

## 2010 PCA TREFFEN® Trips: Participant Feedback



Hi Peter, hat's off to you on a fabulous trip. I achieved a longtime dream. Your organizational skills are beyond compare and we both thoroughly enjoyed it. We also wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed Volker Gempt's company at dinner, and most of all, his expertise at performing the difficult function of leading the group during the driving portion of the trip. We both feel lucky to have had Volker as our "Squadron Leader" (he will always have that moniker in my mind). His professionalism was obvious, his knowledge voluminous and his coolness under the difficult rainy drive back was limitless. The Porsche stories were fabulous. When we do another trip with Fast Lane, we hope to be fortunate and again have Volker as our leader. We really enjoyed the trip and would not hesitate to take a Fast Lane Travel vacation again. Many, many thanks and much appreciation. Again, a wonderful trip....maybe France and Italy next time. Best regards, **Roger and Koko Downing, Franklin, Tennessee.**



Hi Peter: Yes indeed, the constellations DID come into alignment. Thank you very much for the prompt, timely and courteous delivery of our 911 Cabriolet dockside after our cruise ship's arrival in Nürnberg which enabled us to join the Treffen group in Hohenschwangau and continue with you to Salzburg. Thank you Peter and Thomas for the best experience we've ever had; anywhere, anytime! We will never forget our time in Germany and Austria with the neat group of people you put together. Thank you, **Pat and Larry Wilson, Fair Oaks, California.**





Hi Peter, I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed last week through the efforts of you and your crew. It was most enjoyable and well organized. I hope to be able to return for one of these in the not too distant future. Best regards, **John Macfarlane, West Vancouver, BC, Canada.**

The following is a list of comments shared by a number of the participants; "attention to the detail, the best trip we've ever taken, spoiled forever, will never be satisfied with less..." The list could be endless with the many

superlatives uttered during the week. What was absent were negative comments, criticism or whining about any part of the journey. As we know, it's usually human nature for people to find fault with something. This is indeed an amazing accomplishment and speaks volumes about your organizational abilities. It was as if you had them under a hypnotic spell. You became their trusted, leader, navigating the Autobahn traveling at light speeds they only ever dreamed of driving. Their guide, leading them down winding roads and over mountain passes all the while sharing your vast knowledge of the country's history as the beautiful countryside was passing before their eyes. It was like a jigsaw puzzle taking shape as each day passed, another piece neatly finding it's place. By the end of the trip they were all, so filled up and content, it was a sight to behold... Well done! **C. Fields, Rogers, Arkansas**



The budget Treffen not only met but exceeded our expectations. Great fun and we appreciated Peter's attention to detail. The length of the Treffen fit our needs by allowing us to do some sightseeing on our own before the Treffen and then having a short Porsche trip wrapped into the European vacation. I hope to go on another trip with you. The trip was

fantastic and we hope to travel with you soon. **Todd and Elaine Leibl, Pasadena, California.**

Hi Peter, We had such a great time on our trip that we are planning our next TREFFEN. After two weeks in Europe, it is such a let down to have to come home. And the Chateau Sept Tours you reserved for us in France after the TREFFEN was spectacular! Thanks for making those arrangements for us.

The deciding factor for us in choosing the Fall TREFFEN Plus was the itinerary. We love Salzburg and the added bonus of Gmund and the Grossglockner pass sealed the deal. Our expectations for this trip were to have a unique and safe experience and become full-fledged members of the 150 MPH club. Needless to say our expectations were far exceeded. This is truly a unique, once-in-a-lifetime experience, which as you have said,



cannot be captured in words or pictures. Safely reaching speeds of over 150 MPH, combined with spectacular sights and venues make this a special experience. We can't begin to tell someone how wonderful it was; They just have to

experience it for themselves. "True story:" We are already planning to return next year for another unique and perfect experience. It is not a question of if; it is merely a question when we will return to another TREFFEN. But the only thing we would do differently is travel to Europe a day or two in advance to get acclimated to the time difference prior to the start of the TREFFEN, which of course is what you recommended. Thanks again for making this a truly special experience. **Ron and Libby McCall, Port Orange, Florida.**

Dear Peter, How can you convey the excitement on the Autobahn when my team's leader Thomas Höferlin announces, "OK Eagles, let's fly!!?" Couple that with maneuvering through hairpin turns in the Alps – all the while passing beautiful mountain scenery and towns. Part of the magic of this trip was being connected to the Porsche mystique as well as to the people of Germany and Austria.

A "Danke Vielmals" is due to Peter Sontag and his many connections. In true German style he saw to it that everything happened as planned and on time. He also has a great sense of humor. Thomas is very personable. We also had Jörg Austen with us who drove the luggage truck which carried all the large bags not fitting in a Porsche. He had many stories about his experience on the Porsche racing team and the development of the PDK.



We met Wolfgang Porsche at his home in Zell am See and visited the Porsche Family Chapel where his grandfather is interred. All along we enjoyed the company of our diverse group – hopefully forming lasting friendships. Excellent food was always available. The Hotel Sacher is exceptional. We had a wonderfully rustic dinner at a farm dating back to the 1400's and at a restaurant started in the 9<sup>th</sup> century! The finishing touch was a visit to Stuttgart's Cannstatter Volksfest (Oktoberfest). We had reserved seating, which requires at least planning ahead a year in advance. If you win a pair of beer mug glasses on the photo rally, be sure to wear them to the Volksfest. They were a great hit. Fahrvergnügen!! Don. **Dr. Donald Schexnayder, New Orleans, Louisiana.**

Wonderfully put together trip. Professionalism of coordination very much appreciated. Value received was excellent. **Phillip W. Segui, Jr., Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.**



I wanted to see the Austrian country side and that was fantastic. Meeting Dr. Wolfgang Porsche, the Chairman of Porsche was an added bonus. Thank you Peter. **Dr. Sonu and Trusha Aggarwal, Dayton, Ohio.**

My expectation of driving fast on the Autobahn, which initially kind of scared me, was met. Peter your and Fast Lane's reputation precedes you. The value received was excellent. Thank you very much. **Matt and Liz Babich, Arcata, California.**

I'm back to real life and missing fine hotels, great food, great company, and no speed limits! The Cannstatter Volksfest was THE best. Can't wait to go again. Thanks for all of your hard work. It was a fantastic trip! Dave Kilty wants to become an apprentice Treffenmeister...**Dr. Matt Jones, Bloomington, Minnesota.**

Peter, I assume you are safely back in the states, so I thought I would send you a note of appreciation. The Treffen was wonderful for both Lynn and I. Peter, as I'm sure you remember from this time a year ago, you had to convince us how great the trip would be. Then of



course we had to reschedule from Spring to Fall because to few people signed up for the spring trips. But with that said, by the end of the trip we had such a great time and met such good people that neither Lynn nor I could remember why we were hesitant in the first place. You certainly made good on every promise. The great weather and having Thomas as our group leader was just icing on the cake. It was a truly great experience, well worth the wait. **Woody and Lynn Willis, Dayton, Ohio.**

I had been contemplating going on a Treffen for at least five years. Having just turned 60, I said "enough – I'm going – forget my trial schedule." Yes, I did get a speeding ticket on a back road. On Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 while we were traveling from Füssen to the Seehotel Überfahrt I ran right into a speed trap. The situation was that two very slow moving cars had pulled out ahead of us and our team leader and another car had successfully passed them. I saw a small opportunity and passed them, right into the arms of the Polizei who had a laser gun set up in a school bus stop. They clocked me at 125 km in a 70 km zone. And, no, I have not framed my German speeding ticket yet. The experience was excellent throughout as was the value received. Yes, I'm coming again and I will demand to drive with Thomas. **James D. Blume, Richardson, Texas.**

Hi Peter, we had such a great time on the Treffen Trip. We went on a Suncoast PCA Gimmick Rally last weekend and told everyone how wonderful it was. Thanks again for all of the arrangements you made – perfect. We made a short movie of our pictures from the trip. I'll figure out how to send you the link. Thanks again for everything. **Robert and Debbie Waldron, Nokomis, Florida.**



I want to thank you for all the effort of making The Treffen a most memorable experience. We have shared it with several friends, showing pictures etc. What I will never forget was your special envelope every night accompanied by a lovely Porsche type gift. Thanks very much. **Brita and Marty Goldsmith, Long Beach, California.**

Three check marks for the total TREFFEN experience plus the value received was excellent. This was the most spectacular trip we've ever taken and we felt such a comradeship with the group. Thank you very much. **Alan and Laura Krenzer, Osage Beach, Missouri.**

