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



Subjects: Travel Myths, Debunked; **TWO TRIPS** OF THE Week: The Fast Lane Travel Dolomites PORSCHE Fest and the **NEW** MACCINA VELOCE **Ferrari Tour**; My Final Thoughts: The Tourist's Prayer & Lots More Fond Memories' Pictures.

I. Is It Really Cheaper to Book a Flight on Tuesdays? And Other Travel Myths, Debunked.

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Booking a vacation with a budget in mind means you'll try anything to get the best price. Here, the trip-planning myths to disregard:

Myth: Tuesday is the best day to book the cheapest airfare.

Once grounded in reality, this shibboleth dates back to when plane reservations relied on manual intervention. "Airline managers would check on a Monday to see how routes had performed the previous week," said Hayley Berg, lead economist at fare-tracking travel site [Hopper](#). In lagging markets, they would "load" cheap fares into the system, to show up on Tuesday morning. Fliers noticed.

Sadly, said Berg, "it's no longer the case." Now, airline pricing relies on complex algorithms to rapidly adjust fares to demand. You can sign up for a price-monitoring service like Hopper or Google Flights to watch trends, but don't miss the window for affordable fares. "Most people wait too late to buy airline tickets," said Berg. For international travel, book three to five months ahead; book six to eight weeks ahead for domestic travel.

Myth: Shoulder season is cheaper than traveling in high season.

Shifting travel patterns see more tourists visiting popular summer spots in fall or spring, sending prices up. In Europe, new throngs are not just arriving in September or October—some people are going in January and February too. While those travelers might score cheaper air tickets, hotel rates remain stubbornly high year-round in many places, said Berg. And in the Caribbean, more people are bucking tradition and going in the summer, though decent deals can be found.

Myth: Booking via a travel agent costs more than DIY planning.

Good advisers have "their own ties with hotels and tour companies around the world," yielding deals and discounts not available to the general public, said Diana Hechler, president of D. Tours Travel in Larchmont, N.Y. You might pay a fee to use an agent, but you can save cash as well as time.

This is especially true for trips that are more complicated than a point-to-point jaunt to a beach resort. Travel agencies that are members in consortia with collective buying power—like [Virtuoso](#), [Travel Leaders](#) or [Ensemble](#)—

can access preferential pricing and pass along savings. Plus, if something goes wrong, an agent can advocate for you to get the compensation you deserve.

Myth: No need for trip insurance if you have credit-card coverage.

While premium credit cards might include trip protection, “the benefits are less robust compared with the kind sold through traditional insurers,” said Stan Sandberg, co-founder of [TravelInsurance.com](https://www.TravelInsurance.com), which compares travel insurance plans.

Note: Credit-card travel insurance typically only applies if you use that card to purchase the entire trip and it might not cover medical care while abroad. One option: Supplement your basic credit-card insurance with a medical-only travel plan.

Myth: With Covid-era restrictions over, you don’t have to worry about booking ahead.

During the pandemic, cultural attractions and museums increasingly relied on timed tickets as a social distancing strategy and some protocols remain today as a crowd-control mechanism. Museums and tourist attractions still require advance ticketing and can sell out—an unwelcome surprise and costly mistake if you don’t book ahead and end up having to shell out for a private tour of the Louvre.

II. Trip of the Week: The Dolomites and the Italian Alps.



We have conducted Porsche trips to the Dolomites, a mountain range in northeastern Italy, multiple times, for the past 20 years. Based on several requests we have created this wonderful Porsche Experience for you.

These mountains are renowned for their breathtaking natural beauty and unique geological features. They're often described as a "piece of heaven" with stunning landscapes. Many describe the Dolomites as a place of captivating natural charm and a majestic mountain backdrop. Visitors are often enchanted by the stunning scenery, including pristine lakes, lush meadows, and iconic peaks.

The unique formations of the Dolomites are considered visually spectacular, with a "majestic backdrop of the mountains". Some describe the mountains as looking "fake" or "like a painting," highlighting their unbelievable and captivating appearance.



Hotels in the Dolomites also provide an opportunity to experience this beauty, with some offering rooms featuring "stunning views of the majestic Dolomites". Visitors often praise the hotels' locations, which provide convenient access to outdoor activities amidst the scenic surroundings.

Overall, the Dolomites are celebrated for their charming natural beauty, majestic mountain formations, and abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation, making them a truly unforgettable destination.

Please go to <https://fastlanetravel.com/2025-dolomites-alps/> for the features, benefits and full itinerary. **DON'T MISS THIS amazing PORSCHE Experience!**

III. **NEW Ferrari Tour: 2025 Macchina Veloce Tour** **Tuesday, October 14 – Sunday, October 26, 2025**

Have you always wondered what makes **Italian automobiles** so special? The emotions and passion they ignite? Why are the **Tifosi** so animated and full of fervor and zeal? The **Macchina Veloce** tour this October will answer these questions and more!

Our adventure will begin on the shores of **Lake Como**, world-famous for its beauty. The hills above the lake will be covered in green, yellow, and red colors, the air will be crisp, and the summer crowds will be gone – **what a magnificent time to visit Italy!**



We will be staying in 4- and 5-star hotels and resorts and spend time in **Como, Turin, Modena & Maranello, Verona, Brescia, Franciacorta** and on the shores of **Lake Iseo**.



Motor Valley is our main destination where we will visit the **Ferrari, Lamborghini** and **Pagani** factories and museums with special guided tours and docents at our disposal.

Our guests have been granted **unprecedented access** to famous coach builders and design houses like **Pininfarina**, who created some of the most beautiful Prancing Horse silhouettes, **Italdesign Giugiaro** and of course **Zagato**, the oldest coach builder in existence.

World-famous restoration facilities **Cremonini Classic** and **Bacchelli & Villa Restoration** are also off-limits to the public, but we will be shown in intricate detail what it takes to win at **Pebble Beach!**



Culinary delights await us! **Emilia Romagna** is famous for its **Prosecco**, **Parmigiano Reggiano** and **Prosciutto**. We have made special arrangements to visit a **balsamic vinegar** production facility in **Modena** and will have a delicious lunch on the premises. We have reservations at Michelin star **Ristorante Cavallino** across from the **Ferrari** factory gates. **Mamma Rossella** will cook us an unforgettable dinner at **Ristorante Montana**, next to **Pista di Fiorano**. Another Michelin star chef will be at our disposal at the **l'Albereta Relais & Chateaux** as well.

Cultural wonders are also part of the program – from the center of power that is **Turin**, to the **UNESCO World Heritage site of Modena**, and of course **Verona**, with its **Roman Coliseum**, medieval and Renaissance architecture.





We can even arrange for you to **drive a Ferrari or Lamborghini** in the hills above **Maranello**, alongside the **Mille Miglia** route, or on a famous vintage rally stage.

Space for the Macchina Veloce is limited due to the very tight regulations at some of the special

places we will visit. This tour will sell out, please don't delay and **book now!**

IV. GOOD NEWS: DUBAI PORSCHE Trip: After speaking to our partners in Dubai yesterday, I will move the Dubai trip to the **first week in December! Why?** Because on **Sunday, December 7th is the final F-1 Racer for the World Championship in Abu Dhabi (a short motor coach ride from Dubai).** Details in the next Petergram. Because of the international demand for this EXCLUSIVE event, we are asked to **limit the participation to 20 customers.**

This is also a spectacular opportunity for Christmas shopping in the legendary duty-free shops in Dubai: **The Dubai Mall:** A mix of high end plus affordable casual brands; **The Dubai Outlet Mall:** A place where you can buy luxury brands at an affordable price. **The Mall of the Emirates:** you will be overwhelmed by a cascade of options and amazing views.



IV. My Final Thoughts: THE TOURIST'S PRAYER

Source: 1983 Reader's Digest & Art Buchwald, in the LA Times circa 1980

Heavenly Father, look down on us, your obedient servants, who are doomed to travel this earth taking photos, writing postcards, buying souvenirs, and walking round in drip-dry underwear. We beseech you, O Lord, to see that our plane is not delayed, our luggage not lost, and our overweight luggage and illegal imports are unnoticed.

Lead us to good inexpensive restaurants where the wine is included in the price of a meal and the staff speaks our tongue. Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand.

Grant us the strength to visit museums, palaces, cathedrals and if perchance we skip an historic monument to seek private pleasure, have mercy on us, for our flesh is weak.

Dear God, protect our wives from bargains they do not need, nor cannot afford. Lead them not into temptations, for they know not what they do.

Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them with us. Save them from making fools of themselves at social gatherings. Above all, do not forgive them for their trespasses, for they know exactly what they do.



Picture Source: r/funny RedTomatoSauce

And finally, when our wanderings are over, grant us the favor of finding someone who will look at our videos and photos and listen to our prattle, so that our journey has not been in vain. Amen

V. More Fond Memories:

You should be in this PORSCHE on the Autobahn!



You should be checking into this magnificent Alpine Hotel in Austria:



You should be the wing team in the Black Forest!



You should be enjoying this view of the Tirolian Alps!



You should be driving the Timmelsjoch Pass to Italy!



You should be heading to Gmünd, Austria, Porsche's birthplace near bucolic Lake Millstättersee.



You should be standing at Ferdinand Porsche's drafting table at his first office in Gmünd, Austria,



You should be with us at Castle Fuschl in Salzburg, Austria,



You should be with us for lunch at Castle Fuschl's Terrace taking in this breathtaking view of the Lake.



You should be with us in the beautiful town of Treffen in Austria on next year's, Austrian Castles & Wine PORSCHE Fest



See **you** in Colorado in July . . . or on the Fall PORSCHE Fests: The Dolomites . . . Tuscany . . . and/or amazing Dubai – including the Final F-1 Race in legendary Abu Dhabi.

Please go to www.fastlanetravel.com & register!
Thank you, Peter.

Please stay healthy and happy.
I'm looking forward to the great times we will have together again on one of the fabulous PORSCHE tours in 2025 and

help us plan for 2026. I can't wait to get back to **Colorado in July**. All the very best to you, **Peter**

