



# Mike Holland

## Why I love working with WorldStrides Canada

After seeing several competitors over the years I found that WorldStrides Canada offers unbeatable service and flexibility. They can easily customize your itinerary and provide the best protection coverage while travelling. They are professional and really truly know what they are doing!

## A snapshot of my teaching career

I've been teaching since 2000, worked in a couple schools to gain different perspectives and have been at Durham Regions' Performing Arts school O'Neill CVI for most of my time where I developed our History experiential learning program. I have successfully lead History trips every single year for 20 years!

## My favourite hobbies

I am big on physical fitness so I am able to explore everywhere well into my retirement years. Personal growth and human relations are also a keen interest. Life Coaching is something I've been recently enjoying as it creates such a positive outlook and life experiences.

## A WorldStrides Canada trip to remember

Washington, DC without a doubt! Cost effective and seeing the Capitol buildings, Smithsonian museums, and Monuments and Memorials really capture the awesome strength of the United States as a superpower. Our Tour Director really knew her sites well and worked together with me to create a real lasting memory for my students.

## What inspires me to organize educational tours

Aside from my personal passions of Travel, History and Geography, I really enjoy seeing students in wonder of all the sites we visit. Travel brings to life what they learn in class and truly opens their minds to exploring and understanding the world. These memorable experiences have literally changed their lives and ignited a passion for travel in so many staff and students. It's like being Indiana Jones every trip!

## Why I can help you lead a successful educational tour

I have lead over 20 very successful trips for 20 years! I am very well organized and note the 'little things.' I certainly can connect curriculum and provide meaningful rationale for a Board and parents. I have personally scouted many places and have vast knowledge of how to "get the most bang for the buck" out of these excursions! I am a huge believer that travel creates so much life experience, and am truly excited to be able to help colleagues do the same for thousands of young people!

## My all-time favourite travel story

In 2018 I travelled to Greece and surrounding region where I sampled authentic food and culture. Most exciting for me was to see the Acropolis and Santorini. I walked the temples from ancient mythology and streets where people thousands of years ago lived out their daily lives.

### Location

Bowmanville, Ontario

### Language

English

### Commonly used travel provider

Brightspark

### My favourite subjects & interests

History and Geography

### My bucket list travel destination

The Colosseum and Pompeii in Italy

### My favourite international food

Japanese, specifically sushi

### My favourite travel destinations

Greece, specifically the Acropolis and Santorini

