

Kara Franklin

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Gateway Cities: Los Angeles or San Francisco



ITMI Certified Tour Director

Career Objective

Tour Director / Guide / Cruise Host / Tour Mapping
Event Planning / Convention / Incentive Staff

Tour Director / Guide Experience:

- Los Angeles / Hollywood / Beverly Hills / Disneyland / Santa Monica / Universal Studio (20x)
- Santa Barbara / Solvang / Hearst Castle / Monterey/ Carmel/ Big Sur (2X)
- San Francisco / Sausalito / Sonoma Wine Country (4x)
- California Gold Rush Country / Sierra Nevada / Lake Tahoe / Reno, Nevada (2 days) ITMI FAM
- Riverbank Wine & Cheese Festival Factory Tours (4 yrs)
- South Dakota Adventure PWD (7 days)
- Western National parks(9-16 Days x 7 / 3 Diff. Co.)
- Dreamtrips Host (22 x / 8 months 20 to 540 guests)
- Student Tours Los Angeles Champion tours (8x)
- Road Scholar Queen Mary+ Catalina

Familiarization Tour / Cruise Experience

- Alaska / Inside Passage (10 days) Princess Cruise
- Mexican Riviera (4-7 days, 6x) Carnival, Princess Cruise
- Bahamas Cruise (7 days ,8x) "Disney" ,Norwegian Sky
- Bermuda (6 days) Royal Caribbean
- Ireland (9 days) Cosmos Tour
- Germany / Italy (2 wks) Friends & Family 5-Star
- Canadian Rockies (7 days tour design & drove)
- Boston MA (3 days)
- Newport RI (4 days)
- NW & SW National Parks Fam 2015 (16 days)
- Central Valley Cal. (2 day-ITMI)
- Sunriver Or. (4 days)
- Maui, Kauai, & Big island, HI (5x)
- 10 day My design S.W. NAT. Pks (May 2021)

Meeting and Event Planning

- Planned Gala's & Hospital Events (10 yrs) 100-200 people
- Coordinated Banquets Vista Golf Course (1 yr) 50-250 people
- PTA (11 yrs) "Room Mom" & Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator
- Organized School Talent Show (4 yrs) 150-190 Students

Additional Experience and Skills

- Student Trip/ School Bus Driver (7 yrs) Class B License
- Owner (20 yrs) "About Face & Body" Spa
- Real Estate Agent (18 yrs)
- Property Management / Owner (28 yrs)
- Hot Air Ballooning Crew (3 yrs)
- Winery Assistant (5 yrs) Gallo Winery
- Professional Housecleaning (6 yrs)
- Line-Dance Instructor (20 yrs) 30+ Dances
- Wellness Coach - Optavia
- Docent @ Placerita Nature Center (2016 – current)
- Volunteer (20+ yrs) Hospitals, Homeless Shelters, Children's Centers, Children's Dental, and School committees.

Domestic Independent Travel / Destination Knowledge

Cal. / Nev. Napa, Sonoma, Yosemite, Carmel, Monterey, San Diego, Carlsbad, Palm Springs, Death Valley, Sequoias, Sierra N.P., Las Vegas, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara; **Ariz./ New Mex. /Utah** Phoenix, Scottsdale, Montezuma's Castle, Prescott, Tucson, Grand Canyon, Sedona, Taos, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Salt Lake City, Provo, Arches, Park City, Temple Square, Zion, Bryce, Flagstaff, Monument Valley; **Hawaii/Alaska** Maui, Kauai, Big Island, Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan ; **Wash. / Oregon / Idaho** Idaho falls, Coos Bay, Bend, Sunriver, Mt. Bachelor, Lava hot springs, Oregon Coast Highway, Coeur d'Alene, Spokane, Seattle; **Colorado** Grand Mesa N.P., Grand Junction & CO. N.P., Denver, Durango, Silverton; **Wyo. / Mont. / Dakotas** Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Jackson Hole, Custer St. Park, Keystone, Rapid City, Sheridan, Cody, Yellowstone, Badlands (Both Dakotas), Wall, Devil's tower, Deadwood, Little Big Horn, Medora & Ted Roosevelt N.P., Bismarck; **Illinois / Indiana / Ohio** Chicago, Columbus, Indianapolis; **Texas /FL /Louisiana/Arkansas** Little Rock, Hot springs, Miami, Orlando(Sea world and Disneyland), Houston, New Orleans; **New Jersey / NewYork** Newark, New York City, Ellis Island, Central Park; **Mass. / Vermont / Rhode Island** Burlington, Montpelier, Boston, Newport; **Canada** Banff, Jasper, Calgary, Glacier Nat Park

Education

- International Tour Management Institute, Certified T.D. (June 2014)
- Modesto Junior College Business Management Courses
- FIRST AID / CPR Certified
- Geology of National Parks (Great Courses)
- Real Estate license (18 years)
- State Certified Esthetician & Electrologist (1995)
- Docent - Placerita Nature Center-2016
- Health coach @ Optavia

Personal Interests / Hobbies

Karaoke, Hiking, and leading students through State park, Horseback riding, Dancing, Period Costume Design, Stained Glass, Dixieland / Swing Music, Architecture, Remodeling home & Garden, Kayaking, Golf, Biking, Sky Diving, Roller Coasters, lunch with interesting people from different cultures.