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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!

51 Years of Fast Lane Travel

Greetings from Christina Richardson!

For those of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, I'm Christina, and this week Peter has asked me to take over the Petergram. Grab some of that brew and sit a spell!

As we wrap up another incredible tour and begin turning our attention toward the close of the year, it felt like the perfect time to reflect on what makes Fast Lane Travel so special.

We have just concluded another wonderful Tuscany adventure, and as I look back at the smiling faces, shared meals, spectacular drives, and countless photos, I'm reminded of something Peter often says: the roads and destinations may bring us together, but it's the memories that keep us connected. Creating experiences that leave our guests with stories they'll tell for years has always been at the heart of Fast Lane Travel.

In fact, this morning, Linnea Currie sent me a text that perfectly captured what we're all about. She shared that the breakfast at the Interalpen was every bit as spectacular as promised. Moments like that bring us enormous joy. Not because we were right about a destination or hotel, but because someone experienced a special moment that exceeded expectations. Those memories matter.

As we close out another year, we are also celebrating an incredible milestone: **51 years of Fast Lane Travel**.

Think about that for a moment.

For more than five decades, Fast Lane Travel has been helping guests experience some of the world's most memorable roads and destinations. From the Alps to Tuscany, from Germany's legendary driving routes to the shores of Lake Como, from Le Mans to hidden villages known only to locals, our tours have always been about more than the journey itself. They've been about friendship, laughter, discovery, and creating unforgettable memories.

And speaking of unforgettable memories, this time of year always makes me think about my favorite holiday: **Halloween**.

When I was a child, Halloween was pure magic. I can still remember walking up darkened driveways, heart pounding, wondering what might be waiting around the next corner. Every porch seemed a little mysterious. Every decoration seemed larger than life. There was always that delicious mix of excitement and fear.

Would something jump out?

Would I get scared and run away?

Would I miss out on the candy?

More often than not, I'd gather my courage, make it to the front door, collect my treasure, and sprint away feeling like I had accomplished something heroic. The biggest reward wasn't necessarily the candy. It was overcoming the fear just enough to seize the opportunity.

As I've gotten older, I've discovered there's just as much joy on the other side of the experience.

I love watching neighborhoods transform as adults spend weeks decorating their homes and preparing for that one magical night each year. Growing up, my parents fully embraced the holiday spirit. They dressed as Count Dracula and Mrs. Dracula and turned our home into one of those houses everybody talked about.

As I got older, I earned the privilege of hiding in the bushes and waiting for the perfect moment to jump out and startle unsuspecting trick-or-treaters. The screams were memorable. The laughter that followed was even better.

Later, I had the opportunity to share my love of Halloween with my beloved daughter. Watching the excitement through her eyes brought all those childhood memories flooding back. Before long, she was sharing that same excitement with her own friends, continuing a tradition that had traveled through generations. It reminded me that life's greatest joys aren't things we keep for ourselves. They're experiences we pass along.

In many ways, that's what Fast Lane Travel has done for 51 years.

We've shared roads, experiences, friendships, and stories. We've helped people create memories they'll carry forever. We've celebrated milestones, birthdays, anniversaries, retirements, and lifelong dreams.

And yes, we've probably handed out more than a few treats along the way.

Since Halloween is right around the corner, I couldn't resist sharing a few dad jokes:

- Why didn't the skeleton go trick-or-treating? Because he had no body to go with.
- What's a ghost's favorite dessert? I scream.
- What kind of music do mummies listen to? Wrap music.

I can already hear the groans.

And honestly, that makes them even better.

As I write this, I have just completed a drive to Georgia from Florida. It's amazing how quickly your senses can remind you where your heart truly belongs. Living in a city, it's easy to forget some of life's simplest pleasures. But somewhere along that drive, the landscape begins to change.

The scent of fresh-cut grass.

The smell of leaves beginning to fall.

The unmistakable aroma of hay fields in the distance.

The crisp hint of autumn in the air.

Suddenly, those familiar sensations come rushing back, and you're reminded how much comfort there is in returning to places that feel like home.

Sometimes our hearts remember before our minds do.

And after months of travel, meetings, planning, and tours, there is something especially enjoyable about spending a few days surrounded by fall weather, changing colors, and the slower pace that autumn seems to bring.

As we approach the final weeks of the year, I hope you'll take a moment to reflect on your own favorite traditions, treasured memories, and the people who helped create them.

On behalf of Peter and everyone at Fast Lane Travel, thank you for being part of our family. Thank you for trusting us with your adventures. Thank you for the friendships, laughter, and memories we've shared over these last 51 years.

Here's to another year of spectacular roads, unforgettable experiences, wonderful friendships, plenty of smiles, and of course, more than a few treats.

Until next time,

Christina Richardson
On behalf of Peter Sontag and the Fast Lane Travel Family

"The destinations are extraordinary, but the memories we create together are what truly make the journey unforgettable."

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 2027. All the best to you, **Peter**