



Life in the FAST LANE

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My Reflections of Fast Lane Travel Inc.

As I reflect on 50 years of Fast Lane Travel, I'm struck by how deeply intertwined our story is with the story of Europe itself. Half a century of adventures has given me not only a lifetime of memories, but a lifetime of friendships — the kind that begin on winding roads, over shared meals, or during those moments when everyone bursts into laughter because the GPS insists we're driving through a lake.

Europe has always been our playground, our classroom, and our home away from home. Its history has shaped our journeys just as much as we've shaped our itineraries. From the cobblestones of Vienna to

the rolling hills of Tuscany, every trip has added another chapter to the Fast Lane story — and to my own.

I think of the **Interalpen Hotel** in the Tyrolean Alps, a place where the air feels cleaner, the mountains stand taller, and the conversations somehow last longer. Over the years, I've watched friendships form in that grand lobby, seen guests marvel at the view as if seeing the world for the first time, and enjoyed more than a few stories told over Schnitzel and Strudel. The Interalpen has a way of making everyone feel both small in the presence of nature and large in the presence of good company.

Then there's the legendary **Hotel Sacher** in Vienna — a place where history whispers from every chandelier and the walls seem to remember every guest who has passed through. I've shared countless evenings there, swapping stories over a slice of Sachertorte that somehow tastes even better when paired with laughter. Vienna has always been a city of music, elegance, and charm, and the Sacher embodies all of it. Many of you have told me that stepping into that hotel feels like stepping into a memory — and I couldn't agree more.

And of course, Casali di Bibbiano, aptly renamed **Ombrotonetto in Tuscany**, where time slows down just enough for you to savor every moment. Tuscany has always been a place of warmth — not just from the sun, but from the people, the food, the wine, and the endless landscapes that look like they were painted by someone who loved the world deeply. I've watched guests fall in love with Italy from the terrace of Ombrotonetto, usually with a glass of Brunello in hand and a smile that says, "I could stay here forever."

These places aren't just destinations — they're part of our shared history. They're where stories were told, friendships were forged, and memories were made that still make me smile decades later.



My Last Tuscany PORSCHE Fest

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To close out the year — and what a year it will continue to be — **my personal final trip, after the Dolomites trip, takes us a back to Tuscany.** It's the perfect finale for me: golden hills, medieval towns, vineyards stretching to the horizon, and food so phenomenal it should come with a passport stamp of its own.



This tour wraps up the year with everything we love most: scenery that steals your breath, meals that last for hours with local wines, and that unmistakable feeling that you're exactly where you're meant to be. If you've ever wanted to end a year on a high note, Tuscany is the place to do it. Folks have written poems about our Tuscany trip.

As we celebrate 50 years of Fast Lane Travel, I want to thank every one of you. You've been part of this incredible journey — not just as clients, but as friends, companions, and co-authors of the stories we've created together. The laughter, the “true stories” shared meals, the unexpected detours, the breathtaking views — these are the moments that have defined my 7th career (hotel business, military, back to hotel business, steel mill iron worker, international executive for ITT, Insurance company executive, consulting company CEO, founder and CEO of USTravel (\$ 2.3 billion in sales with 540 offices from Alaska to Florida, and then Fast Lane). My last career is dedicated to Billie and Lukas, my fabulous grandchildren in NJ and NYC, of whom I am so very proud and grateful to be their loving OPA (that is grandpa in Austria). Pictures of Billie and Lukas next week.

Yes, this is our Tuscany at Sunset.





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**

