

Premiere

# Open to Your Desires

Some drive convertibles; others drive sports cars. At Porsche, we still pay attention to nuances like that. And to make sure everybody can enjoy the best of both worlds, we're offering a powerful solution: as of September 8, we're once again sending a Porsche 911 Turbo Cabrio to the starting line.





For many driving enthusiasts, open-air pleasure is the pinnacle of the performance pyramid. And this kind of free-spiritedness is a great tradition at Porsche. For twenty years, the top model in the 911 family has come with a soft top. With ease, the 911 Turbo Cabrio pushes the limits of all emotional scales. In addition to all the driving characteristics of a high-performance sports car, it also provides that incomparable wind-in-your-hair feeling.

In its latest evolutionary form, the Turbo Cabrio has nothing to hide, and wants to show off its skills. With boost from twin turbochargers featuring variable turbine geometry (VTG), the 3.6-liter six-cylinder boxer engine puts out 480 bhp (353 kW). The peak torque of 620 newton-meters (457 lb.-ft.) is already there at 1,950 rpm. With the “overboost” function that’s part of the optional Sports Chrono Package Turbo, up to 680 newton-meters (501 lb.-ft.) is even possible for brief spurts. The manual-transmission version does the sprint from zero to 100 km/h (62 mph) in just four seconds; with the Tiptronic S, that time has been shortened to 3.8 seconds. Both versions’ top track speed is 310 km/h (192 mph). The 911 Turbo Cabrio with manual transmission consumes 12.9 liters of fuel per 100 kilometers (18.25 mpg), admirable for such a powerful automobile.

The Turbo Cabrio’s chassis has been specially tuned for the car’s open body and includes as standard Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM). The new 911 Turbo Cabrio shares the coupe version’s electrifying road performance, along with an extremely high driving-safety standard. Moreover, Porsche Stability Management (PSM) and the actively controlled all-wheel drive system, along with Porsche Traction Management (PTM),

contribute to its outstanding performance. The new all-wheel drive system uses an electronically controlled multi-plate clutch to distribute the engine’s power between the front and the rear axles as needed. This new system can affect the torque split in 100 milliseconds, which is faster than the engine’s reaction time to load changes.

With a drag coefficient Cd of 0.31, the Turbo Cabrio comes close to the value of the 911 coupe. In combination with the rear spoiler, which automatically extends 30 millimeters (1¼ in.) further out than in the coupe when the car reaches 120 km/h (75 mph), the Turbo Cabrio is the only convertible to produce negative lift at its rear axle. The passive safety systems include six airbags as standard. Like all 911 Cabrio models, the Turbo Cabrio is equipped with a comprehensive roll-over protection system using tubular steel integrated into the windshield framework and automatically deploying roll-over protection behind the rear seats. The Turbo Cabrio is of course equipped with a brake system that is commensurate with its performance potential. The six-piston fixed-position brake calipers in front have been taken from the Porsche Carrera GT supercar. And the lightweight Porsche Ceramic Composite Brake (PCCB), proven on the racetrack, is offered as an option.

The extensive equipment standard in the 911 Turbo Cabrio includes, among other things, bi-xenon headlights, 19-inch forged alloy wheels with a two-tone design, air conditioning, a wind deflector, and Porsche Communications Management (PCM) including a navigation module, a 5.8-inch color monitor, and the Bose Surround Sound System. ◀

## Turbo-Ready: Dream Roads of the World

### Australia: Great Ocean Road

**Start:** Geelong

**Destination:**  
Warrnambool

**Length:**  
320 km  
(200 miles)



**Route:** Along the winding road on Australia's southern coast, passing through the famous vacation resorts of Torquay, Anglesa, and Lorne with their splendid beaches, come some spectacular views of the ocean, such as the one at Apollo Bay, and Port Campbell National Park, with its rugged steep coasts; ending up at the picturesque surfers' town of Warrnambool.

**Pit stops:** Don't miss the "Twelve Apostles," 45-meter-high (150-ft.) rock formations rising from the sea at Port Campbell National Park; Bell's Beach at Torquay, with its annual Easter surfing competition; whale-watching from May through September in Warrnambool; or the colonial-style fishing town of Port Fairy, with more than 50 historic buildings.

**Information:** [www.greatoceanroad.org](http://www.greatoceanroad.org)



### Germany: Romantische Strasse (Romantic Road)

**Start:** Würzburg

**Destination:** Füssen

**Length:** 350 km  
(220 miles)



**Route:** The route leads from Würzburg in northern Bavaria southward toward Füssen along country roads, past beautiful charming tourist towns like Rothenburg-on-Tauber and Augsburg.

**Pit stops:** German history with every kilometer: like the medieval old town of Rothenburg-on-Tauber; the Augsburg Fuggerei, a sixteenth-century public housing project; the Wieskirche church; or impressive Neuschwanstein Castle, one of the creations of Bavaria's "mad king," Louis II.

**Information:** [www.romanticroad.com](http://www.romanticroad.com)

### Canada: Trans-Canada Highway

**Start:** Victoria, British Columbia

**Destination:** St. John's, Newfoundland

**Length:** 7,800 km (4,850 miles)



**Route:** The ultra-long highway in the southern part of the country connects Canada's west and east coasts and passes through all ten provinces, including the capital, Ottawa.

**Pit stops:** Major cities like Vancouver, Montreal, and Toronto for urban enthusiasts, plus plenty of attractions for nature lovers, including the Canadian side of Niagara Falls—on a little side trip.

**Information:** [www.transcanadahighway.com](http://www.transcanadahighway.com)

### Costa Rica: Panamericana



**Start:**  
Alaska

**Destination:**  
Tierra del Fuego

**Length:**  
25,000 km (15,500 miles)

**Route:** From Alaska's North to Tierra del Fuego at the southern tip of South America, this classic cross-border highway extends through the full length of the double continent and passes through fourteen or nineteen countries, depending on which route you take.

**Pit stops:** Costa Rica not only is particularly beautiful, but also is considered the safest country in Central America—a recommended stretch of the Panamericana to try out.

**Information:** [www.canatur.org](http://www.canatur.org)



**The wings of power:** The rear spoiler of the 911 Turbo Cabrio extends further than in the coupe

## France: Grande Corniche

**Start:** Nice  
**Destination:** Menton  
**Length:**  
 Approx. 90 km  
 (55 miles)



**Route:** From Nice, it passes through Col d'Èze, Èze-sur-Mer, La Turbie, and Roquebrune to Monaco, with the Mediterranean always in view, or at least just a few kilometers away.

**Pit stops:** Try your luck at the chic casino of Monaco? Admire Prince Rainier's automobile collection (Monaco, Terrasse de Fontvieille)? Or do a James Bond (*GoldenEye*, 1995) and enjoy the curves between Monaco and Menton with plenty of rpm? Whatever your driving style, you can enjoy this driver's paradise along the world's most famous coastal road. A tip: The best view of the sea is from 500 meters up (1,700 ft.), at Col d'Èze.

**Information:** [www.franceguide.com](http://www.franceguide.com)

## England: The Romantic Road

**Start:** Cheltenham  
**Destination:** Cheltenham  
**Length:**  
 Northern route 120 km  
 (75 miles)  
 Southern route 150 km  
 (95 miles)



**Route:** The northern route leads 120 charming kilometers from Cheltenham through Winchcombe, Stanway, Stanton, Broadway, Chipping Campden, Moreton-in-Marsh, Stow-on-the-Wold, Lower Slaughter, and Upper Slaughter, and then back to Cheltenham. The southern variant also starts and ends in Cheltenham, and passes through Northleach, Burford, Lechlade-on-Thames, Fairford, Bibury, Cirencester, and Painswick.

**Pit stops:** Britain at its best: The Romantic Road runs through places which are justifiably considered among the most picturesque in the country. For example, Cheltenham, a spa with beautiful Regency architecture, or Bibury, which, according to craftsman, interior designer, poet, and politician William Morris (1834–1894), is the most beautiful village in England. Especially pretty towns include Broadway and Chipping Campden.

**Information:** [www.visitbritain.com](http://www.visitbritain.com)

## The USA: Highway 101

**Start:** San Francisco  
**Destination:** Los Angeles  
**Length:** 600 km  
 (375 miles)



**Route:** From San Francisco, the mother of all highways runs south through such famous coastal resorts as Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, and Malibu to Los Angeles. Tip: drive from north to south; that way you're in the seaside lane with its spectacular view mile after mile.

**Pit stops:** Literature fans can stop in Salinas to visit the John Steinbeck Museum; the writer described the town's fish industry in *Cannery Row*. Sports fans can check out the Surfing Museum in Santa Cruz. Very romantic: A walk on the palm-lined promenade in Santa Barbara—the "Nice of California." And don't miss the world-famous beaches, like Lover's Point near Monterey.

**Information:** <http://gocalif.ca.gov>

## South Africa: Garden Route

**Start:** Mossel Bay  
**Destination:** Port Elizabeth  
**Length:** 250 km  
 (155 miles)



**Route:** Leads along the Indian Ocean from Mossel Bay via Victoria Bay, Knysna, Plettenberg Bay, and Jeffrey's Bay to Port Elizabeth, past high plateaus and dramatic coastal rock cliffs; hidden beaches, dune landscapes, mangrove forests, and stretches of meadows—in bloom, if you time it just right.

**Pit stops:** For nature lovers, Wilderness National Park between Victoria Bay and Knysna; for fish and seafood enthusiasts, Knysna with its many good restaurants; for adrenalin fans, Bloukrantz with the over 200-meter-high (700 ft.) bungee jump off the Bloukrantz Bridge.

**Information:** [www.southafricantourism.com](http://www.southafricantourism.com)