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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!

Staying Connected

From Christina's Desk

Good morning, Fast Lane Travelers!

Before we dive into this week's travel update, Peter has been keeping true to his "Life in the Fast Lane" reputation. Last week found him up north, spending time with family and catching up and relaxing as he continues to heal from that carpal tunnel surgery. As many of you know, between tour planning, scouting routes, and helping our travelers prepare for their adventures, finding quality family time can be a

challenge, so this visit was especially meaningful. Not one to stay parked for very long, Peter will be back on the road again this coming week, this time reconnecting with his best friend. Whether it's family, lifelong friendships, or the wonderful community we've built through Fast Lane Travel, Peter has always believed that the best journeys are ultimately about the people we meet and the relationships we maintain along the way. The roads and scenery may be unforgettable, but it's sharing those experiences with others that makes them truly special.

As I sit down to write this week's Life in the Fast Lane with a fresh cup of coffee in hand, I was reminded that there are actually three kinds of" brew" in life: the kind that wakes you up in the morning, the excitement brewing with an upcoming tour or two that keeps travel advisors awake at night, and the kind that helps you deal with that process, once completed!

Update on EES and ETIAS

Speaking of travel paperwork, I wanted to provide a quick update on **EES and ETIAS**, as there continues to be a fair amount of confusion surrounding these programs.

First, some good news. If you're joining us on the **Dolomites Tour**, you do **not** need ETIAS for this trip.

However, for those traveling with us on the **Tuscany Tour**, I would encourage everyone to go ahead and complete their ETIAS registration. Click here - ETIAS | Check Status | Retrieve Application | Get it via Email – and at the top you will see “CREATE NEW APPLICATION” – please click there.

I registered Peter this past week, and the entire process took about **10 to 15 minutes**. The main thing I needed was his **passport information**, so be sure to have that readily available when you begin.

If you've been following the travel news, you've probably seen reports suggesting ETIAS could be delayed until 2027. That may very well happen. At the same time, much of that information also indicates that applicants will be contacted if additional information is needed. My thought is simple: this is one of those situations where it's **better to have it and not need it than need it and not have it**.

For those wondering, I did **not have to pay anything** when I completed Peter's registration. Whether ETIAS begins exactly on schedule or is pushed back yet again, we'd rather have our travelers prepared well in advance.

At Fast Lane Travel, that's what we do. We work hard behind the scenes to make sure our clients' trips and vacations go as smoothly as possible so you can focus on the fun parts, like mountain passes, Tuscan vineyards, and deciding which gelato flavor deserves a second helping.

Peter on the X-Connect Podcast

Several weeks ago, I mentioned that Peter was interviewed by **Craig Lynch** for his podcast. We recently received the link to the interview, and I think you'll enjoy hearing Peter share some stories and insights from his years of automotive travel and adventure.

Watch the interview here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITo4JZ_m8ac

I'd also like to extend a sincere congratulations to **Craig Lynch**, who recently received an award recognizing his work on this project.

Anyone who has ever conducted a great interview knows that it's much more than simply asking questions. Craig has a real talent for creating engaging conversations, drawing out interesting stories, (and we all know that Peter LOVES a "true Story") and making guests feel at ease. The recognition he received is a testament to the passion, professionalism, and dedication he brings to his work.

Congratulations, Craig, on a well-deserved honor. We're grateful that you invited Peter to participate, and we're excited to share the interview with the Fast Lane family.

Until next time, keep the shiny side up!

Christina

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Bar at the Interalpen Hotel

Room at Interalpen Hotel – Photos give it no justice!

The Tourist's Prayer

Peter wanted me to share with you all The Tourists Prayer. While we have shared it before, Peter thinks it's a lovely classic that really speaks for itself.

By Art Buchwald

Heavenly Father, look down on us, your obedient servants, who are doomed to travel this earth taking photos, writing postcards, (for 2026 and beyond: text messages or e-mails) buying souvenirs and walking round in drip-dry underwear.

We beseech you O Lord to see that our plane is not delayed, our luggage not lost and our overweight luggage and illegal imports are unnoticed.

Lead us to good inexpensive restaurants where the wine is included in the price of a meal and the staff speaks our tongue. Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand.

Grant us the strength to visit museums, palaces, cathedrals and if perchance we skip an historic monument to seek private pleasure, have mercy on us, for our flesh is weak.

Dear God, protect our wives from bargains they do not need, nor cannot afford. Lead them not into temptations, for they know not what they do.

Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them with us. Save them from making fools of themselves at social gatherings. Above all, do not forgive them their trespasses, for they know exactly what they do.

And finally, when our wanderings are over, grant us the favor of finding someone who will look at our videos and photos and listen to our prattle, so that our journey has not been in vain.

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**