



**Jacob Anderson-Minshall**  
TOUR DIRECTOR & STORYTELLER

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## CERTIFICATIONS

Hospitality Industry Essentials, NYU Jonathan Tisch  
Center of Hospitality, 2024  
Foundations of Interpretation, Indiana University Eppley  
Institute for Parks & Public Lands, 2024  
LEAP (Learning through Experience & Active Participation),  
WorldStrides, 2024  
Tour Director & Guide Certification, **TripSchool**, 2023  
First Aid & CPR, American Red Cross, 2024  
California Master Naturalist, 2024  
Project Learning Tree, 2023  
Idaho Master Naturalist (studied, not certified) 2023  
National Park Service Ranger Academy, 2000

## GUIDE LICENSES

Washington, D.C.

## DESTINATION TRAINING

Washington, D.C. WorldStrides 2024  
Washington, D.C. TripSchool 2023

## INTERESTS/SPECIALTIES

Untold histories, nature, ecology, social movements

## LANGUAGES

English (native speaker); some German and Spanish

## DESTINATION KNOWLEDGE

California: Los Angeles, Palm Springs, San Diego, San Francisco  
Bay Area, Silicon Valley, Sacramento, Gold Country, Santa Cruz,  
Wine Country (Napa & Temecula); National Parks & Monuments  
including Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Grand Canyon, Zion, Arches,  
Bryce Canyon, Mount Rushmore; Washington, D.C.; New York City;  
Salt Lake City, UT; Provincetown, MA; Idaho, Utah, Wyoming,  
Oregon, Colorado; Berlin, Venice; Stockholm, Caribbean Islands;  
Alberta, Canada; Alabama (Civil rights tour); New Orleans.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**TOUR DIRECTOR** *Multiple Tour Companies* | 2023-present  
OTR director. Managed logistics, created/delivered commentary,  
liaised with security & suppliers, facilitated access for disabled  
guests. California history (Sacramento/San Francisco/Gold Country);  
LA/Hollywood/theme parks; U.S. National Parks; Georgia/Alabama  
Civil Rights; New Orleans; Washington, D.C. & NYC.

**TOUR EDITOR** *WhollyH20* | 3 months

For nonprofit environmental organization, assisted with creation of  
walking tours, entering coordinates and information into PocketSites.

**EDITOR IN CHIEF** *Out Traveler* | 3 years

Relaunched print and digital travel magazine during the pandemic to  
critical acclaim, dramatically grew online presence, traveled to and  
wrote about numerous domestic and international destinations,  
juggled deadlines, managed staff, launched branded video series.

**RANGER** *Midpeninsula Regional Open Space* | 3 years

Patrolled largest open space preserves in the U.S. Fought wildfires &  
provided first aid and rescue. Managed volunteers and maintenance  
crews. Led interpretive walks for K-12 students.

**RANGER** *Marin County Parks & Open Space* | 2 years

Led all-age interpretive walks. Maintained parks and beaches.  
Supervised seasonal aides, planned workdays, assigned duties.

## ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Led elk feeding tours on a wildlife refuge in Oregon  
Collected samples for stream ecology studies in national forests.  
Operated information kiosk at Mount Tamalpais California State Park  
Led interactive tide pool tours at California Academy of Sciences  
Drove a college airport shuttle van giving adult campus tours  
Operated game booths at a traveling carnival in the Southwest  
Served as assistant press secretary on an Idaho Governor's U.S.  
Senate campaign (I was 19, and no, he didn't win)  
Ran informational booths at dozens of LGBTQ+ Pride festivals  
Founded and co-hosted a monthly radio show on KBOO in Portland  
Organized a San Francisco Bay Area book tour for seven authors  
Taught Speech 101 classes at Idaho State University  
Authored 4 novels and a memoir; writing published in 50+ outlets

## FOREIGN STUDY

Germany, England, Jerusalem

## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Speech Communication M.A. Idaho State University  
Peace and Global Studies B.A. Earlham College

## SERVICE

Transgender Advisory Group, IGLTA. 2021-Present