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Gateway City: El Paso, Texas (ELP) / Albuquerque

(ABQ) **Citizenship:** United States



Tour Director / Guide Experience

- New Mexico (47 year resident) / Arizona (7 year resident)
- Washington D.C. License #TGL20870
- New York City
- Philadelphia / Valley Forge / Penn Dutch Country / Gettysburg
- Santa Fe/Taos/Albuquerque/White Sands National Park/Carlsbad Caverns National Park/ Navajo Nation
- Texas (Austin/San Antonio/Houston/Texas History)
- Phoenix/Northern Arizona (Sedona/Flagstaff/Grand Canyon)
- Denver/Colorado Springs
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Orlando, Florida

Strong Destination Knowledge / FAM Tours

- **Arizona / New Mexico / Utah:** Phoenix, Tucson, Grand Canyon, Sedona, Canyon de Chelly, Lake Powell, Taos, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Carlsbad Caverns, Bryce, Zion, Monument Valley, Salt Lake City
- **California / Nevada:** Lake Tahoe, Los Angeles, Disneyland, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, San Diego, Palm Springs, Death Valley, Reno, Las Vegas
- **Wyoming / Montana / Dakotas:** Cody, Cheyenne, Mt. Rushmore
- **Colorado / Rocky Mountain National Park:** Denver, Colorado Springs, Vail, Pikes Peak, Aspen, Silverton, Durango Railroad, Mesa Verde, Royal Gorge
- **Alaska / British Columbia / Pacific Northwest:** Anchorage, Denali, Fairbanks, Vancouver, Olympic Peninsula, Seattle, Portland, Columbia River Gorge, Oregon Coast Highway and entire state, Coeur d'Alene
- **Hawaii:** Oahu, Big Island
- **Great Lakes / Eastern Canada:** Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Louisville, Quebec
- **Texas / Arkansas / Ozarks:** Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, Springfield, Hannibal, Little Rock
- **Deep South / Florida:** Charleston, Savannah, Charlotte, Atlanta, New Orleans, Smokies, Chattanooga, Gatlinburg, Knoxville, Nashville, Memphis, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Key West, Tampa, Kennedy Space Center, Orlando, Disney World, EPCOT, Daytona, St. Augustine
- **New England:** Boston, Lexington, Concord, Salem, Plymouth, Martha's Vineyard, Burlington, Kennebunkport
- **Mexico / Caribbean:** Juarez, Mazatlan, Yucatan, Bahamas, Haiti, Dominican Republic

Meeting and Event Planning

- **Coordinated / Directed Annual 5 County Fair:** Rental Facility / Fundraising / Contracts / Personnel Supervision
- **Special Event Planner / Training** Rural Economic Development Through Tourism Federal Grant Project
- **Managed Fundraising / Facilitated Events / Outreach Programs / Volunteer Liaison / Trainer** (4 years) Child Ambassador Program, World Vision US, Area Manager: Texas / New Mexico / Arizona
- **Event Coordinator / Food Relief / Fundraising / Logistics** (6 years, 1000 volunteers 1 million+ meals) MannaPack • Logistics Coordinator (600 volunteers, 5000 clients served) Convoy of Hope-Day of Hope

Additional Experience and Skills

- **Substitute Teacher, Licensed** (preK-12) Las Cruces Public Schools
- **Owner, Event Planning Company** (14 years) Las Cruces CVB Board of Directors, Leadership Las Cruces
- **Owner / Artist Home-Based Business** (14 years) Stone Carving & Glass Etching, Project Consulting
- **Director of Sales & Marketing & Catering** L'Auberge de Sedona, Las Cruces Hilton, BW Mesilla Valley Inn
- **Instructor, Hospitality & Tourism** New Mexico State University, Dona Ana Branch Community College
- **Walt Disney World Intern/College Program**, Central Reservations Office/ Management Disney Style

Education

- **International Tour Management Institute**, Washington D.C. – Certified Tour Director/Guide, October 2019
- **New Mexico State University**, Las Cruces – Bachelor's Degree, Hospitality / Tourism Services;
- **Post Baccalaureate Study** – Training & Development in Hospitality Industry / Human Resource Management
- **Red Cross / CPR Certified**

Personal Interests / Hobbies

- Lifelong Learning/Study/Teaching, Coffee Enthusiast, Golf, Swimming, Microenterprise in Impoverished Areas, Disaster Relief, Serving Humanitarian Needs, Stone Carving / Glass Art, Entrepreneurship, Whatever my children are doing