



Life in the FAST LANE

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My Final Thoughts

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!



My Birthday is Today: April 25th

I suppose most people do not remember much about their lives before they were three or four years old, other than, perhaps, very traumatic or painful experiences. In my case I remember the sirens – those awful undulating, wailing, penetrating sirens, forecasting the crescendo of the bombings; announcing impending death and subsequently, crawling out of the bomb shelter being surrounded by invalids . . . all the people hobbling on one leg, missing arms, blind or burned beyond recognition, I was born and grew up in a theater of the absurd in a Kafkaesque panoply of freaks, My poor mother gave birth to me in a

bomb shelter three stories underground on Easter Sunday 1943 in Vienna, Austria – forget the math about my age 😊. My daughters, Alicia and Julie, asked me to write a book about my life. I have been working on it now for a few years, mostly while sitting on airplanes. You’ll be notified when it’s ready to be published. Occasionally, I’ll publish a chapter or segment in this newsletter, like this one.

The Dolomites & Alps Tour

Sunday, August 30th – Thursday, September 10th, 2026

You may ask, “What’s a typical day like on the Dolomites & Alps Tour?”

Day Drive to the Dolomites

- Drive to Falzarego Pass
- Cable car to top of Mount Lagazuoi
- Lunch at Rifugio Lazazoui
- Dinner and drink at Hotel

After breakfast, we will enjoy a day of great driving and amazing scenery. We will drive east toward the Badia Valley and arrive at the Falzarego Pass (6,906 ft.). We will board a gondola (cable car) to take us to the top of Mount Lagazuoi. From the top, we will enjoy breathtaking views of the pass and the surrounding Dolomite peaks.



Lunch at Rifugio Lazazoui

On a peak at the top, “**Rifugio Lagazuoi**”, at 9,029 ft., is our **lunch** destination. While savoring our lunch, we will also be gazing at the spectacular scenery.



Panoramic view of the Dolomites

Afterwards, we’ll sit on the terrace, which boasts the most panoramic terrace views in the Dolomites, and enjoy the wonderful views before taking the cable car back down to the parking lot.



Drive back to the hotel

Our PORSCHEs are ready for another scenic drive to return us to the hotel.

Relax back at the hotel

Back at our hotel, you may want to relax by the pool, have a well-deserved drink or simply enjoy the view.

Dinner

This evening, we look forward to another delicious dinner and drinks served in the restaurant.



My Final Thoughts: Academic's Efforts to Change a Lightbulb:

- How many **Princeton** students does it take to change a lightbulb?
Two---one to mix the martinis and one to call the electrician.
- How many **Brown** students does it take to change a lightbulb?
Eleven---one to change the lightbulb and ten to share the experience.
- How many **Dartmouth** students does it take to change a lightbulb?
None---Hanover doesn't have electricity.
- How many **Cornell** students does it take to change a lightbulb?
Two---One to change the lightbulb and one to crack under the pressure.
- How many **Penn** students does it take to change a lightbulb?
Only one, but he gets six credits for it.
- How many **Columbia** students does it take to change a lightbulb?
Seventy-six---one to change the lightbulb, fifty to protest the lightbulb's right to not change, and twenty-five to hold a counter-protest.
- How many **Yale** students does it take to change a lightbulb?
None---New Haven looks better in the dark.
- How many **Harvard** students does it take to change a lightbulb?
One---he holds the bulb, and the world revolves around him.
- How many **MIT** students does it take to change a lightbulb?
five ---one to design a nuclear-powered one that never needs changing, one to figure out how to power the rest of Boston using that nuked lightbulb, two to install it, and one to write the computer program that controls the wall switch.



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**

