

TOUR DIRECTOR & GUIDE

# LYNN O'CONNELL

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#### INDUSTRY Certifications

- Journey Through Hallowed Ground
- Association of Philadelphia
  Tour Guides
- National Tour Association
  Tour Planner
- Baltimore Heritage
- Guild of Professional Tour Guides of DC
- Travel Coach

#### PROFESSIONAL GUIDE Licences

- New York City Tour Guide
- Washington, D.C. Tour Guide



# Destination/Itinerary knowledge

- New England Fall Foliage
- Washington, DC; Philadelphia; New York City
- U.S. South (Charleston, Savannah, Nashville, New Orleans)
- U.S. Southwest National Parks
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Ireland & Scotland
- Portugal
- Peru & Ecuador
- Oaxaca, Mexico
- Baltics region

### **Destination Training Classes**

• 2023 TripSchool U.S. Southwest National Parks

# **Relevant Work Experience**

#### Tour Director (2004 - Present)

Domestic & International

#### Tour Guide in the DC area (1987- Present)

Washington, DC

• History, Ghost, Food, Presidential Wives, Scandals

#### **Outback Teambuilding (2018 - Present)**

Vancouver, Canada

• Organize & lead in-person & virtual team building and/or philanthropic corporate events

#### U.S. Diplomat/Foreign Service Officer (12 years)

Sub-Saharan Africa

• Initiated & led lectures and special events

#### Teacher (4 years)

Rouen, France, & Bournemouth, England

• Taught English & American culture to 12-24 year olds

## **Academic Background**

Northern Virginia Community College

Tourism Studies Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis

M.A., Philanthropy

**David Lipscomb University** 

B.A., Communications

#### INTERESTS & HOBBIES

- Live theatre producing
- Reading historic novels
- Ethnic food eating, cooking, and exploring restaurants
- Volunteering in any shape or form