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To: Our Fast Lane Travel Family in Australia, Canada, Dubai, Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa and in the USA!



Subjects: **American Airlines** – Walk more at JFK; TRIP of the WEEK: one more time . . . **2025 TUSCANY PORSCHE Fest** this our 16th; My FINAL Thoughts: Being an Adult.

I. Hiking JFK's Terminal 8

American Airlines Cuts JFK Moving Walkway — Because You Spend More When You Struggle

Source: by Gary Leff on March 29, 2025, View from the Wing

A moving walkway has been ripped out of an American Airlines terminal 8 at New York JFK. That's going to make the long walks to some of the C gates feel even longer. But it's also going to make you spend more money at the shops along the way – and that's why they've done it.

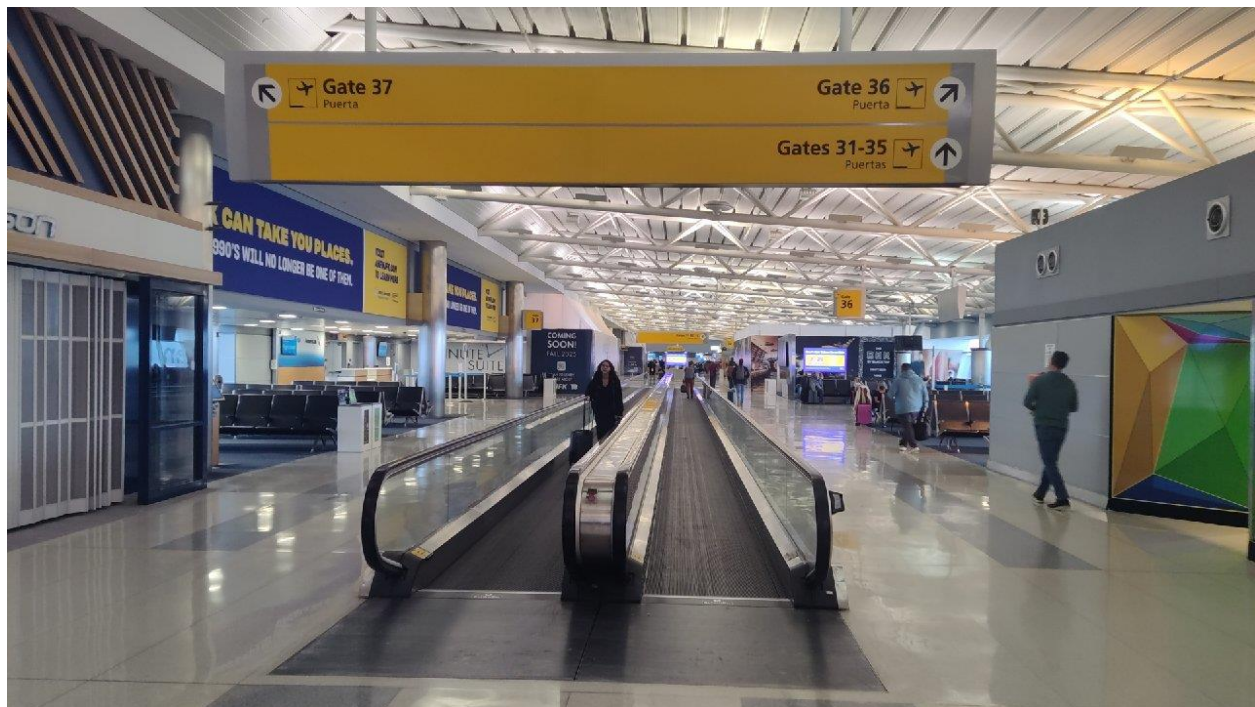
In 2021 American Airlines put out a request for proposals for a new, New York JFK Terminal 8 concessions program. This is a major undertaking. In 2019, before the JetBlue partnership and when American was squatting on slots and had partially abandoned the New York market, sales in the terminal were \$107.4 million across 21 food and beverage, 3 duty free, 12 specialty retail, 4 currency exchange and 8 travel essential outlets.

Come July 2023 they announced the selection of Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield. This was described as a two-year project. Now, I haven't been through T8 since last month, but I'd have expected more work to have been done already! Mostly, we've just seen the loss of Bobby Van's Steakhouse leaving probably the most decent food option in the terminal, as the New York Deli on the midfield concourse.

However, one notable change that's taken place is the removal of moving walkways between Gates 40 and 38 as part of this concessions project. In its place there's now tables, single seats, bench seats, and nearly all of these have power outlets.

Fortunately, the other moving walkway out to the end of the concourse is still there.

We've seen moving walkways removed at



DFW (D terminal) and O'Hare because people taking those walkways bypass shops along the way. An American Airlines spokesperson offers, *The removal of the walkways between Gates 38 and 40 are part of the \$125 million commercial redevelopment program at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) Terminal 8.*

In partnership with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield, work is progressing on the \$125 million commercial redevelopment program at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) Terminal 8, with a majority of construction to be completed by the end of this year.

The more revenue those shops makes, the more an airport (or, in this case since American controls the terminal, they) can charge in rent. And deals are generally structured so that the terminal owner takes a percentage of revenue as well.

Passengers are not an airport's customer, they're the product an airport and airline sells to merchants who rent space inside the terminal. Long walks are frequently designed to accommodate more shopping, with more retail space in the terminal. And airports don't want passengers skipping the shops!

Dallas spent *one million dollars* to remove a moving walkway. And these assist passengers in their journey and speed up travel in the terminal which reduces the risk of passengers missing flights.

You'll frequently see international airports that route you through duty free on the way to your gate, forcing you to take a circuitous route. Sydney's airport is famous for this, and so is London Heathrow. In fact, British Airways reportedly pays Heathrow £1 million per year to have a door immediately past security on the right that allows first class passengers direct access into the Concorde Room lounge rather than having to be routed the long way through the shops.

Ultimately though **the purpose of an airport is to get somewhere quickly**. You want an airport that you can get to quickly, get through security quickly, and get to your gate quickly. Moving walkways speed this up but run counter to their *other purpose* which is high end retail.

II. **TRIP OF THE Week:** Experience the Magic of the 2025 Tuscany Porsche Fest, our 16th and driving a section of the Mille Miglia:

<https://fastlanetravel.com/2025-tuscany-porsche-fest/>

The 2025 Tuscany Porsche Fest is not just an event; it's an unforgettable PORSCHE journey through some of Europe's most breathtaking destinations. We are blending luxury accommodations, culinary excellence, and the joy of lifelong friendships. We drive from the historic streets of Stuttgart, on the legendary **no-speed limit German Autobahn** to the stunning landscapes of Bavaria. From there we cross an awesome mountain pass to the lovely Austrian town of Seefeld for a good night's rest. The next day we continue our scenic drive, via Florence, to the rolling vineyards and sunflower fields of Tuscany.



Delight your palate: It's also a Culinary Tour of Europe because in **Stuttgart, Germany**, the HQ of Porsche, we visit the legendary **Porsche Museum** and enjoy a gourmet welcome lunch at the renowned **Christophorus Restaurant as guest of Porsche SE**. It is a fine-dining experience overlooking the Porsche production facility. In the afternoon we have scheduled a rare exclusive **Porsche Factory** visit.

That evening, we will take a short walk to the fabulous **Restaurant CUBE** in the Stuttgarter Art Center across from the beautiful Schlosspark, for a sophisticated dinner. The following morning, we will enjoy a delightful breakfast at the **Steigenberger Hotel Graf Zeppelin** before continuing.

After picking up our Porsches in Stuttgart's suburb of Zuffenhausen, we then travel through **Bavaria**, stopping for a picturesque Alpine lunch, where we will savor regional delicacies in an idyllic Alpine setting.

As we make our way into **Austria**, we arrive in **Seefeld**, a charming Austrian town nestled in the Tyrolean mountains. The next morning, we



will enjoy breakfast at the elegant **Alpine Sacher Astoria Resort**, setting the tone for a day of stunning driving through **brehtaking scenery**. We will arrive early afternoon at our **private estate** where we will be treated to canapes and superb estate wine by the poolside. From our estate, the next day, our first stop is **Pienza**, known for its stunning Renaissance architecture and its famous pecorino cheese. Here, we will enjoy a scenic lunch before continuing to **Montepulciano**, home to some of Italy's most prestigious wineries. The rally will be completed before lunch, which will be served on the terrace of the historic **Café Poliziano**, offering breathtaking views and an authentic taste of Tuscany.

For an unforgettable evening, we will gather at the **Ombroneta Estate & Winery**, where we will be greeted by more canapés and welcome drinks by the pool before enjoying a refined Tuscan dinner. The next day, the Ombroneta Estate & Winery's chef will be the instructor for our special **cooking class**. This evening, we get to enjoy the fruits of our labor with dinner and wine from the Estate & Winery. The following day, we will lunch on the terrace at **La Piazzetta**, soaking in the charming ambiance.



From the Autobahn of Germany to the Austrian Alps and the golden fields of Tuscany, the 2025 Tuscany Porsche Fest offers some of the most picturesque driving routes in Europe. Experience the thrill of winding mountain roads, serene countryside lanes, and the timeless beauty of Italian vineyards. Whether it's the dramatic peaks of the Alps or the rolling landscapes of the Val d'Orcia, every moment behind the wheel will be unforgettable.

Lifelong Friendships and Unforgettable Moments

One of the most rewarding aspects of the Tuscany Porsche Fest is the camaraderie among participants. Sharing this adventure with fellow Porsche enthusiasts, food lovers, and travelers create bonds that last a lifetime. Whether it's toasting with a glass of Brunello, taking in the sunset over a vineyard, or conquering the scenic roads together, the friendships formed during this journey will be cherished forever.



Why our customers love Fast Lane Travel's Tuscany Tour

Customers love Fast Lane Travel's Tuscany tour because it offers an unforgettable blend of luxury, adventure, and authentic Italian culture. From the moment they arrive, they're immersed in breathtaking landscapes, world-class cuisine, and exhilarating drives through the rolling hills of Chianti. "Driving a Porsche through the winding roads of Tuscany was a dream come true!" raved one guest. The tour's exclusive winery visits, superb accommodation, and expertly curated experiences make every moment special. "Every meal felt like a masterpiece, and the private wine tastings were beyond incredible," said another happy traveler. Whether it's exploring charming medieval villages, indulging in gourmet delights, or simply soaking in the stunning scenery, customers consistently describe.

Dear Peter, all your staff, guides, luggage carriers!!

I still am in awww 😊 of the wonderful memories that Kevin and I experienced on our Fast Lane Tuscany trip! It was so nice reliving the special moments from this amazing trip from the beautifully table photo album Peter's wife, Jingsi C. Sontag; has taken the time to put together for our group.

Thank you! Peter, for one of my favorite parts was your knowledge of everywhere we went. How nice to have our own personal guide to educate us on different areas we traveled through.

We were overwhelmed for sure of the time of year and beauty of Austria, the drive was spectacular with all the Fall trees and tall mountains with snow cap tops! Also, the Hotels and service was top notch and definitely would like to go back!

Thank you!! to all —who prepared and made this possible for all of us to have everlasting memories

Sincerely;



Kevin and Susan Anderson, Colorado

Dear Peter, Guides and Staff

Jacoy and I cannot thank you all enough for one of the most amazing European trips we have ever been on. I had heard that Peter's trips were good, but this one was beyond my expectation.

The cars, the planned routes, the lodging and the food were fantastic. Each day, each event and each briefing were so well organized. The gifts each night delivered to our rooms with a card, with the upcoming event for next day was very much appreciated.

The Mercedes and Porsche Museum tours were so valuable to get the history of each company's success and passion for what they do. The factory tours and the amazing lunch at the Porsche dining room was so much fun and informative.

A special thanks to Fabian and Gerald for their great leadership and coaching to get us all to exceed our personal limits and becoming members of the 150 mph Club.

The trip was spectacular, and we appreciate all of your efforts to make this adventure so wonderful.

We look forward to our next trip with Fast Lane Travel.

Thank you,
Craig and Jacoy Kellerstrass, Utah



Dear Peter,

The saying, “It takes a village”, definitely applies to your Fast Lane Travel Tours!

We are fresh off the 2022 Tuscany II Porsche fest and we couldn’t have been more pleased with our experience in Germany, Austria, and Italy.

Our accommodations at the beautiful Graf Zeppelin Hotel, the Porsche factory and museum tours (including lunch at the amazing Christophorus Restaurant) and the wonderful meals in Stuttgart (Complete with an a cappella choir) were a perfect start to a phenomenal trip!

Following the essential drivers’ briefing, the spectacular drive to Italy was nothing short of awe-inspiring. The four fabulous nights at Casali di Bibbiano were heavenly, as we were treated to delicious Italian cuisine from morning till night. The cooking class was so much fun and such a treat to eat the fruits of their labor that night! The wine tour was very interesting and we learned a great deal about the wine-making process.

The stopovers in Austria, to and from Italy, were off-the-charts first rate, including the drive in lobby!!

The personal touches of a note and gift in our room every night and the “true stories” we were regaled with at every meal were quite memorable, thank you, Peter!



The driving was exhilarating and we felt very safe with Gerald in the lead and you calling out when it was safe to “go go go” or when there was an “incoming intruder”!

All in all we felt in great hands everywhere we went because of the many hours of preparation by you and your “Village”!

All the best,
Todd and Libby Rieke

III. My Final Thought: Being an adult is mostly being exhausted, wishing you hadn’t made plans, regretting that you sold that car, and wondering how you hurt your back.

IV. SOME MORE OF MY HAPPY MEMORIES



Casali di Bibbiano looking to Montalcino



Casali di Bibbiano in Buonconvento



Leaving Montepulciano

Buonconvento's City Wall



That's the award you get on your 20th Fast Lane Travel Trip!!



A happy group crossing the Alps into Italy



NO CARS ALLOWED ON PIAZZA GRANDE!!
(Except for Fast Lane Travel!!)



Let's all come back!

On your path to success, remember to always look forward with optimism. May you achieve your goals and find joy. We truly appreciate your business and can't wait to see you on tour!

Yours truly, Peter



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