



JOSEPH MEKO

CERTIFIED TOUR DIRECTOR/GUIDE

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TOUR GUIDE LICENSES

New York City
Washington DC

CERTIFICATIONS

TripSchool Tour Director Certification, 2023
Commercial Drivers License, Passenger Endorsement
Certified Beer Server, Cicerone Program

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Travel, cooking and baking, cycling, Broadway shows. I'm studying to become a cicerone, a sommelier for beer.

DESTINATION KNOWLEDGE

TripSchool FAM Trainings

- New England Fall Foliage
- Boston
- New York City
- Washington, DC and wider Maryland/Virginia area
- New Orleans

- Portland, ME
- Nashville
- Chicago
- Philadelphia
- St. Louis

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

BUS GUIDE, WALKING TOUR GUIDE, BUS DRIVER

Portland Explorer, Portland, ME, 3 years

- Conduct tours of the greater Portland area, showcasing in-depth knowledge of local history, significant landmarks, cultural anecdotes, and culinary recommendations.
- Provide a friendly, welcoming, and approachable experience for guests riding or walking en route and at each stop.
- Facilitate dialogue with owners and staff at craft beverage locations; give production tours as needed.

HISTORY DOCENT VOLUNTEER

Portland History Docents, Portland, ME, 1/2 year

- Provide interpretation of historic sites and artifacts at locations in the Portland metropolitan region
 - Tate House Museum - historic colonial home
 - 5th Maine Regimental Hall - historic summer cottage for Civil War veterans and their families

PUBLICATION

["What Makes a Beer Tour Great?"](#), *Yankee Brew News*
June/July 2024.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, 2015
MS Professional Science

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND-COLLEGE PARK, 1988
MA History of Science and Technology

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, 1986
BSE Civil Engineering - graduated with honors

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

HEALTHCARE DATA ANALYTICS AND IMPLEMENTATION
Optum Healthcare, 4 1/2 years
State of Tennessee Division of TennCare, 5 years

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TEACHER
Northwest R-1 High School, House Springs, MO, 5 years
Franklin Road Academy, Nashville, TN, 12 years