

TOUR DIRECTOR EXPERIENCE

ADULT TOURS

Go Atlanta and Beyond, LLC 2009 - Present
(Renamed **Yourite** in 2022) www.yourite.net
Owner/Tour Planner/Tour Director/Storyteller
The Netherlands, Iceland, Ireland, Costa Rica, Peru
PML Travel 2023 – present
SouthWestern and NorthWestern National Parks
Odysseys Unlimited 2024 - Present
Southwestern USA National Parks
Road Scholar 2017 – present
Civil Rights Tours, the South
Collette 2017 – 2021
Iceland, Scandinavia, Southwestern and Northeastern USA

STUDENT and YOUNG ADULT TOURS

Good News Travels March 2022 – Present
CE Tours 2017 – present
Hemisphere March 2022 – Present
The South and Civil Rights Tours
Grand Classroom 2022 – Present
EF Explore America. 2017 – 2020

ATLANTA CITY TOURS available as step on guide.


DESTINATION EXPERIENCE

USA The South
USA The SouthWest
USA The NorthEast
USA The NorthWest
National Parks all regions
Europe, Iceland and the Netherlands expert, extensive knowledge in Northern Europe, as well as Western and Southern Europe.
Central and South America
Costa Rica and Peru


RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Photographer at **Photos by Mettina**
Sold my photography at exhibits and art festivals.
Program Director at **Easy Living Home**, Atlanta, GA
Educated and advocated nationwide on the need for accessible housing. Planned and organized conferences and formed statewide coalitions.
Entrepreneur: built and ran a small landscape business, a Dutch clock and antique retail business and a small tour business.
Mental Health Counselor/Activity Coordinator at **Skyland Trail**, a halfway house for adult psychiatric patients in Atlanta GA.
Case worker/group leader Smilde GVT: a group home for mentally challenged adults in Smilde, the Netherlands.

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CERTIFICATIONS

IGA International Tour Manager (2011)
IGA Tour Guide (2012)
IATDG Interpretive Communication Guide
Tripschool Destination training New York City, Washington DC, Philadelphia

First Aid and CPR certified

LICENSES

Washington DC
New York City

LANGUAGES

Fluent in **English** and **Dutch**
Semi-Fluent in **German**

EDUCATION

BA Special Education/Social Youth Work
Hannie Schaft Akademie, the Netherlands

INTERESTS

Photography, nature, master gardener, history, storytelling, outdoors activities and people and their cultures.

ABOUT ME

I grew up in the Netherlands, traveled the world on shoestring and landed in Atlanta GA.
I am a USA Greencard holder and a citizen of the Netherlands with a European Passport and can legally work in the USA, the European Union and any of the Schengen areas.

REFERENCES UPON REQUEST