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Video Introduction: <https://youtu.be/VgsJHG1OWq8>



ITMI Certified Tour Director / Guide

Tour Director / Guide Experience

- **San Antonio City Tour** (born & raised)
- **Texas Hill Country / Dallas / Houston / Austin / Missions / Big Bend National Park**
- **Tanzania Safari** (2x, 3 months) **Houghton College**
- **San Francisco / Sausalito / Sonoma Wine Country Tour** ITMI Training Tour
- **Yosemite National Park** (2 days) ITMI Training Tour
- **New York City** (3 days) **Trip School**
- **Boston** (3 days) **Trip School**
- **Chicago** (6 year resident)
- **Washington DC** (17x, 2-5 days) **WorldStrides**

Strong Destination Knowledge / Cruise Experience / FAM Tours

- **Texas / Arkansas / Ozarks** El Paso, Hot Springs, Little Rock, Branson
- **Deep South** Asheville, Charleston, Savannah, Atlanta, Natchez, Vicksburg, Smokies, Chattanooga, Gatlinburg, Nashville, Memphis, Jackson, Mobile, Birmingham, Civil War Battlefields (6x, 2-3 days)
- **Florida** Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Everglades, Key Largo, Orlando, Disney World, EPCOT, Sarasota
- **Washington D.C. / Virginia** Mt. Vernon, Arlington, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fredericksburg, Monticello
- **New York / Penn Dutch Country** New York City, Niagara Falls, Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Hershey
- **New England** Boston, Lexington, Concord, Salem, Burlington, Lake Champlain, Bar Harbor, Kennebunkport, Acadia National Park, Portsmouth
- **Great Lakes** Chicago (6 years), St. Louis, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Holland, Cleveland, Louisville, Cincinnati, Columbus, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Mammoth Cave National Park, Daniel Boone National Forest
- **California / Nevada** Napa, Sacramento, Carmel, Monterey, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Disneyland, Hollywood, Santa Monica, Death Valley, Las Vegas
- **Arizona / New Mexico / Utah** Phoenix, Grand Canyon, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Carlsbad Caverns, Bryce, Arches,
- **Wyoming / Montana / Dakotas** Jackson Hole, Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, Cheyenne, Mt. Rushmore, Badlands
- **Colorado / Rocky Mountain National Park** Denver, Aspen, Royal Gorge, Steamboat Springs, Fort Collins
- **Pacific Northwest** Portland, Columbia River Gorge, Lewis & Clark National Historical Park
- **Honduras** (6 days)
- **Eastern Europe** Hungary, Slovakia
- **Europe / British Isles** Switzerland, Austria (2x, 7-10 days), Greece (10 days), Italy (6 days), Britain (10 days)
- **Middle East / Africa** Israel (10 days), Malawi (6 days)

Meeting and Event Planning

- **Planned / Orchestrated Recruiting Events** (3 years) Pine Cove Camp / Wheaton College
- **Coordinated Fundraising Events** (3x, 1 year))

Additional Experience and Skills

- **Summer Camp Counselor** (4 years) 6-12 years old
- **College Teaching Assistant** (1 semester, 24 students) Travel Logistics / Student Welfare
- **Tutor** (9 years) 5-18 years old
- **Leadership Coach** (3 years) Wheaton College, IL
- **Multicultural Skills / Cultural Immersion in Tanzania**
- **Piano** (11 years)

Education

- **International Tour Management Institute**, San Francisco – Certified Tour Director / Guide, January 2019
- **ITMI Washington D.C. Master Class**, Washington D.C. and Student Tour Focus – February 2019
- **Washington DC Tour Guide License**
- **Wheaton College**, Wheaton, IL – Bachelor's Degree, Socio-Cultural Anthropology
- **Semester Abroad** – Tanzania

Personal Interests / Hobbies

- Reading, History & Culture, Piano, Genealogy Research, Fiction Novels