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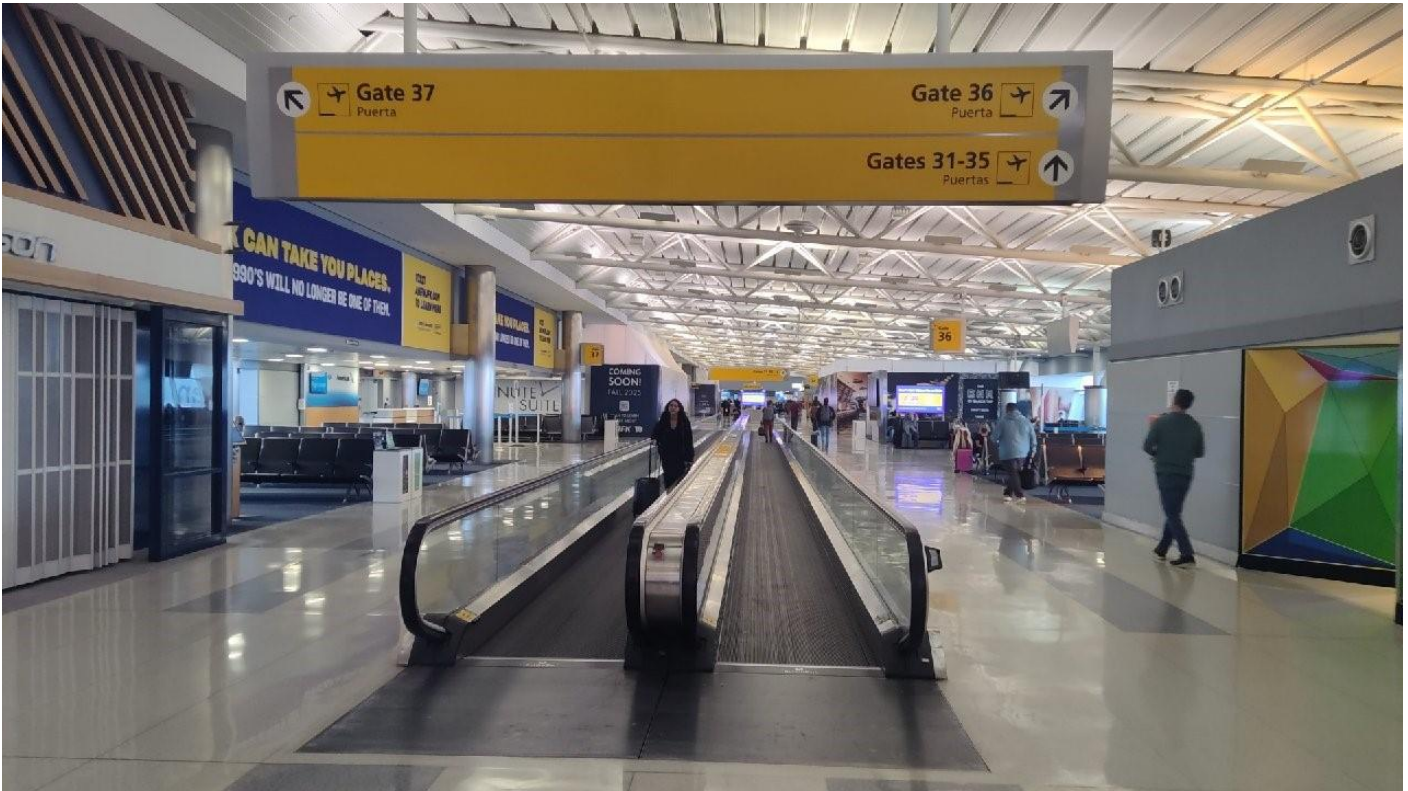
Greetings

Greetings from the office of Christina Richardson on this beautiful July morning. The weather here offers loads of sunshine and fresh Gulf air. Grab that brew – here we go!

First and foremost, Peter continues to heal well in Ohio. He has been enjoying some well-deserved downtime, reconnecting with friends and colleagues, and taking the opportunity to meet with people whenever he can. While recovery remains his top priority, he is staying engaged, keeping up with tour preparations, and looking forward to getting back on the road with all of you.

Understanding Europe's New Entry/Exit System (EES)

I received a call from Bill and Susan Geddes this past week with questions about Europe's new Entry/Exit System (EES). While I touched on ETIAS a few weeks ago, I realized I had not yet addressed EES. I'd like to extend my thanks to Bill and Susan for bringing this to my attention and for graciously allowing me to mention them by name in this update. No worries, we'll take care of you.



As many of our travelers are preparing for European adventures, we wanted to provide an update on the European Union's Entry/Exit System (EES). The system is now being implemented across 29 European countries and affects non-EU travelers, including visitors from the United States. Rather than receiving a traditional passport stamp, travelers will have their entry and exit information recorded electronically. The system also collects biometric data, including a facial image and fingerprints, to help streamline border crossings and improve security.

The EES covers the Schengen Area countries, including popular Fast Lane destinations such as Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and many others. For most travelers, the biggest change will occur during their first entry into the system, which may take a little longer as biometric information is collected and registered. Future crossings should become more efficient once that information is in the system.

While this represents a significant change in European border procedures, please rest assured that we are monitoring developments closely and are prepared to assist our clients every step of the way. As always, we strongly encourage travelers to carry all relevant contact information with them, including airline phone numbers, hotel contacts, travel insurance providers, and Fast Lane Travel emergency

numbers. Having these resources readily available can make all the difference should unexpected situations arise during your travels.

Dolomites Tour Excitement Begins to Build

The excitement is certainly building as we prepare for our upcoming Dolomites tour. The mountains will once again provide some of the most spectacular driving roads in the world, and we know many of you are counting down the days.

Remember to notify your credit card company that you will be out of country and make sure you've ordered your Euros for cash on hand for the tour.



As is often the case in the Alps, local governments occasionally impose road closures on certain mountain passes for maintenance, events, or environmental initiatives. We are aware of several possible closures that could impact portions of our planned routes. Fortunately, Thomas has been hard at work developing alternate drives that are every bit as engaging and scenic. While these decisions are entirely outside of our control, please know that we are actively adapting and doing everything possible to ensure an exceptional driving experience for everyone participating.

Tuscany and the Return to Estate of Ombroneta

For those joining us in Tuscany, there is even more reason to be excited.

One of the highlights of this year's tour will be our return to the magnificent **Estate of Ombroneta** (formerly Casali di Bibbiano). [Ombroneta - Villa Rentals, Full Estate Rental And Winery In Tuscany](#)

It has been a sixteen-year extensive renovation and enhancement project. The owners have invested heavily in upgrading the accommodation, grounds, and guest experience, and we are thrilled to see the results firsthand.



Those who have already registered can look forward to experiencing a refreshed estate that combines all the charm and character we remember with a host of modern improvements. We have witnessed wonderful things about the completed work and cannot wait to share this special destination with our guests once again.

As always, thank you for traveling with Fast Lane Travel. We look forward to seeing many of you soon in the Dolomites and Tuscany, and we'll continue to keep everyone informed as preparations move forward.

Warmly,

Christina

Legendary Quotes on France

Peter has been watching the FIFA World Cup Games. France has actually done very well. Thus, he couldn't help sending you some humorous quotes on France.

Peter is exploring a couple of Porsche trips into France, including Provence and the French Riviera, which we have done numerous times. Peter's favorites in that part of Europe are Monte Carlo, the legendary Col de Turini. And St. Tropez. Details to follow when we publish our 2027 program in the very near future.

'France has neither winter nor summer nor morals. Apart from these drawbacks it is a fine country. France has usually been governed by prostitutes.'

~ Mark Twain

'I would rather have a German division in front of me than a French one behind me.'

~ General George S. Patton

'Going to war without France is like going deer hunting without your accordion.'

~ Norman Schwartzkopf

'We can stand here like the French, or we can do something about it.'

~ Marge Simpson

'As far as I'm concerned, war always means failure.'

~ Jacques Chirac, President of France

'The only time France wants us to go to war is when the German Army is sitting in Paris sipping coffee.'

~ Regis Philbin

'You know, the French remind me a little bit of an aging actress of the 1940s who was still trying to dine out on her looks but doesn't have the face for it.'

~ John McCain, U.S. Senator from Arizona

'The last time the French asked for 'more proof' it came marching into Paris under a German flag.'

~ David Letterman

'Only thing worse than a Frenchman is a Frenchman who lives in Canada.'

~ Ted Nugent

'War without France would be like ... World War II.'

~ Unknown

'The favorite bumper sticker in Washington D.C. right now is one that says 'First Iraq, then France.'

~ Tom Brokaw

'What do you expect from a culture and a nation that exerted more of its national will fighting against Disney World and Big Macs than the Nazis?'

~ Dennis Miller

'It is important to remember that the French have always been there when they needed us.'

~ Alan Kent

'They've taken their own precautions against al-Qa'ida. To prepare for an attack, each Frenchman is urged to keep duct tape, a white flag, and a three-day supply of mistresses in the house.'

~ Argus Hamilton

'Somebody was telling me about the French Army rifle that was being advertised on eBay --the description was, 'Never shot. Dropped once.'

~ Rep. Roy Blunt, MO

'The French will only agree to go to war when we've proven we've found truffles in Iraq'

~ Dennis Miller

Q. What did the mayor of Paris say to the German Army as they entered the city in WWII?

A. Table for 100,000 m'sieur?

'Do you know how many Frenchmen it takes to defend Paris? It's not known, it's never been tried.'

~ Rep. R. Blount, MO

'Do you know it only took Germany three days to conquer France in WWII? And that's because it was raining.'

~ John Xereas, Manager, DC Improv

French Ban Fireworks at Euro Disney

(AP), Paris, March 5, 2003

The French Government announced today that it is imposing a ban on the use of fireworks at Euro Disney. The decision comes the day after a nightly fireworks display at the park, located just 30 miles outside of Paris, caused the soldiers at a nearby French Army garrison to surrender to a group of Czech tourists.

Gerald thinks of everything. He holds two purses with Euro Coins so that everyone can go through the turnstiles at the Autobahn rest stop toilets.



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**

