



**Item:** Fast Lane News #20 in 2025 (Issue #272 since 2020), on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. I'm writing from the Symphony Yacht on our Luxury Croatia Cruise.

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



**Subjects:** Packing for Croatia – the Dalmatian Coast; **TRIP OF THE Week:** Come to the **Moonshine** Festival with us - My Final Thoughts: A Croation Story

### **I. Packing for Croatia: Everyone has packed for trips.**

However, when I head to Europe, I not only pack the normal stuff we all bring but also must bring the various good night notes and gifts, a supply of electric adapters and other trip-related items. I arrived in FRA with 9 suitcases with all the customers' goodies. The fun part is always when I land in Germany. Customs Officer: "Was sind in diesen Koffer drinnen? Haben sie etwas zu deklarieren?" That's why I put this customs letter into each suitcase explaining:

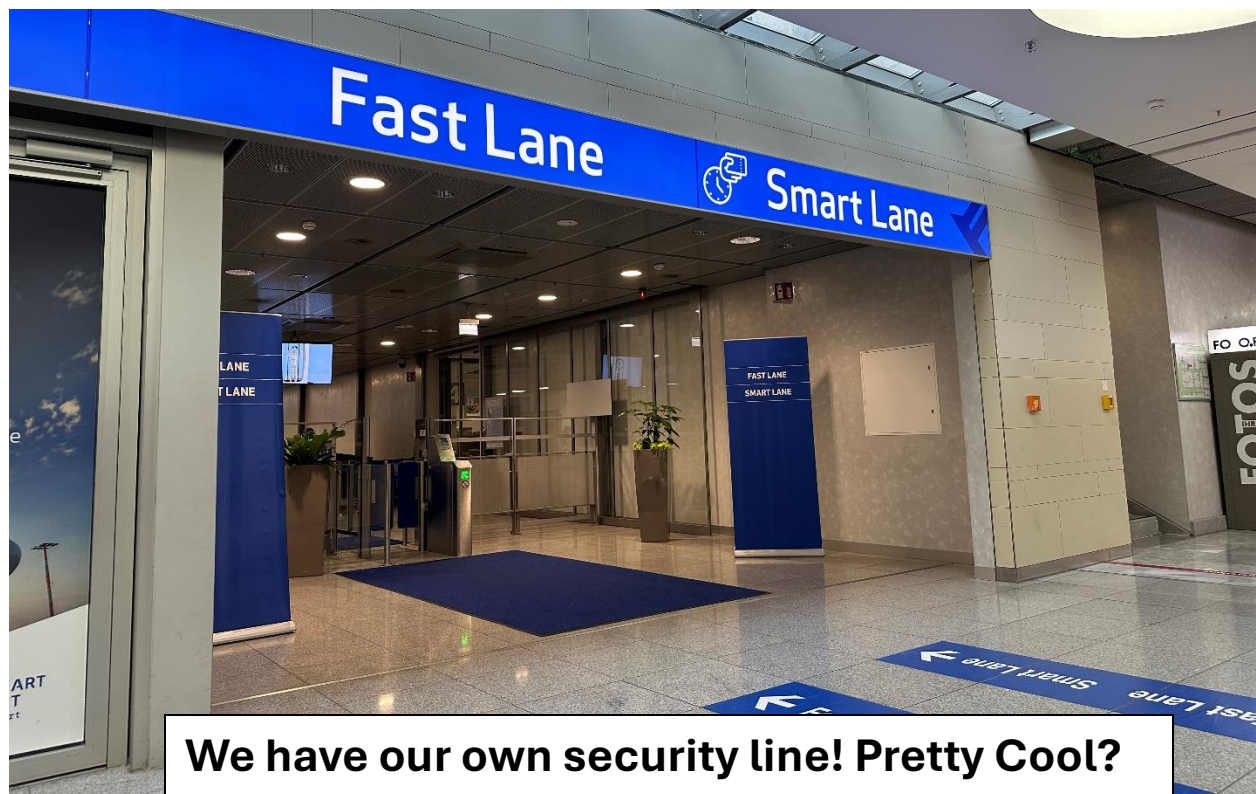


**An die: Sehr geehrten Deutsche Zoll Beamten und Zoll Behörde:**

Diese im Koffer befindlichen Gegenstände, Hemden, Kappen und andere Reise Gegenstände gehören den Teilnehmern der 2025 **PORSCHE Club von America** Mitglieder **PORSCHE** Reise nach **Stuttgart**. Jeden Abend und speziell vor dem **PORSCHE Fabriksbesuch** und der Auto Abholung bekommen die Teilnehmer ihre Sachen für die sie schon bezahlt haben und daher die ihnen schon gehören. Diese Gegenstände werden **NICHT** nach Europa importiert, wurden von den Kunden vorbezahlt und werden von den Gästen individuell, nach ihrer Europareise, mit ihren Autos wieder nach USA zurückgenommen. Herzlichen Dank. Translation on the next page.

It's definitely advantageous to be fluent in German. Of course I do even better in 3 Austrian Dialects: Pfiat Di = Goodbye in Austrian (literally may God guard you).

**What the letter basically says:** The enclosed objects and clothing belong to the participants of the 2025 PORSCHE Club of America members trip to Stuttgart. The guests have already paid for these items and, thus, they are their property. They receive their various items and shirts in Germany each evening and especially the evening prior to the **PORSCHE Factory visit and picking up their cars**. These items, which



have been paid for by the customers, are **NOT** being imported into Europe but will be returned to the U.S. along with their respective cars by the customers individually, to whom they belong, after their two-week travels in Europe. Thank you very much. Peter Sontag

When conducting tours, other than paying for excess luggage, face obstacles, like customs, most people haven't thought of.

This is what we are doing this week in Croatia:



**That's the name of Croatia in Croatian**



**FRIDAY, MAY 9:**

Early arrivals  
Dinner on our own

**SATURDAY, MAY 10:**

6:30-10:30AM Breakfast at the 5-star Hotel Rixos  
Day at leisure to enjoy Dubrovnik  
Fast Lane Travel sponsored buffet dinner w/drinks from 7-9:30PM

**SUNDAY, MAY 11:**

6:30-10:30AM Breakfast at the Hotel Rixos  
10 AM Private tour through Dubrovnik's captivating Old Town  
2:40 PM Transfer to Marina Frapa  
3:00 PM Board Symphony Yacht  
7:00 PM Welcome dinner onboard

**MONDAY, MAY 12:**

Breakfast on board  
Sail toward the island of Mljet  
Various water activities & swimming  
4 PM Mljet Tour  
6:30 PM Dinner on board

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14:**

Breakfast & lunch on board  
Cruise to Scedro Island  
Various water activities & swimming  
Captain's Dinner on board

**THURSDAY, MAY 15:**

Breakfast & lunch on board  
Sail to the historic town of Hvar  
Various water activities & swimming  
4 PM Hvar Tour  
Dinner on our own in Hvar

**FRIDAY, MAY 16:**

Breakfast & lunch on board  
Cruise to Brac Island  
4 PM Brac wine tasting tour.  
Dinner on own in Brac

**SATURDAY, MAY 17:**

Breakfast & lunch on board  
Cruise to the vibrant city of Split  
Various water activities & swimming  
4 PM Split highlights tour  
Dinner on our own in Split

**SUNDAY, MAY 18:**

Breakfast on board  
Disembark by 9 AM  
Private transfer to Split airport



**TUESDAY, MAY 13:**

Breakfast & lunch on board  
Cruise to Korcula island  
Various water activities & swimming  
4 PM Korcula Highlights Tour  
Dinner on our own in Korcula





**More pictures from our wonderful cruise in Croatia:**



**How do you spell r e l a x I n g . . .**











**II. TRIP OF THE Week:** The 2025 USA Moonshine Festival Driving Tour. **Please go to** our website for details and great pictures: <https://fastlanetravel.com/2025-moonshine-rally/>

We have conducted multiple luxury fall tours in Georgias and the Carolinas. You are driving your own car – whatever make – and enjoy a relaxing, fun, and luxurious trip in the US. You'll make new friends, bring old friends and you don't have to think about hotels, routes, dining, and logistics – we do it all for you.

**III. My Final Thoughts: A CROATIAN STORY . . .** One day a farmer's donkey fell into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest



wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

### **Remember the five simple rules to be happy:**

1. Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.
2. Free your mind from worries - Most never happen.
3. Live simply and appreciate what you have.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less

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### **Then what really happened later:**

The donkey later came back and bit the shit out of the farmer who had tried to bury him. The gash from the bite got infected, and the farmer eventually died in agony from septic shock.

### **MORAL FROM TODAY'S LESSON:**

When you do something wrong and try to cover your ass, it always comes back to bite you!

All the best from Croatia . . . wish you were here, Peter

Hopefully, we will see you soon on another Fast Lane Travel PORSCHE Trip crafted with fifty years of experience, passion, and affection for our fabulous PORSCHE customers.

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*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 a tour!*

*Yours truly, Peter*