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Why I love working with WorldStrides Canada

The Tour Consultants and Tour Directors are the best! They're always available with in-depth knowledge and advice and have essential qualities needed to support Program Leaders.

A snapshot of my teaching and student travel career

I've been teaching Art and English for over 30 years. I began student travel early in my career, but travelled more extensively with Explorica since 2003. In retirement, I've worked with Brock University Faculty of Education and I've been travelling through Europe leading adult tours with WorldStrides and Explorica.

My favourite hobbies

Now retired, I enjoy working in my studio, painting with oils, acrylics, and watercolours. I've also begun to hook rugs—an art in itself! Hiking, kayaking, camping, and training our Golden Retriever puppy have been my most recent adventures. And of course, spending as much time as possible with my one-year-old grandson is such a joy!

A WorldStrides Canada trip to remember

This is difficult to answer because the trips were ALL so special in their own way. The first tour to Northern Italy and France was spectacular because it was the students' first time, and their response was so positive. I must say that the early morning arrival to Sicily by ferry with the sunrise on the landscape took our breath away! Also, walking toward the Duomo in Florence was another moment never to be forgotten. And in Paris, seeing the Eiffel Tower from around a neighbourhood corner had the same effect! I could go on.

What inspires me to organize educational tours

My inspiration comes from my desire to travel and to see as much artwork as I possibly can. Also, I love that I can share this passion with young people who are so eager to learn!

Why I can help you lead a successful educational tour

Experience! Each new tour brings a great deal of experience. The group's needs and expectations are also important factors I always have to consider, and that's where confidence and leadership can be very helpful. Each tour I lead helps to enrich my knowledge, which gives me the opportunity support others who are considering student travel.

My all-time favourite travel story

This would have to be my first adult tour, The Best of Italy. After dinner, we went to a wine harvest parade, filling the streets with music, dancing, and floats—with lots of free wine and grapes! We joked that our Tour Director planned the surprise event just for us!

A favourite student tour surprise was when our Tour Director and bus driver planned a visit to the birthplace of Leonardo da Vinci. Seeing it brought tears to my eyes and the students and chaperones truly found it to be a special place.

Location

Elora, Ontario

Language

English

Commonly used travel provider

Explorica

My favourite subjects & interests

Art History, Painting, Drawing,
Rug hooking, Architecture

My bucket list travel destination

Turkey

My favourite international food

Freshly baked, warm croissants

My favourite travel destination

Italy

