

2011 Custom-Designed Trips Feedback

Young Couple Fun Trip - May 07th – 15th 2011:

Hi Peter, Just a quick note to say everything is going great. Volker Gempt is an excellent guide and took very good care of us. We are very fortunate that we were also able to take part in the 125th anniversary celebration of the automobile in Germany and watched the beginning of the parade from the Porsche museum on Sunday!

We picked up the car this morning and after a hurried hunt for a sport jacket for Shawn we started our drive, in the PORSCHE 911 you procured for us, which was fantastic. We are now at the Seehotel Überfahrt which is very posh. Looking forward to the rest of the drive and will keep you posted. The dinner and Mozart concert was great. **We very much enjoyed it.** We were at the front and pretty much in the performance!

Shireen Mansouri and Shawn Delaney, Yellow Knife, Canada



2011 PCA TREFFEN[®] Trips Participants' Feedback



The deciding factor for me to join the trip was reading the testimonials from previous participants. The tour in general and particularly the driving experience surpassed my expectations by far. **The organization and logistics of the tour were well planned** and the venues could

hardly have been nicer. Peter and Thomas did a great job leading the tour. Again, the driving was incredible. Our driving group was led by Thomas who was a great lead driver. How else would I have attained 174 mph. Previously, I had been worried about getting myself to 150 mph. But, Thomas led us with confidence. Thanks Thomas.

Liz and Lane Alexander, Houston, Texas

Thank you for how effectively you managed the whole event (and an event it was!). Seeing my new Panamera out front was an emotional experience for me that morning that I guess you didn't see that in my eyes. I'd love to do another trip, especially in Italy since the windy roads is the best part of driving the car but think I'll have to budget that one for 2012.



Having a luggage truck and the luggage in the room at the next venue upon arrival was total luxury. It was a great trip and it's hard to really say which event was my favorite but I really liked the Beilstein Castle medieval dinner. All the way around it was a fun time, good food and awesome locations. Wonderful trip to Germany

and Austria! From the service, food, driving experience, daily events, coordination, and special touches (goodies each night), it's hard to say what was the most memorable-except to say that it was all memorable and a trip I will always remember. Kudos to Peter and Thomas for all their experience and planning that made everything, even the unexpected, a great experience. Thank you Jörg for all your great Porsche stories; your enthusiasm made the Porsche element of the trip all that more for me!

From a single female perspective, I felt totally embraced by the group and not at all awkward at any time. The driving on the Autobahn and on the Grossglockner mountain road was a dream come true; the PCA DE's and Peter's suggestions were elemental in feeling prepared and having the confidence to embrace the speed and handling of such a great car (Panamera :) The hardest part is coming home and driving on our roads...I'm sure I'll be back for a trip to Italy! Thank you!!! [Dana Binford, Hereford, Arizona.](#)





Peter and Thomas – thanks for all the FUN! Both Sue and I had an enjoyable trip. What also made the trip special was that some of our friends from our Santa Barbara/Ventura Club Region decided to go. It is always more fun going when friends are joining you. Peter's Comments: Bring more friends next time. Sue Kinsling has remarkable musical talents. She composed several songs while on the trip and had the group perform. Thank you Sue . . . it was wonderful. **Randy and Sue Kinsling, Somis, California.**

When my wife suggested that we do a European Delivery on our 2011 911 C4S, I quickly agreed before she changed her mind. We decided to combine the delivery with a Treffen Plus Tour, since it was one of my "bucket list" items that had not yet been checked off. I contacted Peter Sontag at Fast Lane Travel who came up with some great suggestions for a customized trip since we would arrive in Germany five days prior to the start of the Treffen. This included a trip to the Nürburgring to either ride in or drive a race prepared car and a stay in a very quaint town outside of Frankfurt. Peter selected great hotels for us both in Assmannshausen and at the "Ring", had a rental car waiting for us and gave us great suggestions on things to do in local areas as well as places to stop/look/shop on our way from the Frankfurt area to



Stuttgart. Everything was scheduled flawlessly and came off great with the exception of the Nürburgring which was closed due to dense fog when we arrived. That was really the only disappointment of the entire trip.



The hotel selected for the stay for the early arrival for the Porsche delivery and the first few days of the Treffen were conveniently the same so the coordination was great. The European Delivery went off exactly as Porsche scheduled it. The car was beautiful and I was told to "drive it how you drive it", so I did. Stuttgart is a beautiful city with much to see and do in addition to the Porsche factory and Museum and the Mercedes Museum. We also greatly enjoyed Salzburg and the Alps

and the scenery on the drive through the highest pass in the Alps was breathtaking as well as a great driving road for the cars and one of the driving highlights of the trip. The trip back to Stuttgart included a stop and some free time in the beautiful Bavarian village of Rothenburg. The final capper was the Stuttgarter Frühlingsfest (spring beer fest) which turned out to be a great experience that we will never forget.



Fast Lane's Treffen planning was without a doubt, the best planned group tour we have ever been on. Peter left nothing to the imagination and he took great care to make sure everyone's Treffen experience was as good as possible. The hotels, food, side tours, shopping and experiencing the type of roads and driving for which 911's are made were beyond expectations. We also made some great new friends! Everything, especially the value received, was excellent.
Randy and Karen Rushforth, Gig Harbor, Washington.

I wanted to a high end vacation that I could share with my dad that was fun, included some fast/driving, good cigars and quality time together. This trip was perfect!
Chris Girgenti, Wilmette, Illinois

Here were my expectations from the Spring TREFFEN Plus:

1. Have a great time with my son who paid for all this . . . bless his big heart!
2. Drive at maximum speed on the Autobahn and wherever else there was no speed limit.
3. Visit the PORSCHE Factory.
4. Meet PORSCHE nuts like myself and develop lasting friendships.
5. Hopefully have a culinary experience and try new foods that are part of the German/Austrian culture.



6. Take in the sights and sounds of Stuttgart, Salzburg and the surrounding countryside.
7. Buy a new PORSCHE Turbo.

My expectations were most definitely met . . . actually, far better than expected. Everything was first class and I can't think of anything I would change. Thanks for the memories. Peter and Thomas, I thank you.

Russ Girgenti, Grand Island, New York

Gerry and I had three basic expectations:

1. Driving really fast on the Autobahn.
2. Driving kind of fast on the really twisty roads in the Alps.
3. Just having a fun and different vacation (not one from a travel agent's glossy brochure).

All of our expectations were met in grand style. Arriving a day early, we started with a wonderful dinner at Dicker Turm, with our engaging escort, Volker. We met the other members of our group over beer and wine on the lookout deck, followed by a gourmet dinner inside the dining room featuring local specialties. During the entire evening, Volker filled us with interesting tidbits about the area and his career at Porsche. Our biggest fear after that superb evening was that it could only go downhill from there!



Fortunately, we were very wrong. The rest of the trip continued to be just as wonderful as that first evening. The itinerary, hotels, and meals were every bit as exciting as we had hoped. The logistics were executed flawlessly. Peter and Thomas paid so much attention to detail (most of it in advance), that all we did was have a great time. Peter's thoughtful notes every evening kept us informed on the agenda. And, all those little "pillow surprises" added to the fun.



After visiting the MB Museum and the Porsche Museum and Factory, we finally got to the

driving. Our leader, Thomas, kept the four Eaglets together on the exciting drive to Lindau. Thank goodness we had Thomas' guidance - we were going so fast on the Autobahn, we could not read those road signs. Gerry kept his eyes on the road and I tried to take pictures of the speedometer. Having qualified for membership in the 150 MPH Club in the morning (with 24 mph to spare – see Gary's speedometer above at 174 mph), we relaxed and enjoyed lunch at Neuschwanstein. The afternoon was a beautiful drive through the windy mountain roads to Lindau. The Bayerischer Hotel was a beautiful destination - the view of the harbor from our deluxe room was a real treat. Thank you, Thomas, for the cocktail reception and elegant dinner with specially chosen local wines - the evening was memorable.



Our drive back to Stuttgart took us along Lake Constance and through the scenic Bavarian countryside. We returned just in time to freshen up for our final get together at the Cannstatter Frühlingfest (What a quiet way to wind down after such an exciting trip...) We hope Hiroyuki, your "official" photographer, posts no inappropriate pictures on the web! ☺
Peter's Comment: The only inappropriate picture is of Hiroyuki himself!



1. We think calling our trip the "Budget" Treffen could be misinterpreted. It could imply something less than a first class tour! Really, it was totally first rate, at least by our standards. Maybe our trip could just be called the Spring Treffen, and the longer version called the Spring Treffen "Plus", or Maxi-Treffen?
2. Our C4S was gorgeous and almost brand new. The interior was very clean; however, the exterior was not quite as clean as desired.
3. We enjoyed the Porsche Museum and the lunch was superb. It would have been nice to get out of the engine assembly area tour sooner, so that we could spend more time watching the cars being assembled with the windshield,

doors, etc. (I loved those robots scurrying around the floor.) Also, then, we could have visited the goodie store or the Porsche showroom.

4. Even though we were on the "short" Treffen, it felt as if we had been on a much longer itinerary because we did so many different things in the short time.

Thank you, Peter, Thomas, Volker, Hiroyuki, and all the rest of the Fast Lane Travel team for creating such a fun experience for us. I (Gladys) know how much work is involved in planning such a trip, since I usually do the planning when Gerry and I have previously travelled to Europe. Really, who else would have thought of providing maps to the restrooms at the Frühlingfest? - that was totally thoughtful! We'd love to have the opportunity to join another Treffen, maybe next time with stops in Northern Italy or Southern France. We would not hesitate to recommend a Treffen for any Porsche enthusiast, or anyone just interested in having a fun adventure in Europe.



Many thanks, again, for the **fantastic experience you provided!** Gerry will always cherish his membership in the 150MPH club. **Gerry and Gladys Hoshijo, Seattle, Washington**

After reading your advertisements, speaking with one of your assistants at the 2010 Porsche Parade and reviewing the comments from past Treffen participants, we knew that our trip would be very special. We thought that it would include beautiful scenery, good food, fast driving and an enjoyable week with fellow Porsche enthusiasts. We were a bit apprehensive about driving the Autobahn at speeds of 150 mph, but we knew that we would be safe. We looked forward to sharing an interesting and enjoyable tour with several of our local PCA region friends.



Needless to say, our Treffen far surpassed our expectations. The hotels were first-rate, and the staff at each was efficient and friendly. The venues we visited, including all of the restaurants, were unique and offered a wonderful variety of attractions and cuisine. Driving a new 911 C4S on the Autobahn, over the Alps and on lovely country roads of the

area was a real pleasure and gave us a true appreciation for how these cars perform. We safely reached speeds well over 150 mph and loved it!

Our week was filled with new adventures each day, and we thoroughly enjoyed everything on the agenda. Peter's careful planning; attention to detail and precision scheduling allowed our group to experience an exceptional variety of venues and activities that would not be available to the average tourist. Our visit to the Porsche factory and the new museum, as well as the Gmund factory and museum, were particularly special for me. We both loved the natural beauty of the Alps and the charm of the small villages we encountered on our drives. Rothenburg was delightful, the castles were impressive and the Cannstatter Frühlingfest was quite something to behold. We loved it all!

Our Spring Treffen Plus was truly a unique vacation experience we will never forget. Peter, you are to be congratulated for making this wonderful adventure possible for so many PCA members over the past 36 years. We will highly recommend your tours to our PCA friends.



It's difficult to improve on what we experienced on our Treffen Plus. Clearly, Peter has perfected things over his tenure as Treffenmeister.

Peter's communication with the group, particularly on the country roads and his comments about the points of interest were much appreciated. Also, driving the Autobahn at speed is a unique experience indeed.

We were also impressed with the pre-Treffen mailings and communication that occurred. We received lots of valuable information as to what we should expect and hints on how to handle train transfers and jet lag. You were also available to answer questions by phone and email. We found that very helpful and reassuring that everything was being handled. Bernice was very helpful as well with our extra hotel stay and train reservations.



We very much enjoyed Thomas. He is an excellent leader, and his friendly manner won us over. His skills were evident when we consolidated on the way to Salzburg. He is a gentleman and a true professional who hung in there despite his illness. Please wish him our best.

We also appreciated Jörg. What a gentleman and a wealth of information as engineer at the PORSCHE Factory! Give him our best and thank him for his service.

We very much enjoyed Hiroyuki's company on our tour. He was always upbeat and ready to help in any way he could. He certainly took lots of photos for us. Thank you very much for sending a 4G memory stick to everyone. Thanks for inviting him to be a part of our Treffen experience.

We very much enjoyed meeting the other Treffen participants. Your Who's Who book was well done, and we enjoyed learning about whom we were going to meet. We have made some new friends and hope to stay in touch.

Looking back on our adventure, it was truly special and something we will always remember. We would consider returning to Germany and Austria for a similar tour one day. Again, thank you for our wonderful Treffen Plus experience.

Respectfully submitted, **David and Susan Stone, Camarillo, California**



Based on your many ears of experience in the travel business generally and organizing Treffens in particular I was expecting a very well organized and smooth running tour. These expectations were easily exceeded daily. Not only did everything happen like clockwork, but



the way the "red carpet" was rolled out for us everywhere we went was truly phenomenal! Receiving the 5-star treatment was certainly a wonderful experience that made the tour extra special. I now also appreciate that Europe is an expensive place to travel. This is something I had contemplated for many years. Having been a member of the PCA for 16 years, the PCA endorsement and your ads in Panorama were critical to choosing your

tour over others. Well done! **Charles and Lauren Roehm, Arvada, Colorado**

Peter, I had absolutely no expectations. I learned about the Treffen when I was visiting Dave and Susan Stone, my neighbors across the street when they asked me look after their house while they were on a "Porsche Treffen". I asked what a Porsche Treffen was, and after being educated for a few minutes I said, "That sounds like something I would like to do. I'm going home to make a phone call, and you will have to find someone else to watch your house because I will be going with you guys". The rest is history. So expectations, no expectations, I was along for the ride.

This trip is really great fun. Your personal narratives and historical lectures were great. You always had our interests at heart. A personal thanks for arranging a fish dish when Julie asked for a fish dinner. I can't imagine a Treffen without Hiroyuki taking hundreds of pictures. Thank you for sending the thumb drive, with all the fabulous pictures, and for including the additional two 150MPH CLUB stickers. Thanks Peter... Please pay my respects to Thomas and Hiroyuki. **Stephen Karolyi and Julie Tye, Camarillo, California**



We expected a good trip and it totally surpassed our expectations. That goes for the Porsche TREFFEN trip and our extended trip thereafter, which you arranged. Several times, maybe every day we all gave you very high ratings as we sipped on our beers. The deciding factor in choosing the TREFFEN tour was that it was all inclusive, a reasonable price for the excellent trip we experienced. I



will personally recommend you to my fellow PCA-AZ members.

Everything went so well, I wouldn't change a thing. We all agreed that you are truly a professional at what you do. THANK YOU! Peter's Comments: Fast Lane Travel also arranged an extensive post-Treffen excursion for Vito and his family from Bavaria through Dresden ending up in Frankfurt for the flight home. Fast Lane Travel provides countless "custom tours"

annually to PCA members and their friends who may not be able to fit a Treffen or PORSCHE Fest trip into their schedule. **Vito Ramanauskas and Family, Peoria, Arizona.**



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Young Couple Fun Mountain Road Trip – July 19th – 21st 2011

Thomas. We had a great trip with the car!!!! They delivered it to our hotel on a flat bed truck, now that was cool. The delivery person was from the US, so he spoke English, the only funny thing was he couldn't get the GPS to change over to English. We thought we could get by in German, or deal with it later. So, we decided to go to the new Porsche Museum, since we're in Stuttgart. So we went, did the museum thing for a couple hours. After that, noticed the Porsche dealership across the street, and thought those guys should get this navigation system speaking something I can understand. After 1 salesman, 2 mechanics, and 1 hour later, they went to the owner's manual, and fixed it in 4 minutes. NOW THAT WAS FUNNY!!!! The time spent there was worth it, looked at a lot of Porsches. One was the same as ours here in our garage.



We went 100% according to your recommendation. Lindau, for lunch, and proceeded to get to our hotel in Austria. Found the hotel, and what a wonderful stay! Good job. Can't say enough good about that hotel. The next day, the weather was bad, rainy and foggy. (not your fault), but we started out on your route recommendation, to go to Silvretta, but called it quits, half way. Went to Innsbruck instead. I think it saved us a lot of miles. We would have gladly followed your route, but with no view, what was the point? All turned out well.

On the final day back to Munich we went to Neuschwanstein castle (the wife's choice). That was O.K. Now we can say "been there done that." Arrived at the hotel, called the PORSCHE rental folks to have them come and pick up the car, and that part of the trip was done. The kid picking the car up seemed like a kid in a candy shop, couldn't wait to get in that thing and drive it away. And he did take off faster than a driver on the American Le Mans series.

I did take note of the miles, and it came out less than expected. **You did a VERY good job of making a good vacation into an EXCELLENT and memorable trip.** A few quirks along the way, but we navigated our way through. You did an excellent job. We would definitely contact you again to do the same thing again. Maybe we could recruit another couple or two the next time. Keep up the good work. You did a good job, Thanks, **Jeff and Melissa Markgraf, Madison Wisconsin**