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



Snowbird Rally Moved to 2027

This year's 2026 Florida Snowbird Rally had to be **moved to 2027**. This year Florida is being inundated with group bookings this year . . . it must be the weather up north? Hotels are requesting customer names and deposits immediately. My fault, also due to the Sawgrass Golf event we had to switch from St. Augustine to Savannah for the start of the trip – more than half the attendees couldn't make that fit their schedule. We refunded all deposits, except for five couples who switched their Snowbird trip to our



Photo Rally with “valuable” prizes, Ocala National Forest, country roads, great hotels, to Tampa, ending at the Ritz Carlton in Sarasota.

European program. Details on our **2027 Snowbird Rally** in **next week’s** Petergram Newsletter. In the meanwhile, please mark your calendar for **next Year’s Snowbird Rally: Monday, April 5th to Saturday, April 10th 2027**. Details as we complete the arrangements. But we are back to St. Augustine for the start of the 2027 Rally. **Note:** This tour is NOT confined to Porsches. In the past we had Lexus (what’s the plural of Lexus? Lexi?), Mustangs, Bentley, Cadillacs, and Corvettes. So please **plan to join** us at our renowned lots-of-fun planned **Snowbird Rally in 2027 – St. Augustine, Daytona on the Beach drive, Florida**

Our NEW Black Forest PORSCHE Fest

Your Fun and Compelling Highlights:

- Stuttgart: Cannstatter Volksfest – **Oktoberfest in the Spring**: Beer Festival: reserved private balcony seating & private toilets!
- Early arrival, Saturday **Farmers’, Flower and Flea Markets**.
- **Porsche Factory and Museum**, plus **Mercedes Museum**.
- THE best low-traffic sections of the **no-speed limit Autobahn**.
- Bavaria, Lake Constance, **Black Forest & Rhine Vally**.
- 5-star hotels with amazing views
- Cuckoo Clock Capital, including the cuckoo clock maker who custom designed a Fast Lane Travel, Inc. Clock that will feature a detailed miniature replica of your own Porsche in amazing detail. Each hand-made clock is a custom designed one-of and will not be commercially available.





Next Week: Our 16th PORSCHE trip to Tuscany will be THE best ever including Wine Tasting, Cooking Class and our Tuscany Fun Photo Rally also with “valuable” prizes! It doesn’t get better than that.

My Final Thoughts: 7 Illegal Outfits that Could Get You Arrested Abroad

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Traveling the world offers a chance to experience new foods and cultures, but it also brings unexpected rules that can catch tourists off guard. While we often think of packing based on the weather, many nations have strict laws regarding what you can and cannot wear in public spaces. Violating these dress codes can result in anything from a stern lecture to a hefty fine or even jail time. Before you zip up your suitcase for your next adventure, make sure you aren’t packing an item that is illegal at your destination. Here are seven unusual clothing customs that every traveler needs to know.

If you are visiting the Acropolis, leave your stilettos at the hotel. Since 2009, high heels have been banned at ancient historical sites across Greece because the sharp points can damage and erode the centuries-old stone. Beyond preservation, the ban is also a safety measure, as the marble paths are often slippery and dangerous for anyone not wearing sensible flats.

In Barbados and several other Caribbean nations, wearing camouflage clothing is strictly illegal and reserved solely for the military. This rule is enforced rigorously, meaning civilians caught wearing even pink or blue camo prints can face fines up to \$2,000 or jail time. Authorities take this law seriously, so double-check your luggage to ensure you aren’t accidentally impersonating a soldier during your beach vacation.

Men planning a swim in a French public pool will need to leave their loose board shorts behind and squeeze into a tight, Speedo-style swimsuit (that reminds me of a true story). French authorities enforce this rule for hygiene reasons, arguing that baggy shorts can trap dirt and debris that contaminate the

water. If you try to enter the water in traditional swim trunks, expect a lifeguard to fish you out immediately.

In a move that confused many, Russia, Belarus, and Kazakhstan effectively banned most lace underwear in 2014 by requiring all panties to contain at least 6% cotton.

The rationale was purely medical, with officials

claiming that synthetic lace is unbreathable and leads to skin and hygiene issues. While doctors agree cotton is healthier, many local women protested the removal of their freedom to choose their own lingerie.



Bikinis Are Banned on Public Maldives Beaches While the Maldives is famous for luxury beach resorts, wearing a bikini outside of private hotel property is a major offense. As a strict Muslim nation, local laws require tourists to cover their shoulders and knees in public towns and on public beaches. If you venture off your resort island, be prepared to wear a t-shirt and shorts over your swimwear to respect local modesty customs.

Tattoos Must Be Covered in Japan Despite a rich history of body art; visible tattoos are still largely taboo in Japan due to their historical association with the Yakuza organized crime syndicates. Most public gyms, pools, and traditional hot springs (onsens) strictly forbid entry to anyone with visible ink. If you have tattoos, you will likely need to cover them completely with bandages or rash guards to gain access to these facilities.

Surprisingly, wearing face masks in public was illegal in New York City from 1845 until the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. The law was originally passed to prevent tenant farmers from disguising themselves during violent protests and remained on the books to stop criminals from hiding their identities. While the ban was lifted for health reasons, recent political protests have sparked new debates about reinstating restrictions on face coverings to maintain public safety in New York.

My Fond Memories of Our Amazing Recent Great PORSCHE Trips

Everyone's favorite little street in Pienza, Tuscany: Wendy, Peter, Christina



The view from the Interpalpen while we enjoy arrival canapes and drinks



Farmers' Market in Buonconvento – olives anyone?



Farmers' Market in Buonconvento – wonderful cheese anyone?



No cars permitted on Piazza Grande, in front of City Hall and the Cathedral!



The occasional barn-find in Italy – what's a 500 worth? Is the suitcase worth more?





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**