



# Life in the FAST LANE

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## TOPICS:

What is Songtsam

My Last Guided Tuscany

PORSCHE Fest

Who is Fast Lane Travel

**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!



## New York Post . . . NYC & Songtsam

Source: Article in the **New York Post** dated Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Two NYC places make Times greatest (but that is not why I am quoting this great article), read on . . .**

Time magazine has revealed the 8<sup>th</sup> installment of its [annual world's greatest places list for 2026](#) and two New York City cultural hotspots were part of the list

The selection highlights 100 destinations worldwide categorized into places to stay and places to visit. Among this year's world's greatest places included are Philadelphia's Netflix house the Disney Destiny

Cruise ship and the United Arab Emirates Surf Abu Dhabi which was the 1<sup>st</sup> artificial surf park to join the pro surf championship circuit.

But the reason I am including this quote from the *New York Post* is that you may recall that in **2015 Fast Lane Travel, Inc.** did something that has never been done before or since. We conducted a **Porsche trip in China** including the foothills of the Himalayas, and teed off at the world's highest golf course in Lijiang.

One of the places elected to this illustrious list of destinations is the **Songtsam Lodge** <https://www.songtsam.com/en> in the foothills of the Himalayas. I invited a group of ten Intrepid Porsche enthusiasts, who had been on numerous of our fabulous trips, to come with me on a Porsche trip to China. A PORSCHE trip in China was an amazing experience and effort to pull off. Key questions arose:

1. Is it safe? Answer Totally, and very luxurious!!
2. Do you need an International Driver's License? NO . . . you need a Chinese Driver's License!
3. How does one get one? I took everyone to the MVA in Lijiang (see below). There was no driver's test, except they wanted to test everyone's vision. So, the physician pulled down a chart, like in the US, with rows of symbols from large to small. Of course, it was all in Chinese and no one could answer the questions. So finally, the doctor asked if we could see the wall? Everyone passed. This was the driver's group with the police chief.



All of the invitees had been on numerous Porsche trips in Europe – and eagerly wanted to take advantage of driving a Porsche in China.

The [Jade Dragon Snow Mountain Golf Club](#) in Lijiang, China, is the highest-altitude 18-hole golf course in Asia and the second-highest in the world. Situated at approximately 3,100 meters (10,170 feet) above sea level, it also holds the Guinness World Record for the highest. The air is so thin up there that when you tee off the ball probably goes all the way to Pakistan.



The view from my window at the Lijiang Hyatt. Of course, like on all of our trips there were always surprises and some hilarious incidents. For example, at dinner that night the Chinese always serve the soup last – it was a yeoman’s effort for me to convince the staff to serve the soup first.



Yes, they have toll gates in China on their interstates. I could not pay for the whole group, like in Europe – was funny but challenging.

We enjoyed local entertainment in Songtsam. Very catchy music.



Private parking in Songtsam



The hotel concierge loading up our Porsches with bottled water and goodies for our daily drive in the Himalayas.



**I still have to keep this Newsletter relatively short today because of the carpal tunnel surgery I had on Mach 12<sup>th</sup>.** I still have not regained feeling in my right index and middle fingers, making typing challenging at best and impossible at worst. Based on one of our Fast Lanne Family physicians, Dr. Mary Powers' very helpful recommendation, I am scheduled for a nerve conduction study on April 15<sup>th</sup> – I'll report on my progress. It's quite painful right now . . . but then, I'm used to pain – for example, we had a group going to beautiful and luxurious Dubai. However, the current events in that part of the world compelled us to cancel and offer everyone Tuscany in October.

**Fabulous Tuscany: Tue. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> through Sun. Oct 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Our 16<sup>th</sup> year of “coming home” to Tuscany.**

This trip, like every year, will fill up fast. Please register now: <https://fastlanetravel.com/all-tours-2026/>  
Tuscany in October, right during the wine harvest and the end of the sunflower season, can only be described as magnificent, delightful, romantic and relaxed.

Fast Lane, of course has permission to park in the pedestrian only zone in Montalcino. It's a wonderful little town with boutiques, coffee shops, ice-cream parlors, and wonderful souvenir shops with local crafts. Their kitchen accessory store is my very favorite. Another one of my favorites is the Grappa store.





Jay and Melissa are happy over their “valuable” Photo Rally prizes.



You'll be spoiled with the cuisine, ambiance and culinary delights!



## Who is Fast Lane Travel? Let Me Summarize:

**It's our business to do pleasure!™**

**This juxtaposition of the popular business mantra defines** our mission superbly and what we are all about:

- Implanting smiles on our guests' faces that are virtually impossible to remove.
- Driving PORSCHEs on public highways legally and safely at speeds far more than what they are used to at home.
- Traversing the most spectacular mountain passes in Europe with a drive guide who enables you to realize maximum "track" enjoyment.
- Enabling our participants to enjoy activities and see sights in locations they would hardly ever find or do on their own.
- Introducing our guests to culinary delights and cultural events they had not realized that exist.
- Providing a level of pampering along with language fluency so that our guests don't have to think and simply enjoy the awesome experiences we deliver.
- Creating an ambiance among like-minded strangers who become life-long friends.

How about making the balance of 2026 where you'll finally check a Fast Lane Travel experience off your bucket list? Talk to the folks in your Region who've been there. Remember "experiences" are worth much more than material things – see <http://online.wsj.com/articles/can-money-buy-happiness-heres-what-science-has-to-say-1415569538>

"If you've climbed in the Himalayas, that's something you'll always remember and talk about, long after all your favorite gadgets have gone to the landfill." Prof. Tom Gilovich, Cornell





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 tours we are planning for 2026. All the best to you, **Peter**