



CERTIFIED TOUR DIRECTOR

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INDUSTRY

CERTIFICATIONS

- 2019 TripSchool Tour Director Boot Camp (New York City)

PROFESSIONAL GUIDE LICENCES

- New York City Tour Guide
- Washington, D.C. Tour Guide

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

- Learning foreign languages
- New York City history and culture
- Wine tasting
- Folk art and architecture
- Opera and classical music
- Bird watching

Destination/Itinerary knowledge

- New York City
- Washington, D.C.
- Central and Eastern Europe: Austria, Bulgaria, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia

Relevant Work Experience

Professional Profile: international education practitioner with focus on international academic exchanges, development of global academic programs and educational travel for university students and educators, highly experienced in travel and event management and logistics, budgeting/finances and grant funding

Guide Experience:

Context Travel, NYC: walking tour guide, 2019-present
Save Ellis Island, NYC: site guide and desk staff, 2019-2022
Custom tour director, NYC and Europe: 2017-present

Director of Research, School for International Training (SIT) (2019-present)

Brattleboro, VT and global

- secure grants funding for study abroad and experiential learning programs

Education Consultant (2016-present)

Ministries of Education, Fulbright Commissions, several universities in Central European countries

- internationalization expert

Institute of International Education (IIE) (1994-2016)

New York, NY and Budapest, Hungary

- created and led international student exchanges and programs

Academic Background

Columbia University - New York, USA

PhD, MPhil, MA in History, 2009/1998/1993

- Focus on Central and Eastern Europe, international education, U.S.-European academic exchange

George Washington University - Washington, DC, USA

BA International Relations, 1989

Non-degree studies at universities in Budapest, Leipzig, and Vienna

Languages Spoken

Native: English

Advanced: Czech, German, Hungarian

Communicative ability: Bulgarian, Italian, Russian, Slovak