



CERTIFIED TOUR DIRECTOR

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INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

- **TripSchool Tour Director Certification** (2025 London Boot Camp)
- British Red Cross First Aid / CPR

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

- Wowing my friends with my culinary skills
- Swimming to burn off the calories
- Volunteering. London was good to me and I am returning the compliment
- Compiling the first volume of my book 'Great Irish Pubs of the World'. There is even an entry for Saudi Arabia
- Reading. I am a politics and history junkie

Experienced Tour Director

During my student years I completed four seasons with EF Educational Tours out of Heidelberg and several with Cosmos and Wallace Arnold/Baltics & Scandinavia. Now I wish to return to my first love of tour directing who I reluctantly abandoned to pursue a corporate career. Thus while fresh, new and enthusiastic, I am an experienced hand from back in the day. I actually like people, most Irish do. We like to chat, entertain and bring out the best in everybody. I am excited to share my passion of bringing the sights and sounds of this wonderful continent of Europe to any group of travellers, students and adults

In-Depth Destination Knowledge

Lived 20 years each in London and Ireland and 2 each in Paris, Madrid and Berlin

Relevant Work Experience

Executive Publisher - First Strategic Insight 2008-2025 London

- Customer Service: Managed Government Relations with an extremely demanding clientele - the London Diplomatic Community and remotely and in-country with National Tourism & Investment Agencies

Field Project Manager - AFA Press 1996-2004 Madrid

- Leadership: Led and motivated in-country sales teams in 55 countries from Germany to Ghana, Italy to Indonesia and Türkiye to Tanzania
- Problem solving. Too many to mention but operating in Chad and Sudan spring to mind

Tour Director - EF Educational Tours Easter & Summer seasons 1990-1993

- Experience: Multiple Europe in 10 days tours with American high-school groups encompassing London, Paris, Heidelberg, Lucerne, Venice and Rome

Academic Background

Bachelors - University College Cork - Ireland 1986-1989
Politics & History

MBA - European School of Management - Paris, Oxford & Berlin 1991-1995

Robert Schumann Scholar - European Parliament
Luxembourg 1989-1990