



Item: Fast Lane News #46 in 2024 (Issue #246 since 2020) On Saturday November 16, 2024, I'm writing from our offices in beautiful Oldsmar, Florida along the shores of Tampa Bay & the Gulf of Mexico



To: Our Fast Lane Travel Family

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

Subjects: The Benefits of Using a Travel Agent; One More Time: details about our 2025 trips; My Final Thoughts: A 50th Anniversary Plaque

I. The Benefits of Using a Travel Agent (now called Travel Advisor) vs. doing it yourself on the Internet by April Pappas

The overwhelming majority of our participants, who enjoy our awesome Porsche Tours and other automotive tours, call our Travel Department Manager **Susan at +1 813 475 5989**. Why? Because they appreciate the personal service, experience, time savings, better deals, and, to me, THE most important: "we've got your back."

True Story: Peter is standing in the lobby the afternoon of the Treffen farewell dinner and a customer comes running up to him: "Peter Lufthansa cancelled my return flight! Can you help me?" Of course, he can help you . . . that's what we do . . . IF you booked your flight through Susan. That way we have access to your **PNR** (Passenger Name Record – your electronic file of your booking). A PNR can **only** be accessed by the person or entity that booked the trip – otherwise it's confidential. So, If you booked it yourself, then you might be on hold with Lufthansa for a couple hours.

In today's digital age, the internet offers a wealth of information and resources for planning travel, making it easier than ever for individuals to book flights, accommodations, and activities on their own. However, despite this convenience, using a professional travel advisor still holds significant advantages. Here are several benefits of working with a travel advisor compared to navigating travel arrangements yourself online.

1. Personalized Service: One of the standout benefits of using a travel advisor is the personalized service they provide. They take the time to understand your preferences, travel style, and budget. They can offer tailored recommendations and create a custom itinerary that meets your specific needs, ensuring that you have a trip that reflects your interests and desires. In contrast, online platforms often provide a one-size-fits-all approach that may not consider your unique preferences. Perhaps more importantly, they tell you what NOT to do.

2. Expertise and Experience: Travel advisors bring expertise and experience to the table. They have valuable industry knowledge, including first-hand travel experiences, insider tips, and an understanding of various destinations. This can be particularly beneficial when it comes to finding hidden gems, avoiding tourist traps, or navigating complex travel requirements. While online resources can provide some information, they often lack the depth of knowledge that a professional can offer.

3. Time-Saving Convenience: Planning a trip is time consuming, especially when sifting through countless websites, reviews, and options. Travel advisors streamline the process for you, saving you a ton of time and reducing stress. They handle all the logistics, from researching options to making reservations and following up with suppliers. Instead of spending hours online, you

can focus on enjoying the anticipation of your upcoming trip. Remember: Time is money.

4. Access to Exclusive Deals and Perks: Travel advisors often have access to exclusive deals and promotions that may not be available online. They can leverage relationships with airlines, hotels, and tour operators to secure discounts or perks such as room upgrades, complimentary meals, or special access to events. These added benefits will enhance your travel experience and provide better overall value than booking solely through online platforms.

5. Support and Advocacy: In the event of travel disruptions, such as flight cancellations or unforeseen emergencies, your travel advisor serves as your advocate. They have the resources to assist you in finding alternate arrangements quickly and efficiently, alleviating the stress of navigating these challenges on your own. With a travel advisor, you have a reliable ally who is committed to resolving issues and ensuring your trip goes as smoothly as possible.

6. Financial Protection: Booking travel through a reputable travel advisor will provide an added layer of financial protection. Many travel agencies offer insurance options or have policies in place to protect your investment in case of cancellations or unexpected changes. This is especially important when making significant financial commitments, as it can offer peace of mind that you might not get when booking independently through various websites.

7. Conclusion: There are undeniable benefits to using a travel advisor. From personalized service and expert recommendations to time-saving convenience and financial protection, a travel

advisor will significantly enhance your travel experience. If you're looking to simplify the planning process don't go at it alone!

I. **ONE MORE TIME:** the **Fast Lane Team** has designed more exhilarating **Porsche Tours for 2025**. I would love for you to come with me on the **Luxury Yacht Cruise in Croatia**; or join me for the truly once-in-a-lifetime trip to the **Hidden Austria Porsche Tour**; or come with me on my favorite USA trip, my **Rocky Mountain High in Colorado**.

****Croatian Yacht Cruise**** Experience the breathtaking Croatian coastline from the deck of our private, luxury yacht while relaxing and enjoying exclusive shopping and dining adventures along the way. **Friday, May 9th – Sunday, May 18th 2025** – **We have space for two more couples to register for this wonderful luxury cruise please. You'll love this NEW destination.** Please see the **cruise flyer attached after My Final Thoughts!** **Call Susan NOW please: +1 813 475 5989**

****Spring Porsche Fest PLUS**** This tour immediately follows the Croatian Yacht Cruise. Immerse yourself in an unforgettable driving experience through the breathtaking landscapes of Lakes Como, Lugano and Maggiore. The hilarious James Bond Photo Rally alone is worth this trip. We designed it to inspire and indulge your senses, leaving you longing for your next escapade. **Sunday, May 18th – Monday May 26th 2025**

****Amazing Hidden Austria**** Embark on an unforgettable journey through Peter's Austria. You'll drive hidden enchanting landscapes, unknown to tourists. You'll uncover hidden villages and encounter locals sharing their culture. Experience the thrill of adventure as you wind through picturesque valleys, serene lakes, and majestic mountains, all while surrounded by the beauty of the "Green Heart" of Austria.

Sunday, June 1st – Saturday, June 14th 2025



****Le Mans Race**** Immerse yourself in the excitement of the legendary Le Mans race, where the roar of powerful engines and the adrenaline of fiercely competitive racing create an unforgettable atmosphere. This iconic event is a thrilling spectacle for car enthusiasts, showcasing cutting-edge automotive engineering and the skill of world-class drivers as they navigate challenging turns and high-speed straights. Don't miss your chance to witness motorsport history in the making! **Sunday, June 8th – Monday, June 16th 2025**

****Twelve Alpine Passes**** For thrill-seekers, this adrenaline adventure promises heart-pounding excitement in breathtaking locales that will satisfy your need for speed. This tour will take you **over twelve of the most spectacular passes in the Alps**. Along the way, you will stay in luxurious hotels nestled in some amazing and scenic areas with views of mountains and Alpine lakes. This tour will take you to the Alpine areas of **Germany, Austria and Switzerland** plus the lovely **Black Forest**. You will enjoy delightful meals, and in the evenings, the beer and wine will flow. **Monday, June 16th – Wednesday, June 25th 2025**

****Colorado Rocky Mountain High**** Experience the awe-inspiring beauty of the Rockies as we navigate scenic routes that will leave you speechless. Colorado's scenery is a breathtaking blend of majestic mountains, expansive plains, and lush forests. The Rocky Mountains dominate the landscape, with their towering peaks often dusted with snow, providing a stunning backdrop to crystal-clear lakes and vibrant wildflower fields in summer. The high desert areas, with their red rock formations and rolling hills, add a unique contrast to the alpine beauty. Whether you're watching a

sunset over the mountains or exploring the scenic byways, Colorado offers a captivating natural beauty that enchants every visitor. **Thursday, July 10th – Friday, July 18th 2025**

****Dolomites and Alps Porsche Tour**** Drive through stunning Dolomites and Alps landscapes, where every twist and turn reveals nature at its most spectacular. The Dolomites, a breathtaking mountain range in northern Italy, are renowned for their stunning landscapes and unique geological features. Characterized by dramatic limestone peaks that rise sharply from lush valleys, these mountains showcase an array of colors, particularly at sunrise and sunset when they glow with hues of pink and orange—a phenomenon known as "Enrosadira" the magic of the Dolomites at sunrise. **Sunday, Aug. 31st – Thursday, Sept. 11th 2025**

****Fast Lane Fall PORSCHE Fest**** Celebrate the season with fellow enthusiasts and enjoy stunning drives amidst the vibrant colors of fall. **Tuesday, Sept. 16th - Sunday, 21st 2025**

****Fall PORSCHE Fest PLUS**** Enjoy this wonderful driving experience through the breathtaking landscapes of Lakes Como, Lugano and Maggiore. The hilarious James Bond Photo Rally alone is worth this trip. We designed it to inspire and indulge your senses, leaving you longing for your next escapade. **Tuesday, Sept. 16th - Wednesday, Sept. 24th 2025**

****Tuscany**** Revel in the enchanting beauty of Tuscany's rolling hills, savor local cuisine, and immerse yourself in the rich culture while cruising in style. **Sunday, Oct. 12th – Friday, Oct. 24th 2025**

****Moonshine Festival in Dawsonville, GA**** Celebrate the unique culture of moonshine with a fun festival that brings together vintage cars and modern marvels. Drive awesome roads like the legendary **Tail of the Dragon** and the **Cherohala Skyway**. **Thursday, Oct. 23rd – Thursday, Oct. 30th 2025**

****Pre-Christmas in Vienna****: Christmas in Vienna is a magical experience that beautifully blends tradition with festive charm. The city transforms into a winter wonderland, adorned with twinkling lights and sparkling decorations that illuminate the historic streets and buildings. Experience the charm and magic of Vienna during the holiday season, complete with festive markets where you'll enjoy the delicious Glühwein and Jägertee. **Friday, Dec. 5th – Friday, Dec. 12th 2025**

2025 promises to be an extraordinary year for Porsche travel adventures, and we invite you to be part of these incredible moments. Each tour is designed not only for breathtaking drives and stunning landscapes but also to forge lasting friendships within a community that shares your passion.

We'd love for you to join us. Please reserve your spot today and get ready for another amazing adventure! For more info and to book your tour, just visit our website at www.FastLaneTravel.com or give our friendly team a call at our corporate office in Oldsmar, FL at **+1 813-343-3001**. We can't wait to hear from you!

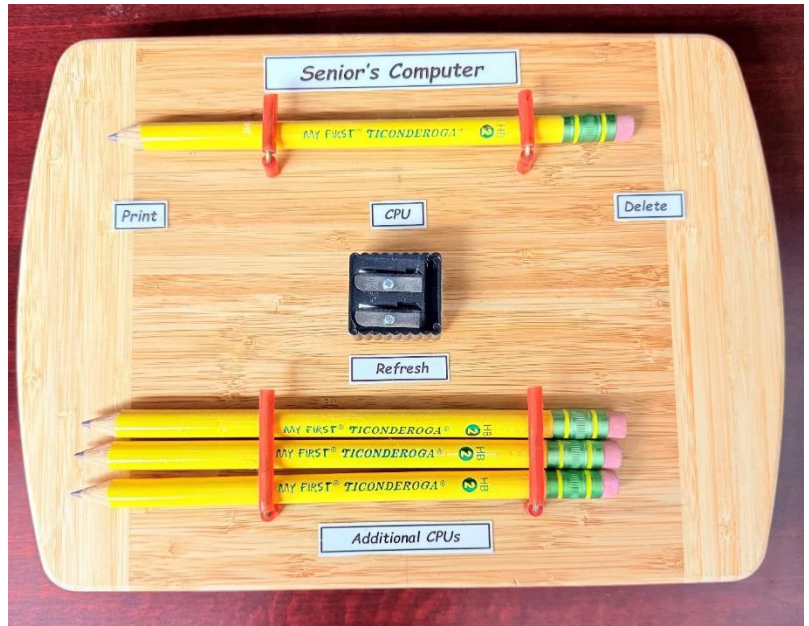
II. My Final Thoughts: **Frank Watkins**, who has been a



good friend since his first Fast Lane Porsche Trip in 2009, has been on eight more Porsche trips since then. Frank has taken both of his sons Kevin and Keith on various Fast Lane trips. You all have heard the expression “it’s not rocket science.” Well, in Frank’s case, it is rocket science. Frank is a retired NASA engineer and rocket scientist. He has shared fascinating stories with us about the various space launches he participated in. Frank also has started the wonderful tradition of presenting awards to people and

companies that he feels deserve special recognition. Frank and Kevin were on the 50th Anniversary Porsche Fest. As tradition would have it he presented Fast Lane and me with a commemorative 50th Anniversary Plaque which we are displaying proudly in our office.

However, Frank, underscoring my perceived ineptness with newly developed laptop automation, presented me with a “senior computer” on our 2018 “Coming Home to Peter’s Austria” Porsche Tour. It was finally a laptop that I could operate with little software training. Thank you Frank!!



IV. SOME OF MY HAPPY MEMORIES



















Come Join Us On This Exciting Cruise

Friday May 9th - Sunday May 18th, 2025



The Symphony • A private, all Inclusive, exclusive luxury yacht cruise.

What is meant by all inclusive?

- Arrival – one-night stay in a 5-star hotel in Dubrovnik. We recommend at least a one-day early arrival to get over jet lag.
- All transfers, airport & ship.
- Exclusive accommodation on board.
- All meals, including scrumptious dining with local wines to complement the experience.
- All drinks (premium brands such as Grey Goose, for example).
- Seven (7) wonderful Shore excursions, local markets, great shopping, and amazing history back from the Romans to WW II.
- All water sports activities.
- Fuel, 19% taxes, port charges and fees, etc.
- 20% gratuities for the crew, included

AMENITIES, TENDER & WATER TOYS

- 5 x Stand-up Paddleboards
- 5 x Kayaks
- 1 x Jetski
- 1 x Seabob
- 1 x Water slide
- 2 x Jacuzzi
- 1 x Seapool
- 1 x Pool
- 1 x Sauna
- 1 x Outdoor Gym
- Waterski's
- 1 x Massage Salon

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