

## LIFE in the FAST LANE™



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



**Subjects:** Peter & Dave's Urlaub; Trip of the week: Awesome Dubai; My Final Thoughts: Your Dog's Dictionary.

- I. Urlaub (German) def: an annual event practiced by every German, and most other Europeans, at least two to three times per year, for a total of up to six weeks. Translation: Vacation.

About three months ago my dear friend and my brother by choice, Dave Hatch, made a wonderful call to me. He pointed out that in April I turned 32 years old with 50 years of experience; likewise, he turned 25 in May, also with 50 years of experience. We have travelled together at least a dozen times, visited each other's homes and gotten into trouble together. His suggestion was straightforward:

"You need a vacation! You have made thousands of customers, who have become friends, even considered family and who have benefitted from your knowledge, skill, and care, very happy. You have more than fulfilled your motto: it's our business to pleasure! You have given them experiences they never dreamed of enjoying, taken them to places they would never have found and introduced them to history, local events, and Europeans they would never have met!"

While you might think, I travel all the time – true – remember the sole focus is on you and your maximum enjoyment, safety and exceeding your expectations. For each day of a Porsche trip, there are at least 8 days behind the scenes to make sure that all arrangements are flawless, contingencies are thought of, and our customers go home with lifetime memories. Given the post-trips feedback, we are approaching a 500-batting average.

So, given that, like most of our age, I face some medical issues, Dave's suggestion, invitation, no instance, was very welcome. I also appreciated the fact that he was determined to visit key places of my youth, enjoy traditional cuisine and meet with friends and relatives, potentially (but hopefully not) for the last time. So here is what we did:

- **Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** TPA – DTW – FRA on DL #86 a smooth and relaxing 8½ hour flight in business class with superb service.
- **Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Arrival in FRA at 7:45 am, 1:45 am on the East Coast – generally a



short night's sleep. Upon arrival my staff had organized a VIP pick up and escort at the jetway – not in the luggage area. We were whisked through German Immigration and then to the luggage pick up. Of course, with German efficiency, our luggage was already sitting there. I travelled with 5 large, checked pieces, because

my job was to bring all the goodies for the customers on this year's **Tuscany PORSCHE Fest**. We were transferred by Black Lane to the Graf Zeppelin Hotel

in Stuttgart, about a 2-hour drive, not ideal after a trans-Atlantic flight, but necessary since Delta stopped flying ATL to STR. We were met by two of our staff in Stuttgart who eagerly took possession of the Tuscany luggage. We shaved, showered, and met in the lobby. We walked to one of our favorite local restaurants: **Carl's Brauhaus** at Schloss Park. After some shopping we got ready to join the **PORSCHE Club of Santa Barbara** for their farewell dinner at the historic **Stuttgarter Stäffele**, three stories underground, in a former WW II bomb shelter. Based on their comments, they had a wonderful trip, loved the Autobahn, the Swill Mountain Roads, and the guidance of our German Staff.

- **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** After breakfast with Johny, our local logistics manager, we took the high-speed S-Bahn Subway to Porsche Platz in Zuffenhausen, to pick up our rental **Porsche Cayenne Hybrid**. We had the opportunity to visit the new Neuwagenauslieferung and Special-Order Department. We met up with our friends from the PORSCHE Club Kuwait. We awarded them Fast Lane Caps, 150 mph Club decals and patches and invited them to come on a Fast Lane US trip next year.



We had a quick lunch and Dave picked up our Cayenne.

Johnny had already organized the Austrian Vignette's (Austrian Autobahn Permits) window stickers. Dave drove us back into town to the Graf Zeppelin, where we picked up our luggage and we headed to Austria on the A-8 connecting to the A-7 before Ulm. We arrived at the spectacular InterAlpen Hotel mid-afternoon, valet parked and checked in. We each had one of the amazing InterAlpen junior suites. A drink at the well-stocked bar and dinner in the Wintergarten. The view from our rooms south to the Austrian Alps, bordering northern Italy is spectacular.



**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** After THE most lavish breakfast buffet you can imagine, we headed to the scenic Gerlos Pass Road with one of Europe's tallest waterfalls. We were greeted by my friend Hans Richter who showed us his extensive "barn find" collection of about two dozen antique cars, including some rare finds.



After our enjoyable barn-find collection, Dave drove us to Salzburg, Austria with a stop at the Hans-Peter Porsche attraction: TraumWerk.

## Dog Dictionary

**BICYCLES:** Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

**BUMP:** The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

**DEAFNESS:** This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in, and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

**DOG BED:** any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

**DROOL:** Is what you do when your persons have food, and you don't. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and look sad and let the drool fall to the floor, or better yet, on their laps.

**GARBAGE CAN:** A container that your neighbors put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and moldy crusts of bread.

**LEAN:** Every good dog's response to the command "sit!", especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.

**LEASH:** A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

**LOVE:** Is a feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction. The best way you can show your love is to wag your tail. If you're lucky, a human will love you in return.

**SOFAS:** Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

**THUNDER:** This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

**WASTEBASKET:** This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrappers. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your person comes home.

Please stay healthy and happy. I'm looking forward to the great times we will have together again with my Team on one of the fabulous PORSCHE tours we are planning for 2026.

All the very best to you, **Peter**

