



Item: Fast Lane News # 07 in 2025 (Issue # 259 since Q1 2020). On February 15th, 2025, I'm writing from our offices in beautiful Oldsmar, Florida along the shores of Tampa Bay & the Gulf of America
To: Our Fast Lane Travel Family in Australia, Canada, Dubai, Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa and in the USA!



Subjects: A **Love** Poem to Tuscany; Trip of the Week: TUSCANY; Croatia Luxury Cruise is SOLD OUT; Back Pain

I. Happy Valentine's Day: Appreciated Tuscan Poetry, there are probably not too many companies where customers write poetry in appreciation of their services. Fast Lane has a tradition and reputation for exemplary service, which has inspired the following "True Story":

Hey Peter,

Once again, we wish to thank you for creating this fabulous Porsche driving experience through Germany, Austria and Tuscany. As you promised everything was First Class. The "only" issue was those thick and fluffy towels in the hotels made it nearly impossible to close our luggage. Below is our fondest memory. All the Best. Mike & Susan Brewer,

LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

A "True Story" by Susan Brewer

Peter says... "Come One and All to Stuttgart and you'll see, the very best Oktoberfest, then race through Germany."

Everyone will choose a Porsche, we'll travel two by two, all along the German Autobahn with the **Fast Lane Travel** crew.

Peter with his Walkie-Talk Is "Leader of the Pack," we also have a "Wing Man" who is watching from the back



Instructions come to “**close the door**”
and then to... **GO! GO! GO!** This multi-
colored caravan Will put on quite a
show. We will drive **150** plus...

HOLY CRAP! and **YIKES!**

We’ve just joined that “Special Club”
And now have bragging rights.
The mountaintops await us
With their hairpin twists and turns,
And swerves and curves and tunnels
That could make strong stomachs churn.

We got real high in the Austrian Alps Then
drove down to Toscano,
It’s time to have a glass of wine at
Casali Di Bibbiano



We've lunched in Firenze and in
Siena too,
Then went back to home base For
Italian Cooking School.

One must be part shepherd to
get us on that bus, Then, we
count the noses
To make sure no one is...

Oh, Oh! #@%&#! lost!

Now there's time to mingle
And share stories with new friends, then
we're going to *"turn around"* And do it all
again!
We've shopped and toured and wined and
dined,
And wined and dined some more, when we
get home, we'll have to do Some exercise....
For Sure!

To Peter, our FESTMEISTER One
great big **"Danke Schön,"** For
getting us to Tuscany and **safely**
back again.

If there was a single word That
could express it all,
It would be a hardy and a heartfelt
....**WUNDERVOLL!!**



II. TRIP of the Week: TUSCANY – **Please register ASAP**

Do come to Tuscany with me! Space is limited! We can only take 12 couples to this remarkable private estate and winery.

THE best time of the year: Sun. Oct. 12th to Fri. Oct. 24th 2025

Please go to: <https://fastlanetravel.com/2025-tuscany-porsche-fest/> for more details and to register.

Did I mention that a fabulous Tuscan cooking class is included? Plus, you'll also experience a tour of the estate's winery along with a truly delightful wine tasting experience. One night we also have a special Tuscan BBQ which also includes some local wild boar delicacies. After 16 Tuscan trips to this estate, they finally put in a great bar so we can enjoy our pre-dinner cocktails.

Many folks on our previous Tuscany trips think that the Photo Rally is the fun highlight of the trip. So, please make your decision to come with me to Tuscany ASAP – usually by the end of February the trip is sold out.



III. Our Croatian Luxury Yacht is now SOLD OUT!



All guests on our luxury cruise have been on multiple Fast Lane Trips, except one couple who are friends of a 7-trips couple on the cruise. Wendy is working on the “**Who’s Who**” for the cruise. She is sending an individual e-mail to everyone to see if you want to update your **Who’s Who** or if you’re OK with using last year’s information. You’ll be part of a delightful group of 26 Fast Lane Alumae in 14 state rooms.

I just thought you would also enjoy learning a little about the local drinking culture ahead of time:

- In Croatia, drinking is a ritual that involves socializing with friends and family.
- "Živjeli!" is a toast used in Croatia to wish for a long and healthy life.
- Red wine is called crno vino (it's a very dark red) in Croatian, and white wine is called bijelo vino.
- Rakija, a fruit brandy, is considered the national drink of Croatia.

If you also want to learn basic Croatian words, focus on: "hvala" (thank you), "molim" (please), "da" (yes), "ne" (no), "bok" (hello/goodbye), "oprostite" (excuse me), "dobar dan" (good day), "dovidenja" (goodbye).

IV. My Final Thoughts: Back Pain

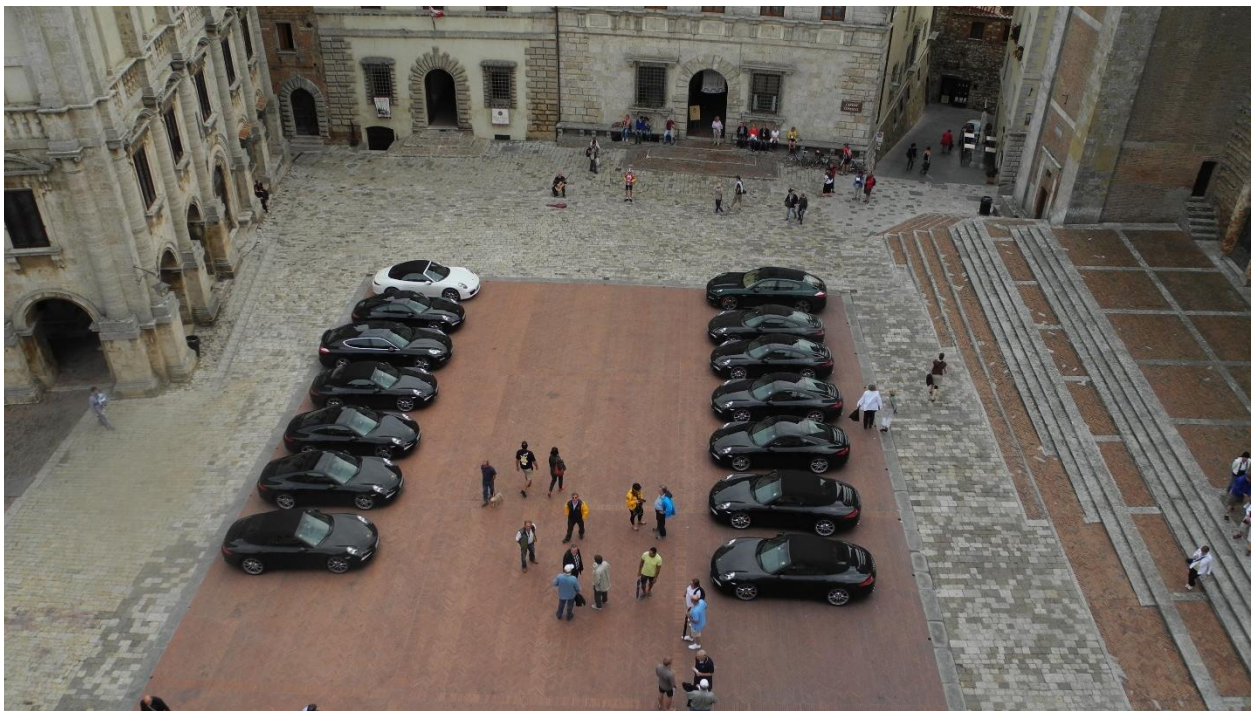
Read this slowly because I'm typing slowly. I have this 1961 Wurlitzer Juke Box at home in my "music room" along with my Steinway M (there's a story on that one because I haven't learned how to play piano . . . yet) and, yes, also a record player turntable for LPs. The jukebox has some issues and needs some maintenance. So, I called the local jukebox repair place, yes there is someone who does that: Arcade Antiques. The owner, Jim, wanted to know the model number. In order to find it, I had to move the seemingly 2-ton device away from the wall, because the model number is on the back. By the way, it's a model 2500. But in doing so I got a "Hexenschuss" – the Austrian word for pulling a muscle in your lower back. Which, of course, reminded me of a quote from my late Uncle Charlie "One of my favorite childhood memories, is my back not hurting."

V. SOME OF MY HAPPY TUSCANY MEMORIES

Who parks in the pedestrian zone with a police escort in Montalcino?



Who has a police escort from the **Tempio di San Biagio** outside the walls of Montepulciano to **Piazza Grande's Duomo Cathedral** inside the city walls and parks a dozen Porsches in front of pedestrian-only City Hall?





A key element of our tours, and **Tuscany** specifically, we strive to give you an experience that you could not duplicate on your own, like driving into pedestrian-only zones or **parking inside the Monastery Abbazia di Monte Oliveto Maggiore, Asciano.**





Don't miss Tuscany – you cannot imagine what a delightful experience we have created for you:

These are quotes from some of our previous Tuscany guests:

Thank you for the great trip! We didn't expect that you could ever top our past trips with you, but you did. **Greg and Jeri Platt, TX**

Our expectations were to have a great time, meet new friends, eat and drink great food and wine, and drive great cars. All of our expectations were met, if not exceeded.

Rick and Carol Anderson, FL

Thank you for a trip of a lifetime! It exceeded our expectations in all aspects!

John and Nancy Sommerwerck, ID

I don't know what I can say that I haven't said a million times before, but Fast Lane Travel puts on a great trip! **Blair and Ann Baertsch, ID**

*Our Fastlane Travel Tuscany Porsche Fest exceeded every expectation. EVERYTHING was first class - and by that I mean Five Stars! Peter and Thomas anticipated all of our needs and, when problems arose (like when I left my cell phone in a restaurant in Austria many miles from our beautiful hotel in Innsbruck), they solved them immediately and graciously. These guys know what they are doing and do it well. Example of one of the small touches: Peter heard that I was fly fisherman for trout - end even though there was no time for a fishing trip - I was surprised to find that they had made special arrangements to get trout for me for dinner one night -even having a driver deliver the trout to the restaurant. The small, unexpected touches like this are what make this such an incredible vacation - not to mention driving a Porsche at 150+ on the Autobahn (Dianne wants to go 170 next time!). We were so impressed we are going on the Riviera trip in 2014! Cheers. **Mike and Dianne Ray, NC***

It has been a week since we returned from the Tuscany Trip and we are still winding down from a fantastic adventure. We were looking forward to this trip for a year and were thrilled that the trip exceeded our expectations in every way. When you say all inclusive, you mean it – no nickel and diming. The organization, the venues, the logistics were exceptional. The best, perhaps, was our host Peter and his constant information, stories, history lessons and updates while we drove. Sensational!

Bill and Jo Ann Harvey, Cincinnati, OH

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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