



**Item:** Fast Lane News #02 in 2025 (Issue # **254** since 2020) On January 11, 2025, 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:** Trip of the Week- Fast Lane Dolomites Italian Alps Tour; ETIAS: What you need to know; YES to European Delivery; FINAL Thoughts; More Happy Memories

**I. TRIP of the Week – Please register ASAP –Experience the Drive of a Lifetime: 2025 Dolomites & Alps PORSCHE Fest** (by April Pappas)  
**Dates:** Sunday, August 31st – Thursday, September 11th, 2025

For our Porsche enthusiasts and travelers, who appreciate the luxury we offer, alike, Fast Lane Travel invites you to embark on the **2025 Dolomites & Alps PORSCHE Fest**, an unparalleled driving adventure across some of Europe's most scenic landscapes.



Organized by Fast Lane Travel, experts in PORSCHE tours since 1974 and of course led by Peter Sontag, this 12-day journey is a blend of exhilarating drives, five-star hotels, and superb culinary experiences – Tour Highlights:

**The Cars:** Choose from a range of 2025 PORSCHE models, including the 911 Carrera GTS, 718 Boxster, and the 911 Targa, among others. Each vehicle is sourced directly from PORSCHE Drive in Stuttgart, ensuring a premium driving experience and is charged, depending on the model you choose, separately to your credit card. You'll get the points, of course, but we do include all the gas (at \$11.40/gallon), tolls, parking fees, Autobahn Vignettes, walkie talkies, luggage van and guide.



**The Route:** Starting in Stuttgart, Germany, the tour winds through Bavaria, Austria, Switzerland, and Italy, offering breathtaking Alpine passes and iconic backroads. Highlights include the Timmelsjoch Pass, Stelvio Pass, and the Dolomites' Falzarego Pass (look it up).

**Luxury Accommodations:**

Participants will stay in renowned five-star hotels,

including the Hotel Inter Alpen Tirol in Austria, the Chalet Mirabell in Italy, and the Kempinski Grand Hotel des Bains in Switzerland. Each location Combines luxurious amenities with stunning natural surroundings.

**Culinary Excellence:** Savor gourmet meals at renowned restaurants and hotel dining rooms, complemented by world-class wines and local delicacies. From the Christophorus Restaurant in the PORSCHE Museum to the Alpinhotel Grimsel Hospiz, every meal is designed to delight the palate.

**Daily Itinerary Highlights**

😊 Arrive in Stuttgart, where you'll settle into the luxurious Steigenberger Graf Zeppelin Hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner after a drivers' briefing and a guided tour of the PORSCHE Museum and factory.

😊 Scenic Drive to Austria

Depart Stuttgart for Telfs, Austria, driving through Bavaria's picturesque landscapes and conquering the Hahntennjoch Pass.



😊 Journey to the Dolomites  
Experience the iconic  
Timmelsjoch Pass en route to  
the Chalet Mirabell in Italy's  
Dolomite region, renowned for  
its spectacular views and luxury  
accommodations.

😊 Explore Switzerland  
Cross four Alpine passes,  
including the renowned Stelvio  
Pass, before arriving in St.  
Moritz. The day concludes with  
champagne and fine dining at  
the Kempinski Grand Hotel des Bains.

😊 A Day of Alpine Passes  
Drive through the Furka, Grimsel, and  
Susten passes, soaking in the grandeur of  
the Swiss Alps, and return to the Hotel Villa  
Honegg for an elegant dinner.

😊 Return to Stuttgart  
Enjoy a final scenic drive through the Black  
Forest, returning your beloved PORSCHE  
before a farewell dinner at the Steigenberger  
Graf Zeppelin Hotel.



The infinity pool at Chalet Mirabell is in the sun all day long and faces towards the sunset!

### What's Included

- Luxury 5-star accommodations
- All meals per the itinerary
- Gasoline, tolls, and parking fees
- Multi-lingual guides and road support
- Comprehensive insurance for your PORSCHE rental
- Pre-arranged airport transfers in Stuttgart

### PORSCHE Rental Options

Select from a variety of 2025 PORSCHE models. All rentals include sufficient kilometers, insurance, and the option for a second driver at no extra charge.

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## Important Details

- **Price:** \$16,998 per person (double occupancy)
  - **Deposit:** \$2,500 per person
  - **Contact:** +1 813 343 3001 or [mail to: info@fastlanetravel.com](mailto:info@fastlanetravel.com)
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### Secure Your Spot Today Please!

Spaces are limited for this once-in-a-lifetime journey. Experience the thrill of driving a PORSCHE through Europe's most scenic roads while enjoying world-class hospitality. For more details, visit [www.fastlanetravel.com](http://www.fastlanetravel.com).

*"It's our business to do pleasure!"*

– Peter Sontag, Founder and CEO

## II. What are ETA and ETIAS?

### New European Travel Authorization: What You Need to Know for 2025

In 2025, travelers heading to Europe and the UK will need to complete a new online entry authorization process before their trip. While it may sound like an extra task to add to your pre-travel checklist, the process is designed to be quick, easy, and relatively inexpensive. It will also speed up your arrival in Europe enormously – a good thing after a flight. **Fast Lane will help you!**



### The New Requirements

Travelers from the United States, Canada, and many other countries will need to preregister for entry authorization into Europe and the UK. This system is in place to streamline border security and improve the screening of visa-exempt travelers. The good news? The application process takes only a few minutes, and the fee is modest—typically about \$10 for the UK's Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) or €7 for the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS).

## What are ETA and ETIAS?

The UK's ETA and the ETIAS for Europe are both designed to enhance security by pre-screening visitors who do not need a visa. These programs target citizens from countries like the US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, who can enter Europe or the UK without a visa for short stays.

The UK's ETA is mandatory for travelers from countries like the US and Canada, including those merely transiting through a UK airport. The ETIAS covers most European countries, with exceptions such as the Republic of Ireland and certain Eastern European nations like Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia.

## How Do ETA and ETIAS Work?

To apply, travelers must fill out an online form before their trip. The process involves providing basic personal and travel information, followed by a small fee payment. The application must be submitted for each traveler, regardless of age (though for ETIAS, the fee is waived for children under 18 and seniors over 70).

Once submitted, most applications are reviewed and approved quickly—often within minutes or a day—although it's advisable to apply at least a month ahead of your trip, just in case there are any issues. After approval, the authorization is electronically linked to your passport, and you are good to go.

## Which Countries Require ETA or ETIAS?

- **ETA:** Required for travel to the UK, including England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. It's mandatory for anyone arriving at a UK airport, even if you're only changing planes.
- **ETIAS:** Required for most European countries, including popular destinations like France, Germany, and Italy. However, it's not needed for countries such as the Republic of Ireland or those outside the Schengen Area like the UK, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Serbia.

## Duration of ETA and ETIAS Approvals

- **ETA:** Once granted, it's valid for up to two years or until your passport expires, allowing multiple entries to the UK for stays of up to six months each.
- **ETIAS:** The ETIAS is valid for three years, as long as the traveler adheres to the Schengen Area's rule of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period.

## Why These Programs?

The introduction of ETA and ETIAS is **aimed at strengthening border security while easing the flow of travelers**. These programs are modeled after the US's ESTA system, which has been in place since 2009. The goal is to enhance the security of both the UK and the Schengen Area countries by screening travelers before they arrive, rather than waiting until they reach the border.

The move also follows similar steps taken by other countries, like Australia and New Zealand, which have established their own electronic travel authorities for visa-exempt visitors.

## What Does This Mean for Travelers in 2025?

The good news is that the ETA and ETIAS are simple processes that won't be as cumbersome as applying for a visa or renewing your passport. Most travelers will find that it takes just a few minutes to complete the application online. Once approved, you won't have to worry about additional paperwork when you arrive at your destination.

Airlines will likely be the primary means of ensuring passengers know about the ETA and ETIAS requirements, as they will probably check that travelers have completed the necessary registration before boarding. Automated "entry/exit" systems are also being set up at airports across Europe, where passengers will use kiosks to scan their passports and biometric data (such as facial images and fingerprints). While some airports may still have human border control officers for a while, these changes will ultimately make the entry process faster and more efficient.

Although it's one more thing to add to your pre-trip to-do list, applying for an ETA or ETIAS is a small price to pay for the ease and speed it will bring when traveling to Europe or the UK. With these systems in place, travelers will experience faster, more secure border processing—likely making long passport control lines a thing of the past. If you're planning to visit in 2025, be sure to prepare ahead of time and enjoy a smoother travel experience

### **III. YES to European Delivery – An AMAZING opportunity**

#### **The Ultimate Porsche Experience: European Delivery with Fast Lane Travel**

I personally have taken European Porsche Delivery in both Leipzig and Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen. It's an amazing, fabulous and rewarding event.

For many car enthusiasts, owning a Porsche is a lifelong dream. But what if you could take that dream a step further? Imagine not just buying your Porsche, but picking it up at its birthplace in Europe, embarking on an unforgettable adventure that combines luxury, performance, and the open road. With Fast Lane Travel's expertise, this dream can become your reality.

#### **What Is European Delivery?**

European Delivery is a unique program that allows buyers to pick up their new Porsche directly from the factory in Germany. It offers the thrill of receiving your vehicle where it was meticulously crafted, combined with the opportunity to drive it through some of Europe's most iconic roads and landscapes. The experience doesn't just stop at the car. It's an immersive journey into Porsche's heritage, engineering excellence, and the stunning beauty of Europe.

#### **Why Choose Fast Lane Travel?**

Fast Lane Travel specializes in curating amazing Porsche delivery experiences. With over 50 years of expertise, and more than 500 European Deliveries, we've mastered the art of turning a car purchase into an extraordinary adventure. Here's why you should leave the trip arrangements to us: You also get our booklet: ***Driving is Different in Europe!***

1. **Hassle-Free Planning:** Fast Lane Travel handles all the logistics, from coordinating with the Porsche factory to arranging the best hotels with **secure parking**. We are planning THE most scenic driving routes, Autobahns and venues matching your desires.
2. **Exclusive Access:** Enjoy behind-the-scenes tours of Porsche's state-of-the-art facilities in Zuffenhausen and Leipzig. Witness the artistry that goes into creating each car and explore Porsche's rich history at the Porsche Museum.
3. **Curated Itineraries:** Our packages include luxury accommodations, gourmet dining, and planned routes through breathtaking regions like the Black Forest, the Alps, scenic lakes and the Autobahn—tailored for the ultimate driving experience.
4. **Community:** Share the experience with like-minded Porsche enthusiasts. Fast Lane Travel organizes group tours that foster camaraderie and shared passion where you will make lifelong friends.

## The European Delivery Experience

Here's what you can expect when you choose European Delivery with Fast Lane Travel:

1. **Arrival in Germany:** Start your journey in Stuttgart or Leipzig, the home of Porsche. Fast Lane Travel ensures your arrival is seamless, with premium transfers and luxury accommodation.
2. **Factory Tour and Delivery Day:** Witness the meticulous craftsmanship of your Porsche during an exclusive factory tour. Then, it's time for the main event: receiving your Porsche at the factory delivery center, where every detail is designed to make the moment unforgettable.
3. **Scenic Driving Adventures:** Hit the road in your new Porsche, exploring iconic European routes. Whether it's the winding roads of the Black Forest, the hairpin turns of the Stelvio Pass, or the speed-friendly stretches of the Autobahn, every mile is pure exhilaration.
4. **Porsche Museum Visit:** Dive into the brand's storied history with a visit to the Porsche Museum, an architectural marvel filled with legendary models and rare exhibits. After more than 50 years of expertise, you will experience exclusive access to sights and opportunities that only Fast Lane Travel can provide.



5. **Luxury and Leisure:** From five-star hotels to gourmet dining experiences, every aspect of your trip is designed to match the sophistication of your new Porsche.

### **Making Memories That Last a Lifetime**

Picking up your Porsche in Europe isn't just about the car; it's about the journey, the people, and the stories you'll collect along the way. We at Fast Lane Travel ensure that every moment is unforgettable, from the first turn of the key to the last sunset over the Alps.

### **How to Get Started**

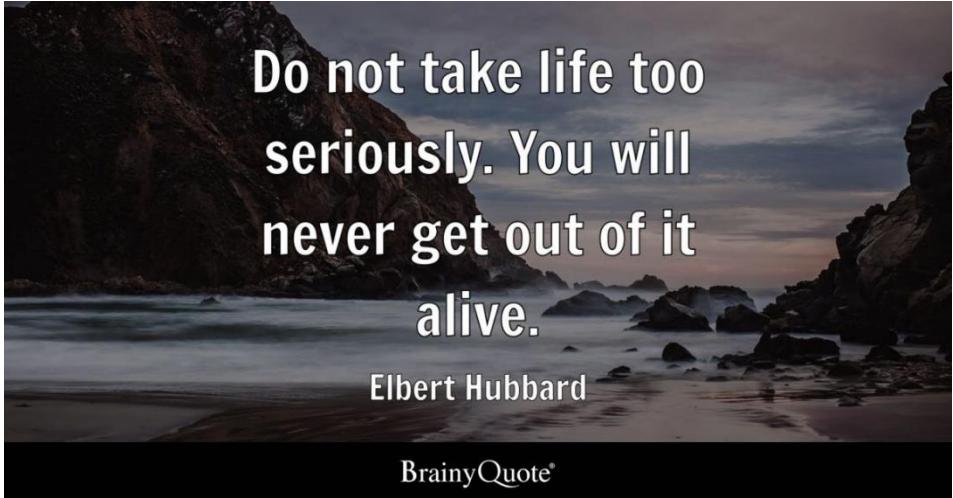
Ready to turn your Porsche dream into reality? Contact Fast Lane Travel to start your European Delivery package. Our team of experts will guide you through the process, ensuring every detail is perfect. Whether you're a first-time Porsche buyer or a seasoned collector, this experience promises to be the pinnacle of automotive luxury.

Indulge in the ultimate Porsche experience and drive your dream car where it was born and meant to be driven! With Fast Lane Travel, it's more than just a delivery—it's a journey of a lifetime.

Join us at [www.FastLaneTravel.com](http://www.FastLaneTravel.com) for more details and to secure your spot today! Remember, you can take your own Porsche on vacation, and we'll handle everything for you. Experience hassle-free travel! +1 813-343-3001

### **IV. My Final Thoughts:**





Do not take life too  
seriously. You will  
never get out of it  
alive.

Elbert Hubbard

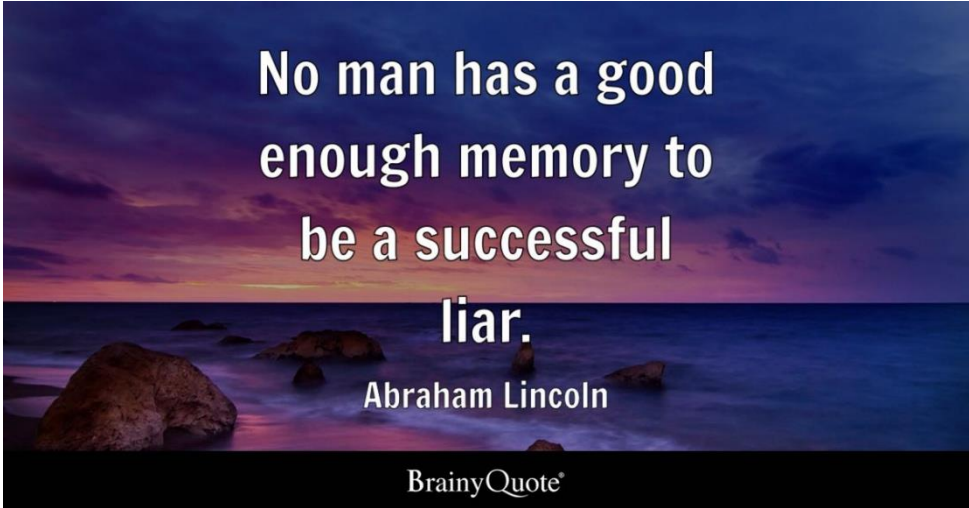
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I cook with wine,  
sometimes I even  
add it to the food.

W. C. Fields

BrainyQuote®



No man has a good  
enough memory to  
be a successful  
liar.

Abraham Lincoln

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**V. SOME OF MY HAPPY MEMORIES:**



**Wolfgang Porsche and I at the Sacher Hotel in Vienna in 2009**



**John and Libby's Euro Delivery**





**Derek Bell signing Jules**



**The Great Hall of Castle Ludwigsburg**





## Reserved Parking, of course **PORSCHE Smorgasboard**

FRI	9-May	SUN	18-May	CRO	New	Luxury Yacht Cruise: Croatia	\$ 11,998
SUN	18-May	FRI	23-May	SPF	#51	Fast Lane Spring PORSCHE Fest (ex-PCA Treffen)	\$ 6,998
SUN	18-May	MON	26-May	SPP	#38	Fast Lane Spring PORSCHE Fest <b>PLUS</b>	\$ 12,998
SUN	1-Jun	SAT	14-Jun	AMA	New	Amazing Hidden Austria - Off the Beaten Path	\$ 19,998
SUN	9-Jun	MON	16-Jun	LEM	#31	2025 102nd 24 Hour <b>Le Mans Race</b>	\$ 24,998
MON	16-Jun	WED	25-Jun	TAP	#12	Twelve (12) Swiss, Italian & Austrian Alpine Passes	\$ 12,998
THU	10-Jul	SAT	19-Jul	COL	# 8	USA Colorado Rocky Mountain High	\$ 11,998
SUN	31-Aug	THU	11-Sep	FDA	# 9	Fast Lane Dolomites & Alps PORSCHE Tour	\$ 16,998
TUE	16-Sep	SUN	21-Sep	FPP	#51	Fast Lane Fall PORSCHE Fest	\$ 6,998
TUE	16-Sep	WED	24-Sep	FPP	#38	Fast Lane Fall PORSCHE Fest <b>PLUS</b>	\$ 12,998
SUN	12-Oct	FRI	24-Oct	TPF	#16	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest	\$ 17,998
THU	23-Oct	THU	30-Oct	FMF	New	USA 58th Dawsonville, GA Moonshine Festival	\$ 9,998
FRI	7-Dec	SAT	15-Dec	CHR	#10	Christmas Markets in Vienna, & Salzburg Austria	\$ 7,998

**Note:** For details, please go to <https://fastlanetravel.com/> and please check your schedule to determine which trip is your best fit.

**BOOK NOW, SPACES ARE FILLING UP QUICK!**

- ➔ On the Yacht Cruise in awesome Croatia. I have 4 cabins left.
- ➔ The Spring Trips are almost sold out – book now!
- ➔ The Hidden Austria is becoming very popular.
- ➔ Tuscany will be sold out by February – just like every year.
- ➔ Colorado is THE most popular USA Trip – drive your own Porsche.

On your path to success, remember to always look forward with optimism. May you achieve your goals and find joy along the way. Here's to a thriving 2025! We truly appreciate your business and can't wait to see you on tour. We wish you a safe and healthy 2025 brimming with possibilities. Happy New Year!



- Peter and your Fast Lane Travel Team