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Summary

I have led and guided expedition cruises and overland safaris for 25 years. During this time, I have developed excellent communication skills and an extensive knowledge of the natural world, specializing in flora and fauna. I am always willing to share this knowledge with the expedition team and guests. I have a friendly, gregarious personality and especially enjoy mingling with guests. I strive to genuinely improve myself on every expedition and am always willing to share my passion.

I have excellent leadership qualities and fellow expedition leaders have described me as a passionate professional with an honesty that guests really appreciate, combined with an unbridled enthusiasm for the natural environment. My presentations and excursion recaps are energetic and infectious. I am also always willing to lead and help out the team and fill any gaps in the interpretation at a moments notice.



Expedition Cruises

Noble Caledonia | Aug/Sep 2017

Kimberley Expedition

Aboard the *Caledonia Sky*

Darwin to Broome & return (23 days)

Role: Naturalist

Lindblad/National Geographic | Feb/Mar 2017

Cambodia and Vietnam

Aboard the *Jahan*

Siem Reap to Saigon (39 days)

Role: Naturalist

Heritage Expeditions | Apr 2016

South West Pacific Odyssey

Aboard the *Spirit of Enderby*

Tauranga to Raboul (18 days)

Role: Lecturer/Guide

Heritage Expeditions | Apr-May 2016

New Guinea Explorer

Aboard the *Spirit of Enderby*

Raboul to Madang (13 days)

Role: Lecturer/Guide

Lindblad/National Geographic | Mar 2016

Cambodia and Vietnam

Aboard the *Jahan*

Siem Reap to Saigon (12 days)

Role: Naturalist

Lindblad/National Geographic | Jun 2015

Kimberley Expedition

Aboard the *Orion*,

Darwin to Broome (11 days)

Role: Naturalist

Expedition Cruises – continued

Lindblad/National Geographic | Jul–Aug 2015

Kimberley Expedition

Aboard the *Orion*

Darwin to Broome (11 days)

Role: Naturalist

Coral Expeditions | Oct 2014

Kimberley Expedition

Aboard the *Coral Princess*

Darwin to Broome (12 days)

Role: Guest Lecturer

Northstar Cruises | Apr–May 2011

Kimberley Expedition

Aboard the *True North*

Wyndham to Broome (12 days)

Role: Naturalist

Coral Expeditions | Sep 2014

Kimberley Expedition

Aboard the *Coral Princess*

Darwin to Broome (12 days)

Role: Guest Lecturer

Northstar Cruises | Apr 2011

Kimberley Expedition

Aboard the *True North*

Broome to Wyndham (12 days)

Role: Naturalist

Northstar Cruises | Apr–May 2011

Kimberley Expedition

Aboard the *True North*

Broome to Wyndham (12 days)

Role: Naturalist

Expedition Duties:

- * Led off-vessel excursions and ecotours during the day
- * Engaged with guests while guiding them through the landscape, pointing out wildlife, flora and features of interest
- * Presented digital-supported 30–40 minute lectures and 5–10 minute recaps on various topics (primarily natural and cultural history) on board the vessel
- * Captured high quality photographs for Voyage Portfolio and Daily Expedition Report
- * Compiled and presented an expedition recap slideshow for guests and staff
- * Recorded a detailed log of shore excursions, on-board activities and daily natural history observations
- * Engaged in ad-hoc discussions with guests during meal times and social gatherings
- * Advised guests on clothing and footwear requirements and brief them on the type of terrain, landscapes, flora and fauna they are likely to encounter
- * Assisted with the day-to-day operations, embarkation and disembarkation of guests and expedition staff
- * Assisted and liaised with the Expedition Leaders and Cruise Directors to assess locations, activities, physical difficulty and duration of excursions

Overland Expeditions & Guiding

Specialist field lecturer & guide 2006 – present

- * Susquehanna University, Pennsylvania (2006 – present)
- * American Universities International Program (AUIP) (2010 – present)
- * Global Programs in Sustainability (2011 – present)
- * Georgia University (2012 – present)
- * Small World Journeys (2008 – 2015)
- * Lee University, Tennessee (2006 – 2011)

Expedition Leader and Biologist 2006 – 2010

- * In conjunction with the Earthwatch Institute (an International Environmental Charity) and the Department of Marine and Tropical Biology, James Cook University, Townsville
- * Five 14-day expeditions to the wet tropical rainforest of Far North Queensland

Interpretive Guide for Overland Ecotours 1991 – present

- * Six 11-day overland Ecotour safaris through Cape York and the Top End (Travel Learn University of Central Queensland)
- * One 15-day bird watching expedition from Cairns to Darwin (Discovery Ecotours)
- * Several specialised wildlife trips throughout Far North Queensland (Ringtail Tours, Small World Journeys, Wait-a-While Tours)

Experience

- * Interpreted and educated tertiary students about tropical Australian ecosystems including rainforests, eucalypt woodlands and savannah
- * Lectured and taught during excursions in the field
- * Demonstrated wildlife and botanical survey techniques such as spotlighting for nocturnal wildlife, bird, reptile and frog surveys and transects, botanical transects
- * Demonstrated how to use field equipment and develop best practice research techniques

Experience

- * Instructed and supervised paid clients on how to undertake biodiversity surveys in the tropical rainforest
- * Interpreted and educated people on the biodiversity values and ecological principals of the tropical rainforest
- * Demonstrated how to use field equipment and develop best practice research techniques

Experience

- * Designed itineraries in consultation with clients to reflect their interests and requirements
- * Interpreted the biodiversity values and ecological principals of tropical Australian ecosystems
- * Located and identified wildlife
- * Described botanical features of the forests