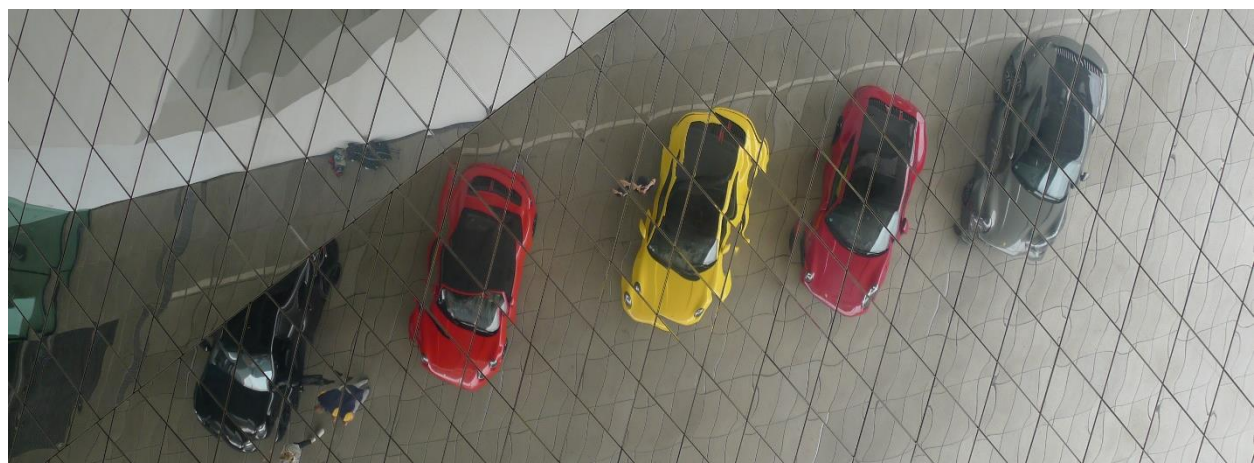
returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"

Being young, the boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood. Attitude, after all, is everything.

- Work like you don't need the money.
- Love like you've never been hurt.
- Dance like nobody's watching

Dad, I'm afraid you might think this is cheesy - but I found it very touching! I hope you enjoyed it! Love, Julie

VI. 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 2025. I will see you soon in Stuttgart. Can't wait. - Peter

