



LIFE in the FAST LANE™

2025 #44 & issue #296 on Saturday, November 1st 2025. I am writing from: my home office in beautiful Clearwater, Florida.

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



Subjects: We're back from TUSCANY: First Customer's comments; Feedback from the PCA Santa Barbara Region after their magnificent Ten Alpine Passes Fast Lane PORSCHE Tour, by Bill Chadwick; Yes, after our Croatia Cruise this year, we are going on a fabulous Greek Yacht Cruise next year – Don't miss it! My Final Thoughts: Don't Forget . . . we do European Delivery Planning for you!

I. **Tuscany Pictures** – Since returning from your wonderful Fast Lane Tuscany tour and experience, Leonard has been working on a photo album & presentation for you. Details in next week's **LIFE in the FAST LANE** – plus I'll send you information directly.



II. First Tuscany Comments:

From: Wendy Clarke <wendy@fastlanetravel.com>

Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 1:03 PM

To: Evan Samouhos <Evan@evcomechanical.com>; MELANIE SAMOIHOS <ssamouhos@aol.com>

Subject: [External] Fast Lane Travel

Welcome home! I wanted to send you a little note to let you know that I had a wonderful conversation regarding the tour with Bill Walsh. He spoke so highly of you both and your family and said that "Evan" is amazing and is irreplaceable as a human being! What a lovely compliment. I hope your flight back was pleasant and that you are getting settled in and acclimated back home.

Best regards,

Customer Engagement Manager

From: Evan S.

Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 6:49 PM

To: Wendy Clarke <wendy@fastlanetravel.com>;

Subject: RE: Fast Lane Travel

Aw, thank you so very much Wendy. We loved Bill too, what a wonderful man. Please let him know that we feel the same about him. Frankly, everyone was very kind and was a pleasure spending time with all.

We loved being in the company of Fred and his father George, they were in our driving group along with Bob and Elizabeth. All sweet and warm people, with Fred being a true comedian. Great group to be with and to put the icing on the cake, of course lead by the one and only marvelous Thomas.

Thank you for all your efforts to organize such a joyful trip.
Melanie and Evan

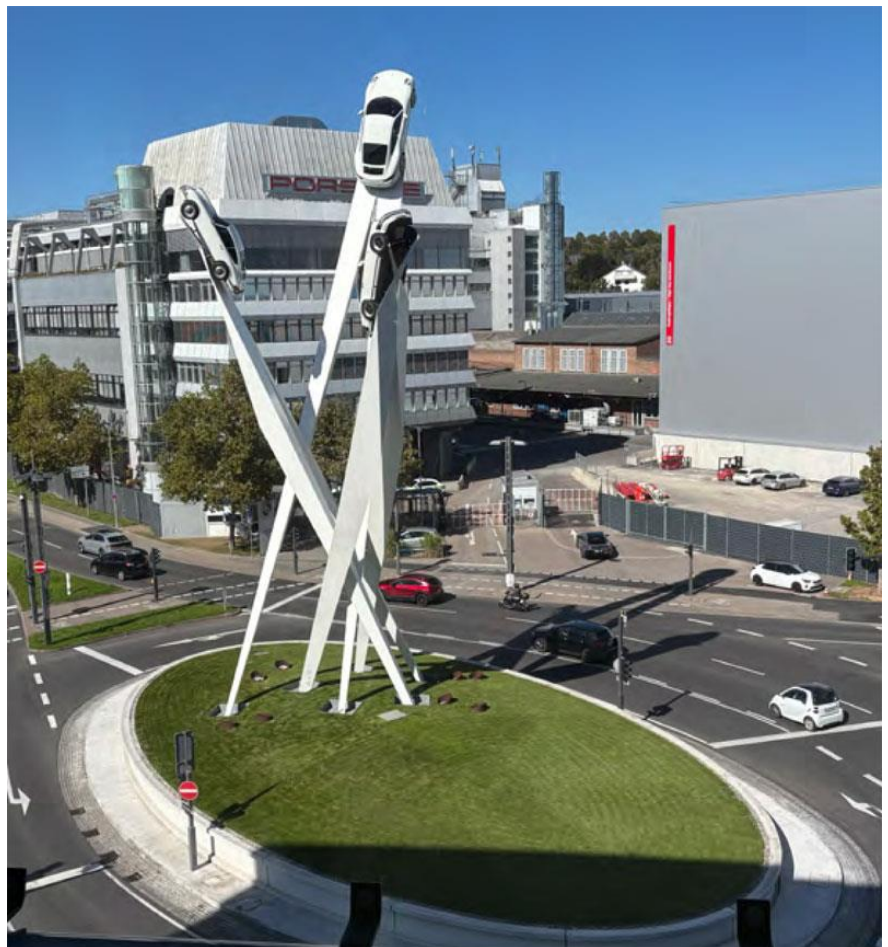
My Comments: This exchange underscores one of the delightful results of our trips in that customers make lifelong friends and will come back to travel together again.

III. **Feedback from the PCA Santa Barbara Region after their magnificent Ten Alpine Passes Fast Lane PORSCHE Tour, by Bill Chadwick;**

In January 2025 our club received an invitation from Lionel Neff, Activities Director for the Santa Barbara Region of PCA, to join them for a “10 Alpine Passes plus the Dolomites” tour he had set up with Fast Lane Travel. On September 15 my wife, Barbara, and I boarded a Lufthansa A380 for a flight from LAX to Munich with a connection to Stuttgart. We arrived a day before the start of our tour and had an easy day trying to adapt to the time change.

Our second day we joined our tour group and our Fast Lane adventure started with a visit to the Porsche factory and museum.

We toured the 911 production line including the upholstery shop where we learned that it takes about 6 hides to do the interior of a 911. The engine shop produces over 300 engines per day in 45 configurations, and the factory produces about 200 911's per day including all the 911 models with countless combinations of options.



The museum has cars on display, starting with the world's first hybrid from 1900 and many other Porsches up to present day models. I had to interrupt our tour of the museum to show the Santa Barbara people that our California Central Coast Porsche Club Logo (from a few years ago) was on display and theirs was not.

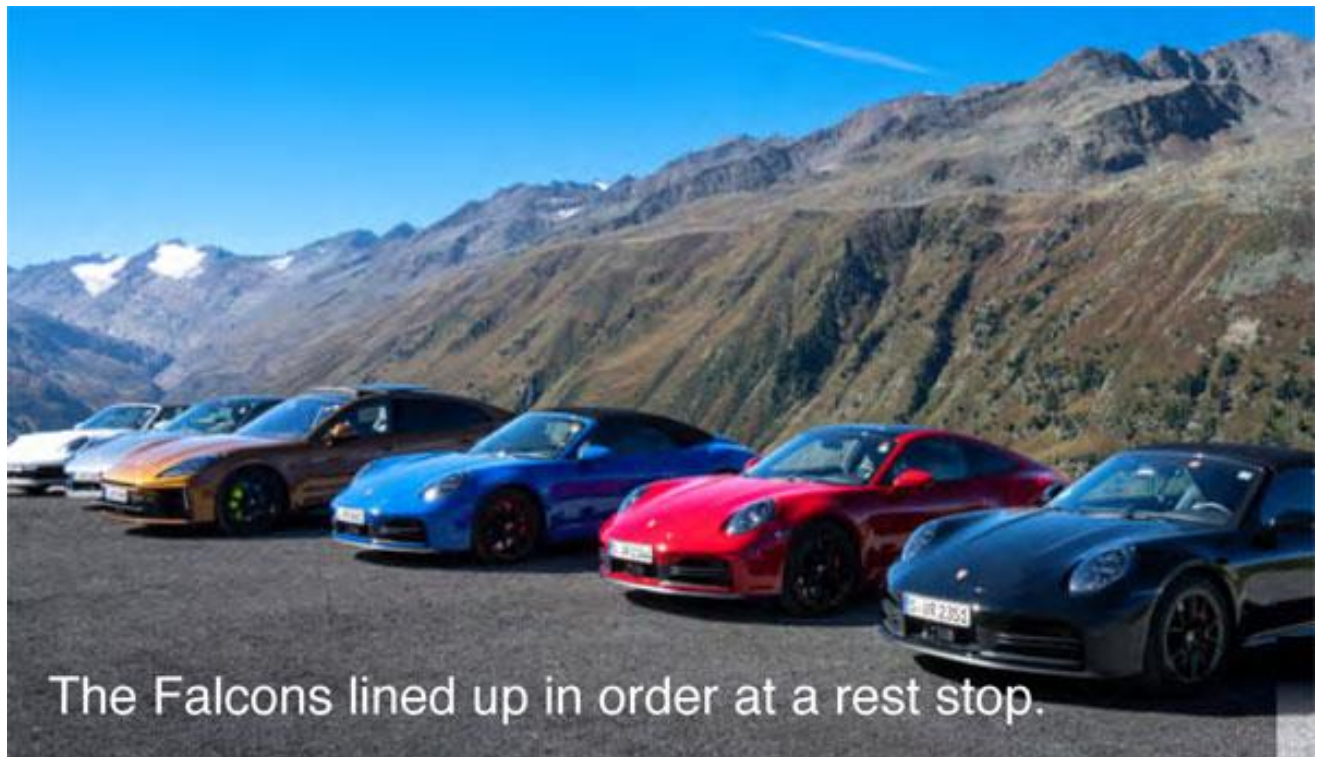
Fast Lane arranged an excellent lunch for us at the Museum's Christophorus Restaurant.

The day's activities ended with a mandatory driver's briefing in which we learned the different rules and road signs for driving in Europe. They warned us of hidden speed cameras and said that we would not know if we were “caught” until we

receive a ticket in the mail a few weeks later. They also told of people who were caught too many times and had their license and car taken away! More on this driver's briefing and all these speed warnings later.

Our third day we joined our group for an afternoon tour of the nearby Ludwigsburg Castle. Built in the early 1700's it is known as the "Versailles of Swabia" (this region of Germany). Then we picked up our Porsches. Barbara and I had requested a Macan for this adventure tour but that was not available - so they had a beautiful red 911S for us (...too bad, right??). Rentals were from the Porsche Drive program, our 2025 911S was a nicely appointed sunroof coupe with about 5,000 km on the odometer.

Our tour included two Fast Lane guides and ten cars for us adventure tourists. Everyone had a 911S except for one 911 GTS Targa and one Panamera GTS, and a new Cayenne GTS driven by Thomas, our Fast Lane host and guide. Thomas shared the guide role with his son, Fabian. We divided up into two groups, each with 5 cars following a guide, and were escorted back to our hotel in Stuttgart for the evening.



We broke up into two groups for all drives, one led by Thomas (the Eagles) and the other led by Fabian (the Falcons). We were "Falcon 5", 5th in a line of six cars. The two groups met up for lunch every day but generally did not drive together.

Our first drive took us from Stuttgart to Seefeld, Austria, with a lunch stop in Bavaria. This route was largely on the autobahn where we heard Fabian telling us

(by walkie talkie) that we were about to arrive at our first section of the autobahn with no speed limit. He told us to “get ready” and he hit the gas. In one of these no-speed-limit sections we became members of the 150 MPH club! The sections of the autobahn with no speed limit are in much better condition than most of our highways. Speeds like this would not be comfortable with a rough or uneven road surface.

We spent seven days driving through the Austrian, Italian and Swiss Alps, five or six hours every day. We stayed at 5 different “boutique hotels”. The accommodations were so nice that we wished we could stay for a few days at each place. But this was a Porsche adventure tour so there was no time to stick around!

Fabian did a great job of keeping us safe on these challenging alpine roads. He would advise us on walkie-talkie of “incoming” traffic, from pedestrians to bicycles, cars or busses. We would follow him through villages and then along narrow, winding roads up and down mountain passes. There was plenty of casual driving with time for sightseeing in these beautiful areas, weather was pretty good with sun, rain, clouds and even snow.

True to the tour’s title, we navigated 10 alpine passes. For instance, Stelvio Pass in northern Italy, see it on the GPS display photo, has 48 numbered switchbacks as it ascends to 2,757 m (9,045 ft) above sea level. As you can see from the photo, visibility wasn’t great that day, but maybe you can make out some of the switchbacks ahead. It was snowing gently at the top of the pass, not enough to stick to the road surface.

Furka Pass in Switzerland also has many hair-pin turns, although not numbered. It was used as a location in Goldfinger and one section is marked “James Bond Strasse”.

Being an adventure tour, and in contrast to the speed warnings in the driver’s briefing, we had plenty of spirited driving on these scenic and winding roads. We would listen for Fabian’s “clear, clear, clear” message on the walkie-talkie as a call to hit the gas! That was a theme for the trip... hit the gas! These alpine pass roads are loaded with curves and switchbacks, and we had a lot of opportunity to hit the gas and appreciate the performance of our 911S.

Fabian was good at keeping the Falcons together as a group. He would advise us to “close the gap” to exclude “intruders.” Intruders were inevitable when traffic would merge, and he twice took the first part of the group and extra time around the roundabout for the rest of the group to get back in line. Fabian also had ways to keep our group together on the autobahn. He would call for the “wing team” (Falcon 6) to “close the door” by moving to the left lane, and then we (Falcon 5)

would jump into the left lane in front of Falcon 6, and the others would come left in front one at a time.

The Fast Lane experience was fantastic. It included all lodging, meals, gas and even one-euro coins for rest rooms along the autobahn. Of course, they also provided a luggage van so that our bags would magically show up in each new hotel room. Fast Lane would leave a surprise in our room every evening while we were at dinner - a note from Thomas (our "Festmeister") telling us what to expect the next day with a surprise gift (hat, shirt, windbreaker, Porsche shaped mints, etc...). The experience also included having your car lined up in your running order every morning, prepared with a walkie-talkie, water bottles, clean windows and GPS routes for the day.

After the fast-paced Fast Lane tour, Barbara and I spent 3 relaxing days visiting Rothenburg and Regensburg, two medieval walled cities. We appreciated seeing more of southern Germany (from a rented Hyundai) as we drove from Stuttgart back to Munich for our flight home.

We really enjoyed traveling with this group from the Santa Barbara Region. Special thanks to Lionel Neff for working with the Fast Lane to organize the trip, and to Bill Hallier who shared pictures with us and gave permission to use them in this article.

IV. GREECE 2026: We'll be sailing from Athens on the Le Bougainville: June 7th to June 16th 2026

But first we'll spend 2 nights in the 5-Star Hotel Grande Bretagne in Athens, w/tours (June 7th & June 8th) where we will enjoy sightseeing and local entertainment, cuisine and libations.

We embark the luxurious Le Bougainville on June 9th in 2026 Athens



We disembark on June 16th in 2026 Athens. We'll visit the locations below – especially my favorite: Santorini. Please note that Rhodes and Crete are also superb destinations we'll enjoy.

Excursions are included, and you have numerous choices – I will send you a specific day-by-day itinerary with details soon. If you liked Croatia – you are going to love this cruise. This is just to give you advance notice.

It will be posted on our website as soon as we complete the negotiations and details with the owners of the ship, before the holidays. In the meanwhile, block the dates on your schedule for next year.



V. My Final Thoughts: Dance Like No One's Is Watching Gabby Barrett performed this delightful song, which in turn reminded me of this compelling quote!

Source: The author of this text is not definitively known, but it is often attributed to Regina Brett, a journalist and author, the text also includes quotes from Alfred D. Souza

We convince ourselves that life will be better after we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we're frustrated that the kids aren't old enough and we'll be more content when they are. After that, we're frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together, when we get a nicer car, a bigger house, are able to go on a nice vacation, when we retire.

The truth is, there's no better time to be happy than right now. If not now, when? Your life will always be filled with challenges. It's best to admit this to yourself and decide to be happy anyway.

One of my favorite quotes comes from Alfred D. Souza. He said, "For a long time it had seemed to me that life was about to begin - real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it

dawned on me that these obstacles WERE my life."

This perspective has helped me to see that there is no way to happiness. Happiness is the way.

So, treasure every moment that you have. And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time.... And remember that time waits for no one ... So stop waiting until you finish school, until you go back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get a new job, until you get married, until you get divorced, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get that promotion, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until fall, until winter, until you are off welfare, until the first or fifteenth, until that project gets finished, until your song comes on, until you've had a drink, until you've sobered up, until you die, until you are born again, to decide that there is no better time than right now to be happy ...

Happiness is a journey, not a destination.

Thought for the day: "work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt, and dance like nobody's watching."

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**

