

# KIRA BUTLER

CERTIFIED TOUR DIRCTOR/GUIDE

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#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

- ITMI
- First Aid & CPR

#### PASSPORTS/CITIZENSHIP

• USA & Canada

### **FUN FACTS**

- November Project devotee
- Avid reader and lover of libraries
- Can walk on stilts and rollerblade, but not simultaneously
- Major fan of The Office try me with trivia
- Love to hike, walk, canoe, and/or take public transportation

# **DESTINATION KNOWLEDGE**

- · Los Angeles and Disneyland
- US Southwest National Parks
- South Pacific (Australia, New Zealand)
- Europe (Greece, Italy, Norway, UK)
- Japan

#### TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

- USA (HI, CA, OH, TN, MN)
- · Lived in Nottingham, England for 12 summers
- Europe (United Kingdom, Ireland, Lisbon, Barcelona, Paris, Istanbul)
- Africa (South Africa, Egypt)
- Polar Regions (Antarctica, Svalbard)

#### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

#### **Guide Operations Manager**

Adventures by Disney, 3 years

- Interviewed potential guides
- · Trained incoming class of guides
- Mentored of veteran guides

#### **Entertainment Coordinator and Trainer**

Walt Disney World, 10 years

- Worked directly with thousands of guests while coordinating entertainment offerings across all four theme parks
- Trained incoming Cast Members
- Also danced in parades and got to wear sparkly costumes!

#### **Extended Trip Leader and Camp Counselor**

Camp Thunderbird, 7 summers

- Planned and guided extended backpacking and canoeing trips through wilderness spaces in the US and Canada for kids aged 11-15
- Trips were a few days to multiple weeks in length
- · Taught outdoor living skills and canoeing

## **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

# **Vanderbilt University**

Graduated 2005, magna cum laude