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“By carefully listening to my clients’ needs and drawing on both personal experience and nearly 15 years of travel industry expertise, I craft unforgettable journeys tailored to each family.”

Regions of operation:

Generalist

Countries of expertise: USA

(Hawaii), Italy & Costa Rica

Special categories: Adventure, Family Travel, Milestone Celebrations, Over the Top Trips

What do you do that competing specialists can't/won't?


I take pride in accepting only a select number of bespoke trips each month, allowing me to fully immerse myself in every detail. Clients choose me—and consistently refer others—because of my unwavering commitment to crafting meaningful journeys that enable families to relax, connect, and create lasting memories. Unlike travel advisors who prioritize quantity and may be stretched too thin, I focus on delivering an unparalleled level of luxury service. I'm more than just a travel advisor—I'm a logistics expert and experience curator. No detail is too small. My clients know I'm only a phone call away and can always step in as a "fixer" should any issues arise.

What is one of your all-time favorite experiences you've been able to pull off for guests?

One of my favorite trips to plan

was for a lovely couple, their four adult children, and two partners. They had always dreamed of a family safari, but with busy schedules and family members spread across the globe, coordinating such a trip felt impossible. When they asked me to plan a fully guided two-week African adventure with just a few months' notice, I was initially unsure if it could be done. Not only do many safari camps book out a year in advance, but the trip needed to be active enough for the younger generation (several of whom are former elite athletes) but gentle enough for the parents recovering from some health issues. We crafted an extraordinary trip with something for everyone. The younger generation went white-water rafting on the Zambezi River, while the parents enjoyed a private elephant encounter. At safari camps, options ranged from exhilarating bush walks to traditional game drives. In Cape

Town, travelers could hike Table Mountain or opt for the gondola. The tight timeline was challenging, but designing a trip that delighted every traveler was incredibly rewarding. Since then, I've had the pleasure of planning more adventure-filled journeys for this family. A close second favorite? Planning a Hawaiian trip for a visually impaired traveler, who wanted to rappel, hike a volcano, and soar through the treetops on a zipline. It was a joy to make these experiences accessible.



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