

# 2019 5<sup>th</sup> Europe PORSCHE Poker Run to romantic Tuscany

Stuttgart, GERMANY;  
Sound of Music Salzburg, AUSTRIA;  
Florence, Siena, Pienza, Buonconvento,  
Montepulciano, and Modena, ITALY.

**NEW EXCITING ROUTING AND REDUCED PRICE – WOW!**

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2019

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# PORSCHE



The 2019 Europe Poker Run **underscores the ambience, quality and fun you've become accustomed to**



**from Stu's and Fast Lane's tour planning.** Join the fun and drive a **new model 2019 PORSCHE** for nine days across the Alps to Tuscany. We are renting an entire private estate in Tuscany close to Florence, Siena and Montepulciano. Not only will we have a fun drive through the Alps to get there, but also we will enjoy a cooking class, wine tasting, relaxing by the pool, playing tennis, or do some optional horseback riding

at our estate. If you are a golfer, we will arrange t-times at the legendary **FERRAGAMO Golf Course**

close to our estate. In addition, we have planned an excursion to **historic Siena**. We will also drive part of the legendary **Mille Miglia** road. You will love shopping in the medieval village of **Buonconvento** with its little local leather, knitting, Italian shoes and dress shops. We will also visit the beautiful **Abbey Beneditta Olivetana**. On the way home from Tuscany, we will also stop in **Modena**, enjoy lunch at the legendary **F-1 La Montana Restaurant** and visit the **Ferrari Museum**.





## Day 1: Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 – Depart North America

For the guests who are starting out in Florida, we are planning to depart from MIA, as a group, for our overnight flight to FRA (Frankfurt, Germany – flight not included). If it's more convenient for you, please consider the non-stop flight DELTA 116 from ATL directly into Stuttgart (STR).

If your schedule possibly permits, we always recommend that you arrive at least a day early (i.e., leave home on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>) to have a little more time to relax, adjust to the time change, and enjoy the area. Call us to find out about our **early arrivals program (hotel and dinner)**. We recommend that you **please book your flights with Bernice**, our flight specialist at Fast Lane Luxury Travel. You can reach her at: **1 813 475 5989** or via e-mail: [bernice@fastlaneluxurytravel.com](mailto:bernice@fastlaneluxurytravel.com) She will get you the best rates, connections, and can also include your frequent flyer miles.

## Day 2: Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 – Arrival in Frankfurt (FRA)

Upon the group's arrival in **FRA** you will be met at the **Frankfurt Airport** and transferred to our hotel, the new **Le Meridien Hotel in Stuttgart**. After you check in and freshen up, we will meet for an important Drivers' Briefing and complete the PORSCHE car rental paperwork, followed by a **Luncheon** in one of the hotel's exclusive restaurants.



After **lunch**, we will enjoy a brief get-to-know Stuttgart walking tour.

In mid-afternoon, we will board our motor coach and head for the **Cannstatter Frühlingsfest** – Stuttgart's legendary Oktoberfest in the spring. We will have beer, wine, dinner and dancing . . . It is awesome.

### **Overnight at the 5-Star Hotel Le Meridien**





**Day 3: Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 – drive to the Sound-of-Music-City of Salzburg, Austria (380 kms)**

Following a lavish and varied **breakfast** at the **Le Meridien**, please have your “large” luggage ready to be loaded on the **luggage truck** for transfer **directly to Salzburg, Austria** where it’ll be waiting for you in your room. Your **PORSCHE**s are already lined up in front of the hotel. We will introduce you to your 2019 **PORSCHE**, including familiarization with the Navigation Systems, the essential rules of the **Autobahn** and the various routes to be driven.

We will drive the **no-speed limit German Autobahn** and country roads on our way to Austria. You will become a member or renew your membership of the renowned **150 MPH Club**.



We will stop for **lunch** at **beautiful lake Chiemsee**, a magical place in Bavarian. We then continue on the no-speed limit German **Autobahn** around Munich towards Salzburg. Tonight we will have a **Cocktail Party** followed by a wonderful **dinner** at the **5-star Hotel Sheraton in Salzburg** while our **PORSCHE**s are securely ensconced in secure parking in the underground Garage.

***Overnight at 5-Star Hotel Sheraton Salzburg***





**Day 4: Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 – To the Grossglockner Mountain Road – THE highest Mountain Road in Europe – makes last year’s Col de Turini in Monte Carlo like a Sunday School Picnic – awesome . . . on to the Castle Fragsburg in Meran, Italy. (240 & 260 = 500 kms)**

Following a lavish and varied **Breakfast** at the **Salzburg Sheraton**, please have your “large” luggage ready to be loaded on the **luggage truck** for transfer directly to the **Castle Fragsburg in Meran, Italy**, where it’ll be waiting for you in your room. Your PORSCHES are already lined up in front of the hotel. We are driving to the most awesome Mountain Road in Europe – the **Grossglockner Mountain Road**.

We’ll enjoy **lunch** at the Fallerhütte in the Malta Valley and visit the site of the original 1948 Porsche Factory in Gmünd, Austria. From there we head across the Alps to Meran Italy. We’ll check into the **Relais & Charteaux Castle Fragsburg**. Tonight we will have another **Cocktail Party** followed by a wonderful **Dinner** at the Castle.



**Day 5: Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> Meran, Italy drive to Casali di Bibbiano, Tuscany (~490 kms)**

Enjoy a fabulous **breakfast**. Following breakfast, we continue south of the Alps through the often war-torn, now very peaceful agricultural region of Südtirol into **Italy to Tuscany**. We will head south crossing the famous Brenner Pass, then passing Bologna with a **lunch stop at Ristorante Cardellino a Cisano**. Then on to **Modena** and **Florence** and check in at our Tuscan Estate: **Casali di Bibbiano** in the early afternoon. Your luggage will already be in your room at the **Casali di Bibbiano**.







After we arrive, we will be greeted by **Alberto and his daughter, Gabriella, Guadagnini**, our host and owner of the estate. We will check in while we enjoy **canapés and welcome drinks** by the pool. We are, in essence, at a private home with a completely different ambience and enjoyment than last night's Castle Fragsburg in Meran.





The only thing planned for the rest of the day is to settle into this Tuscan estate, enjoy a glass of wine on the terrace, perhaps take a swim in the crystal clear pool, use the gym, or just take a stroll through the acres of vineyards. We will have an orientation, a tour of the wine cellar and presentation of entertainment options. Alberto and his staff will cook a **welcome dinner** for us tonight. Last year, as we sat on the terrace, overlooking this magnificent valley, as a guest commented: **“This is just like living in a painting”**.

### *Overnight at Casali di Bibbiano – Our Private Estate*

#### **Day 6: Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Drive to Montalcino and to Pienza (~80 kms)**

Once again, enjoy a delicious **breakfast** at **Casali di Bibbiano**. Today we will explore the Tuscan countryside with several interesting stops along our route.

First, we will make the short hop to **Abbey Beneditta Olivetana**, which is the Benedictine Monks’ Abbey and the Order’s headquarters. As expected, we have exclusive parking privileges inside the monastery. We will get a brief guided tour of the courtyard with its amazing frescoes. After the tour, we will get back into our PORSCHEs and continue to **Montalcino**. The Rocca of **Montalcino** was built in 1361 in the form of a walled castle with a pentagonal layout. The town has the typical charming narrow streets and alleys along with a number of shops selling local pottery, wines and olive oils.

Of course, no cars are allowed inside this medieval town – guess who parks their PORSCHEs in the middle of the place? We then continue to **Pienza**. We have made reservations for **lunch** on the terrace at **La Piazzetta**, a delightful local restaurant.

After lunch, you will have time to explore this town and its many shops, piazzas, churches and bastions. We have secured **preferred parking** at all three venues which is always challenging in Italy. In the late afternoon, we will return to **Casali di Bibbiano** for a **wine tasting** and relaxing evening. Tonight we will have **dinner** on the terrace overlooking the valley watching a spectacular sunset.



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## **Day 7: Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Florence Excursion by Motor Coach**

At **breakfast**, we will get an initial presentation by our guide about today's program and the sights we will enjoy. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and indicate any requests you might have. We will then head out in our private air- conditioned motor coach to **Florence**. Drinks will be available on the bus. This city of approximately 1.5 million in the metropolitan area is the treasured art history heart of Italy. We have a full-day program in Florence, including, of course, the **Pitti Palace and Uffizi Gallery**.



Above is a view of the city and the **Fontana del Nettuno** in the **Piazza della Signoria**. Even if you have been to Florence before, this will be a memorable day. **Lunch** will be on your own at one of the many bistros in Florence. We will designate a time and meeting point for our return late afternoon to **Casali di Bibbiano**. Tonight we will enjoy a **BBQ dinner** by the pool along with Italian operatic entertainment – it will be quite an evening! Alberto will have another selection of wonderful wines for us.

***Overnight at Casali di Bibbiano – Our Private Estate***





**Day 8: Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 – You'll have a blast on the Poker Photo Rally (~120 kms)**

After a lovely **breakfast** on the terrace, both drivers and navigators will get a detailed rally briefing. We will drive southwest to **Torrenieri, San Quirico** and we will make a pit stop in **Bagna Vignoni** where the Romans enjoyed the local hot springs and R & R.



From there we will drive through the countryside past **Chianciano**, ending up in **Montepulciano** where we have arranged secure parking on Piazza Grande – Cathedral, City Hall – the heart of the city where there are no cars allowed! Guess who has special dispensation from the police?

Montepulciano is a major producer of food and drink and is known world-wide for its fabulous Vino Nobile wine. Montepulciano is also known for its pork, cheese, "pici" pasta (a thick, rough, chewy variant on spaghetti), lentils, and honey. The rally will be completed before **lunch** where Peter will collect your Answer Sheets. **Lunch** will be served on the terrace of a lovely restaurant in the heart of Montepulciano – **Caffé Polizziano**. After lunch, you will have a



chance to stroll the streets and do some shopping. You may drive back to Bibbiano on your own. Tonight will be our famous **rally dinner** where "valuable" prizes will be awarded.



**Day 9: Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Drive to the Magnificent 5-Star Hotel Jagdhof, Tirol, Austria (~590 kms)**

Today, we will have an early **breakfast** at **Casali di Bibbiano** and have our entire luggage, including all the stuff we purchased, ready to be loaded onto the **luggage truck** for transfer directly back to Stuttgart. So once again, please pack an overnight bag for your amazing stay at THE most luxurious hotel in Europe. We will then say farewell to **Alberto** and his wonderful staff and take off in our PORSCHEs.



As we depart very early from Casali di Bibbiano, there will be some country road driving as we head towards **Florence** and from there the toll road (or Autostrada in Italian). We head directly to **Modena** to the legendary **Ferrari Museum** and Gift Shop. But first, we'll have **lunch** at the one and only **Restaurant La Montana** where every famous race driver has some memorabilia displayed.

Our drive today then takes us from Tuscany; the wine country with its many castles; to the scenic South Tirol Region across the **Brenner Pass** into Tirol, Austria

We will check back in at the **Hotel Jagdhof** in time for dinner. We will enjoy **cocktails** on the terrace of this lovely

Alpine hotel before enjoying a lavish **5-course dinner** at the hotel. You will sleep well tonight in Alpine splendor with THE most awesome views imaginable!



***Overnight at the 5-Star Hotel Jagdhof***



**Day 10: Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Drive via Hahntennjoch to Stuttgart (~360 Kms)**

Enjoy a hearty **breakfast** at the **Hotel Jagdhof**. After checking out of the Hotel Jagdhof, we will drive over one of **THE most scenic Alpine road**, weather permitting, the **Hahntennjoch**.



We will stop for quick **lunch** on the Autobahn as we head back to Stuttgart, driving primarily on the **Autobahn**. The section of the Autobahn between Kempten and Ulm has no speed limit and we should have plenty of opportunity to renew our membership in the **150 mph Club**, if you like.

We will check into the **Hotel Le Meridien**. Your luggage will be in your room. Unfortunately, we will also have to return our PORSCHEs today. Tonight we will enjoy a wonderful **traditional dinner** at the **Stuttgarter Stäffele Restaurant**.

We will return to the **Hotel Le Meridien** after dinner for another good night's rest.

***Overnight at the 5-Star Hotel  
Hotel Le Meridien***



**Day 12: Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Return to North America – or continue in Europe**

After another opulent **breakfast** at the **Hotel Le Meridien**, you will be transferred to the STR (Stuttgart) or FRA Airport terminal for our return flight to MIA.



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**NEW REDUCED Price** \$13,998 per person, based on two persons per room and PORSCHE.

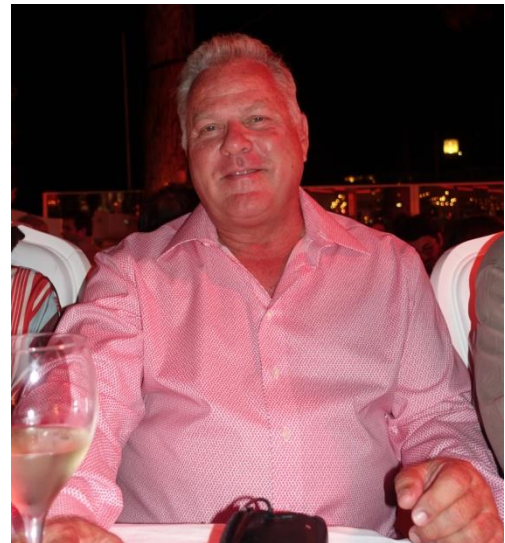
**NOTE!** PORSCHE base rental (including 200 kms/day for a total of 1,800 kms for 9 driving days) **and** gasoline (at \$8.75/gal.) are included as are all meals per itinerary, fabulous hotels, a private estate in Tuscany, multi-lingual guides, walkie-talkies, and insurance (except the €2,000 deductible for any damage). You may purchase CDW insurance for €180 that reduces your personal damage assessment to €1,000 maximum. It is imperative that you inspect your 2019 PORSCHE for any damage prior to your taking possession of the car and register it with the representative of the rental company present.

Additional kilometers at €1/km, which we estimate currently at 478 kms over the first 1,800 kms which are included for this trip, and traffic fines, if any, are required to be charged to your credit card or billed to you by the PORSCHE rental company **AVIS**. At current Euro-Dollar exchange rates, we estimate the cost of the “Additional Kilometers” to be approximately \$600 per PORSCHE. Of course that amount will increase if you do excursions on your own on your FREE DAY or we alter the routing due to traffic, weather or local events. Be sure to take a picture of the odometer of your rental PORSCHE when you take possession and again when you return it on the last driving day, so that there cannot be a dispute as to who caused the damage.

If you need additional room nights in Stuttgart, we will make the reservation for you at the group rate. If you prefer a **single room**, there is a single supplement of **\$2,532**. If you prefer to drive a PORSCHE alone, there is a surcharge of **\$3,968**. As a full service travel agency, we will gladly arrange **additional** PORSCHE rentals, flights, train tickets OR any other travel arrangements for you before or after the tour.

Please bear in mind that there is a possibility that certain routes, venues, accommodations and prices may change due to circumstances beyond our control, Acts of God, foreign currency exchange rates, local events and circumstances, traffic, weather or the performance of the drivers renting the PORSCHEs. We at Fast Lane Travel, Inc. guarantee that we will do our best to make you as happy as we have on our previous Europe Poker Runs by selecting beautiful scenery; delightful accommodations; fast PORSCHEs; and outstanding cuisine. **Our goal is for you to thoroughly enjoy yourself . . . you don't have to think. We take care of everything.**

**In order to secure your participation please send a deposit check of \$2,500 per person or call us with your credit card for your deposit.**



**The Europe PORSCHE Poker Run to Tuscany will be filling up rapidly!**



*This will truly be another spectacular Europe POKER RUN with the organization, enjoyment and fun you have become accustomed to from Fast Lane Travel, Inc.!*

*Peter Sontag, Founder and CEO*