



Life in the FAST LANE

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



European Union Reverses Course on its Combustion Engine Ban

EU proposes watering down rules aimed at spurring adoption of EVs amid pressure from automakers.

Source: *Wall Street Journal*: By [Kim Mackrael](#) and [Stephen Wilmot](#)

BRUSSELS—The European Union proposed watering down rules that would have [effectively banned](#) the sale of new combustion-engine cars in the bloc from 2035, after heavy pressure from the automotive industry. The move announced Tuesday is the latest sign of a major economy [pulling back on its electric-vehicle ambitions](#) as the transition away from gasoline-powered cars proves more difficult than many

policymakers had anticipated. It comes as the EU seeks to improve its competitiveness and trim some of the rules that businesses say are holding them back. Instead of requiring automakers to completely eliminate carbon-dioxide tailpipe emissions for new cars starting in 2035, the EU's new proposal calls for a 90% reduction from baseline levels. The remaining 10% would need to be made up through the use of low-carbon steel or from e-fuels and biofuels, according to the proposal. The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, said its plan maintains a strong market signal in favor of zero-emission vehicles while giving carmakers more flexibility. The change would mean plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, range extenders and internal combustion engines can still be sold in the EU after 2035, in addition to fully electric and hydrogen vehicles, it said.

Why TUSCANY for the 16th time?

Because after 15 Tuscany trips, it's like coming home.

Sign up **NOW** - Tuscany usually sells out by Happy Valentines' Day! Why "happy"? Because our gift to you is a \$500, per person, Valentine's Day present, but we must receive your reservation by January 31st. The fundamental reason is that Tuscany is going to be VERY popular this year and the hotels and the estate want a customer count. So, early signups are helpful – thank you.

Please note it on your calendar: Tuesday, October 6th to Sunday, October 18th, 2026 – wine harvest time! Don't worry, we don't have to stomp any grapes ☺

Register ASAP for Tuscany – You don't want to miss it!! +1 813 343 3001 or go to <https://fastlanetravel.wetravel.com/i/6858921e1bce682a4635b191>



One of our great mountain pass pee-stops (very important) on the way to the heart of Italy.



The luxurious entry at our 5-star Resort in Austria on the way to Tuscany:



Yes, there is 5-star luxury In Tyrol, Austria, on the way to Tuscany.



Of course, there will be canapes and Tuscan wine upon arrival at the estate.

We skipped lunch on the Italian Autostrada to avoid the traffic in Florence and Siena.

Your luggage is already waiting for you in your room.

Settle in, relax and get ready for dinner on the terrace with a beautiful sunset.



Fond Memories: A few more Tuscany Impressions

A clean Porsche is a fast Porsche!



Yes, we have parking privileges inside the Abbey Benedittina Olivetana.

No need to walk a mile from public parking!! **Did I mention luxury?**



My Final Thoughts about Travel

- “See the world. It’s more fantastic than any dream.” – Ray Bradbury
- “Nothing develops intelligence like travel.” – Emile Zola
- “There is a kind of magic about going far away and then coming back all changed.” – Kate Douglas Wiggin
- “Investment in travel is an investment in yourself.” – Matthew Karsten
- “Traveling – it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller.” – Ibn Battuta
- “Once the travel bug bites there is no known antidote, and I know that I shall be happily infected until the end of my life.” – Michael Palin
- “Once a year, go someplace you’ve never been before.” – Dalai Lama
- “The world is a book, and those who do not travel only read a page.” – St. Augustine
- “I haven’t been everywhere, but it’s on my list.” – Susan Sontag
- “It’s not just the places you’ll remember, but it’s the people you’ll encounter that’ll stay forever in your heart.” – Peter Sontag



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 best to you, **Peter**