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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!

Our Little Tuscan Jewel

We are celebrating Our 24th PORSCHE trip to our little Tuscan Jewel: Buonconvento, that quaint little village on the mille miglia.

As I write this week's Petergram, our team is deep into one of the less glamorous but absolutely essential phases of every tour: reconfirmations.

Over the past several days we've been checking, double-checking, and occasionally triple-checking everything from hotel reservations and transportation arrangements to special dining experiences and

unique events. It's the kind of work nobody sees, but it's what ultimately allows a trip to flow seamlessly once everyone arrives.

What never ceases to amaze me is how many moving pieces come together behind the scenes. One moment we're confirming arrival times with a hotel, the next we're reviewing rooming lists, transportation schedules, and special requests. The goal is simple: when you join us, we want you focused on enjoying the experience rather than worrying about the details.

We're also making sure every traveler is logistically prepared and has the information needed to get the most out of the journey ahead. Before you know it, we'll all be together creating new memories and sharing another adventure. We are embraced by the beautiful landscape, the history, incandations of the prayers of the monks at Abbey Benedittina Olivetana and the aroma of freshly cut sunflowers.

We Love Norway

Of course, if you have kown about us at Fast Lane Travel, you know we're already thinking about what's next. We specialize in meaningful, rewarding, personal experieces. We enjoy meeting with the mayor of a little town in the mountains, listening to stories from a Herrgottschnitzer in Tirol, and singing along with an Austrian yodeleing group. We have nurtured local relationships and local friends over the years. There is nothing better than Frau Műller's Apfelstrudel.

The other day, Thomas and Christina and I found ourselves talking about 2027 destinations. One place kept finding its way back into the conversation: **Norway**.

Now, I've been fortunate to visit some incredible places around the world, but there's something about the Norwegian fjords that captures the imagination. Towering mountains rising straight from deep blue water. Waterfalls cascading down sheer cliffs. Tiny villages tucked into landscapes that look like they belong on a postcard.

What caught our attention wasn't just the scenery, though. Norway has a fascinating wellness culture centered around saunas. Most people think a sauna is simply a sauna, but the Norwegians would politely disagree. There are traditional dry saunas that deliver intense heat, steam-filled wet saunas that create a completely different experience, and herbal saunas infused with natural aromas that turn relaxation into something totally therapeutic.

One of the things that makes Norway so special is how accessible some of the country's most spectacular scenery can be. Modern cable cars and mountain lifts carry visitors high above the fjords to overlooks that reveal breathtaking stunning panoramas in every direction. Imagine ascending a mountainside and stepping out to find yourself gazing across some of Europe's most dramatic landscapes, with snow-capped peaks, winding waterways, and endless horizons stretching before you.

I can already picture our group gathering at one of these overlooks, cameras forgotten for a moment as everyone simply takes in the view.

Now, before rumors start flying, let me be clear: we're still in the design stage. But some of our favorite Fast Lane adventures began exactly this way, with a conversation, a map on the table, and a lot of enthusiasm for discovering somewhere extraordinary. For now, our focus remains on the adventures directly ahead, and we're looking forward to welcoming many of you very soon.

But don't be surprised if the fjords find their way soon in a future Petergram.

Life is short. Take the trip.

Tuscan Memories

Since we design our fabulous tours at least a year or more in advance, no matter how we design, plan and think of every contingency, inevitably surprised crop up. We have relatively little surprises like local destination tax increases of 2%. Then we have big, surprises like the Dubai Airport closing forcing us to cancel the long-awaited Dubai trip. The good news is that this will be our 24th Tuscany trip. Buon Convento has become our little Tuscan hometown, including the church, city hall, the gelato parlor, weekly farmers market and the inevitable Italian hardware store with items you'd never find at Loews. Don't forget the Tuscan cheese shop with varieties you'd never see in Wisconsin.

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**