

# JOSEPH MEKO

CERTIFIED TOUR DIRECTOR/GUIDE

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- Availability Calendar

## 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

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

## **DESTINATION KNOWLEDGE**

• Portland, ME

#### TripSchool FAM Trainings

- Boston, MA
- New York City
- Washington, DC and wider Maryland/Virginia area
- New Orleans, LA
- Nashville, TN
- Chicago, IL
- Philadelphia, PA
- St. Louis, MO

## **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

#### BUS GUIDE, WALKING TOUR GUIDE, BUS DRIVER

Maine Brews Cruise, Portland, ME, 2 years

- Provide a friendly, welcoming, and approachable experience for guests riding or walking en route and at each stop.
- Speak about various fermentation techniques and products; give production tours as needed.
- Facilitate dialogue with brewers, owners, and staff at each location.
- Conduct tours of the greater Portland area, showcasing in-depth knowledge of local history, significant landmarks, and cultural anecdotes.

## HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TEACHER

Franklin Road Academy, Nashville, TN, 12 years

Northwest R-1 High School, House Springs, MO, 5 years

- Faculty advisor for Quiz Bowl teams.
- Bowling coach for high school boys and girls teams.

## HEALTHCARE DATA ANALYTICS MANAGER

State of Tennessee Division of TennCare, 3 1/2 years

• Build, engage, and coordinate the efforts of a diverse team of 8 analysts

## HEALTHCARE DATA ANALYST

Optum Healthcare, 3 years State of Tennessee Division of TennCare, 1 1/2 years

• Communicate results and technical concepts to nontechnical internal partners and external business clients.

## 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