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Why I love working with WorldStrides Canada

I travelled with a different provider before switching to WorldStrides Canada. Since 2006, working together with Explorica has been the best! They always provide a great experience in terms of itineraries, meals, sights, planning, and responding to questions in a timely and efficient manner. The quality of our tours has continued to be excellent, and my Tour Consultant is easy to contact, ready to help, and provide professional advice. WorldStrides Canada makes sure that everyone feels cared for.

A snapshot of my teaching career

I started teaching in 1983, where I taught French in elementary schools for eight years. I then moved to teaching high school in 1992, where I was the department's Head of Art until 2021, teaching Visual Art and Photography. I'm also a volunteer pottery teacher to young students at the Potter's Guild.

My favourite hobbies

Besides travel, which I love, I enjoy gardening, creating pottery, cooking, and sharing good times with family and friends.

A WorldStrides Canada trip to remember

My trip to Peru. Our Incan trails guide was excellent in sharing the history and culture of the varied areas we visited. Going up to Machu Pichu was a highlight, as well as exploring the incredible vistas and beauty of the site. Cusco was an interesting place to see everyday life, as we strolled around its bustling market and admired the beautiful architecture. It was a great trip!

What inspires me to organize educational tours

It's exciting to introduce students, or adults, to new experiences and destinations. For students, the opportunity to learn and grow more independent is always rewarding to see.

Why I can help you lead a successful educational tour

My strength in leading a tour is being organized and diligent with supervision, while also being open to the unexpected. Prepping students in terms of sights, culture, and behaviour expectations prepares students and parents for the goals of the tour. Speaking with students on the trip helps to keep tabs on how they're feeling about the experience and if anyone needs support.

My all-time favourite travel story

A student on our trip to Greece was an avid violinist and carried his violin everywhere. We went to the beautiful site of Epidaurus, an ancient amphitheatre and site of medical healing in ancient times. The outdoor amphitheatre has the most amazing acoustics.

The student then began playing the violin on the centre stage while the rest of his peers watched in awe. He played beautifully, and partway through, a loose dog (many in Greece) came beside him and started howling along. It was such great fun for everyone and an unforgettable experience for him!

Location

Brantford, Ontario

Languages

English and French, and some Italian

Commonly used travel provider

Explorica

My favourite subjects & interests

Art, Photography, and Languages

My bucket list travel destinations

Southern Italy, Mexico City, and Oaxaca

My favourite international food

Quattro stagioni pizza in Italy

My favourite travel destination

Italy

