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Profile

Experienced and expressive tour guide with a background in communications and the arts. I provide hospitality and history, information and entertainment to visitors from all around the world. My tours reference architecture, demographics, urban transformation, shopping and pop culture. Interactivity and humor are also important aspects of my tours. My routes include the iconic neighborhoods and highlights of Manhattan as well as excursions into the other boroughs. I speak English, but international visitors tell me that they appreciate my very basic knowledge of their languages. Whether a student or a senior, a family or on business, my informative and light-hearted narration will leave you with great memories of New York.

Experience

Freelance New York City Guide (Walking, Step-On, Biking) 2007- Present

Provided step-on guide services on a freelance basis for assorted tour companies.

Clients include: EF Education First, Focus Travel, Metro New York Tours, Levy's Unique New York, EMI International, Trafalgar Tours, Ray's Food & Walking Tours, OpenTours, H.I.S International Tours Inc. Big Apple Network, Ghosts of New York, Allied TPro, Custom NY Tours, Harvest LAX, Kristin's NY Tours, One If By Land Tours, Mid Atlantic Tours and Receptive Services.

Tours: Manhattan Comprehensive, Five Borough Overview, World Trade Center site, Statue of Liberty, High Line, Wall Street, Harlem, Grand Central Terminal, Central Park, Brooklyn Bridge and Brooklyn Heights/Dumbo, Greenwich Village, Brighton Beach, Williamsburg, Gospel Tours, Lower East Side.

Gray Line New York Sightseeing 2004-2016

As a senior guide, in addition to the scheduled public double-decker tours, narrated customized private charters, escorted limo tours, step-on guiding as well as walking tours.

Museum and Art Gallery Tours 2001-2003

Lead walking tours through the galleries of Chelsea. <https://nygallerytours.com/> (designed the logo) as well as gallery tours for the 92nd Street Y, and a highlights tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. My insightful narration made challenging artwork accessible and pleasurable to my audience.

Education

Alpadia, Lyon France: One week French Language Intensive (2021)

GANYC (Guides Association of New York) Certified (2017)

School of Visual Arts, Pratt Institute, Parsons School of Design:

BFA in Media Arts and communication. Illustration was my career prior to guiding.

McGill University, Montreal, Canada: Studied theatre, Italian, art history and genetics.

Professional Affiliations

Guides Association of New New York City (GANYC)

GANYC Board Member at Large 2019 – Present

Skills

Word, Canva, Photoshop, KeyNote, PowerPoint, etc.

References

References available upon request.