

TRAVEL | EXPERIENCE | CONNECT

EXPERIENCES

LIVE LIKE A LOCAL



WEKATRAVEL
authentic journeys



Authentic Journeys



Our mission is to create experiences that take you beyond seeing the sights and tick all the boxes...

Weka Travel has been founded on one guiding principle, deliver authentic and immersive journeys that bring people, countries and cultures to life for you and those you travel with on your grand adventure.

Our point of difference is the passion with which we share these rich and diverse experiences from a locals perspective. Our guides and planners are citizens of the world, living and breathing the cultures they visit.

With extensive personal knowledge and a wealth of local experience they will take you beyond the norm and help you live like a local, not be like a tourist

Our goal

To reveal the beauty and diversity of each destination while connecting you with real people, authentic food and everyday life in a way that reveals more than you could ever have imagined or experienced if you where just sightseeing.



Explore, Discover



You travel to experience something new, exciting and memorable, to immerse yourself in another world, another way, another life...

At Weka, we believe that the only way to travel is with a clear goal in sight. To explore those hidden places that will leave everlasting connections, experiences and friendships.

We work with you to plan the adventure of a lifetime. While you select your dream holiday we work to match your interests and must-haves into a personal journey that brings the place, people and history alive for you.

For us at Weka it's as much about the food, culture and people as it is about the history, architecture and sights.

We pride ourselves on customising journeys beyond the normal tourist trails. Dine in medieval churches while artisans craft beautiful glass before your eyes. Walk the back streets where history calls from every window, and talk with locals who still live a simple life fashioned centuries ago.



About Us



We live like the locals, that is the key to our success. Everyone of us has lived or still lives in the destinations you seek, in our hearts we love what we do...

When founder, Josh Loughnan travelled to Italy to play rugby, New Zealand's national sport, he was captivated by the people, the food and the lifestyle.

Further exploration took him around Europe in an immersive experience that saw him become a local, speaking the language as if it was his first. Adopting the customs and culture with passion has seen the birth of Weka Travels philosophy 'live like a local'.

With the completion of his rugby contract, Josh became a travel guide working throughout Europe. He saw first hand the excitement and joy his clients experienced when they had the chance to be part of the culture beyond the tourist traps and got to meet, eat and laugh with everyday people throughout their journey.

This passion is now his business, bringing everyday people together, across cultures and divides, that enrich their experiences of the world and each other in the most authentic way possible.

What We Believe In

Trust...

Real Experiences...

Flexibility...

Seamlessness...



It is all about you. You pick the destinations, the points of interest, the mode of transport and style of accommodation...

Traveling to a country where the language, culture and people are different can be a challenge.

We are here to bridge the gap, offering local knowledge and cultural insight. With a keen sense of fun, we will guide you through your journey.

All our Guides and Local Hosts are hand-picked for their personalities and their passion for sharing their countries' place in history and the people that have shaped it.

This allows you to experience each destination in a more authentic manner. Understanding local customs and beliefs helps shape adventures that will bring the country, its beauty and people to life in a way that no bus tour could ever achieve. Common tourist sights and venues are transformed into personalised experiences that will captivate your imagination.



Pick Your Destination

You know where you want to go,
we know where to take you...

Weka Travel has spent years travelling and exploring Europe and built extensive networks of people, places and experiences that go beyond the normal tourist fair.

Whatever your wish list, we endeavour to add value with unique events, opportunities and experiences that will dovetail into your wish-list.

Be it a visit to the Colosseum topped off with a personal cooking lesson at a local tavern, or walking across the fields of Tuscany to meet a local wine grower for lunch, we can create memories that will last a lifetime.

Join us for your next adventure and let us shape an experience that will have you living like a local, leaving you wanting to plan your next big adventure.



We take planning your travel to a whole new level

Italy | New Zealand | Spain | Turkey
France | Greece | Portugal & more

Our Uniqueness Is Our Independence.

Not being reliant on one network or travel source enables us to look beyond the norm and explore endless possibilities.

Combined with our own local knowledge we will work with you to plan the most extraordinary journey regardless of your budget or experience.

Let us explore your dream together...

PLANNING

STEP 1: BRAINSTORMING

Where do you want to go?

We'll start the inspiration, interests and goals for the trip then add in a touch of our first-hand knowledge of your chosen destination.

Not sure where you want your travels to take you?

No problem. We'll bounce around ideas and create a basic itinerary for you with potential dates and places to stay, as well as give you an idea of the unique travel experiences we can provide along the way.

Once you've satisfied that we know our stuff, we can push forward and lay the framework for your trip.

STEP 2: FRAMEWORK

Creating the building blocks for your holiday...

Now we're getting somewhere... We'll help to work out just the right pace for your trip and provide you with different accommodation, transportation routes and pricing options to choose from for each leg of the journey. Of course we'll make our recommendations, but the final choices are up to you.

Once you've decided on your dates and basic itinerary, we begin the process of making final bookings and payments.

No matter where you are, we're never further than an email or phone call away and we're happy to help you with whatever you need. We'll keep a close eye on you during your travels and we're 100% committed to supporting you each step of the way.

STEP 3: FINE TUNING

Fill out your itinerary with the good stuff

What you're going to be doing each day. Think: excursions and guided tours, food and drink, scenery sights and self-tour options - whatever suits your fancy.

Filling in the details

Then we'll finalize the rest of your travel plans down to the last little details and make those final advance payments for the elements of your trip that require them. Once you're happy with the finished product, we'll send you a confirmed electronic version of your itinerary with all the accompanying documentation.

Now all that's left for you to do is start counting down the days until take off.

STEP 4: BON VOYAGE

This is the phase you've been waiting for. Enjoy your personalized trip and rest assured we'll be there to support you every step of the way.

The fun really begins!

We'll keep a close eye on you during your travels and we're 100% committed to supporting you each step of the way.

How We Work

Work with one of our personal
Travel Planners to create the
ultimate experience...

FAMILIES | INDIVIDUALS

We remove all the stress. Your only job is to make the most of your unique holiday experience.

For us, the key thing is spending the time understanding what your perfect holiday would look like, what do you want to do, where do you want to stay and how you wish to travel.

Its not just seeing the main spots, but immersing yourself in a place, getting behind the scenes and away from the touristy spots. We want to give people an opportunity to see the places that we live, breathe & enjoy everyday, no matter what the budget is.

No two holidays are alike and we make sure yours is tailored to capture that once in a lifetime experience that ticks all the boxes as you live like a local.

Our Points Of Difference

Fixed Travel planning fees:

Our priority is getting you the best deals based on your budget and needs. Through our own local networks, Weka customers benefit from preferential savings and discounts for locals. We agree on the fixed fee once we're clear so you know exactly what you're getting for your money.

100% Independence and Tailor Made:

No tour is the same and you are also unique. Designed from the ground up combined with our vast location knowledge, Weka will save you valuable time & stress.

Peace of Mind:

One point of contact from design, bookings & local support during your trip until you reach home. Seamless travel with no hidden costs and full flexibility lets you enjoy your holiday with confidence.

Can't be found on the Internet:

We understand your expectations, giving you the best kept secrets, local tips and hidden gems while avoiding the tourist traps

Our own Local Teams:

Local hosts, like a friend, will be there with you along the way. Private drivers and transportation solutions from airport/city transfers to day trips and more.

Our Services:

- **Full Travel Planning**

With 100% customised independent holidays

- **Single Services**

If you need just a tour guide, private transfers, a villa in Tuscany, flights worldwide, a train in Italy or a boutique hotel in Paris or if you would like to go fly fishing in New Zealand

- **Weka City Guided Walks**

Our own tour guides handpicked
VIP access entrances

- **Weka Cruise Shore Excursions**

Our own drivers and tour guides in each port

- **Private Transfers**

Airport/City transfers and day trips

- **Flights**

We have a unique ability to look beyond the normal avenues to get the best deals, be it world trips, international or just domestic flights.

- **Store'n'Tour Solution**

Between flights, cruise holidays or any situation where you have your luggage and time to spare. We make this another great day to explore rather than a lost travel day.

Holidays

Group Trips

Whether you are a high school, yoga, art, culinary or sports group with the dream of going to our destinations, we are just the right travel planner for you.

Taking your requirements and ideas of the sights and places to visit, we can turn the tour of your chosen destination from an itinerary into a journey full of personal touches that meet the needs of each and every person in your group.

We currently run yearly trips for groups of various sizes, between 5-150, from around the world. We plan, organise and manage the complete package for schools, universities, sports groups and special interest groups. We have staff in the destination countries and we can provide any of the services that you require.

Travel with total freedom and peace of mind knowing we have taken care of all your needs.

Group Leaders: Take the hassle out of finding your way around your destination by having a personal group leader who knows the local language, sites, traditions and medical services.

Guided Tours: Take a group guided tour by an educated guide who is as interested in you as much as the places they take you to. Our guides are very skilled, so whether you have a large or a small group, you will receive a personalised experience.

Accommodation: We personally check out the hotels so we know if it suits your needs. From hotels to villas, resorts or residences, we will find something that is within budget but is to a standard worth remembering.

No matter where you are, we're never further than an email or phone call away and we're happy to help you with whatever you need. We'll keep a close eye on you during your travels and we're 100% committed to supporting you each step of the way.

Sports and School Facilities: We have ex-professional sports people on our staff, so we know how important it is to have the right facilities or equipment. For study groups, we make sure everything is provided from white-boards to projectors and a room to study in. We speak the local language so nothing gets lost in translation.

Transportation: coaches, buses, trains, minibus, private cars, airport pickup, cruise ship day transportation or any type of transfer: we can make sure that you and your tour group are transported in style through the magical countryside of your destination.

Booking and Tickets: Prebook with us to save precious time by skipping the long waits in lines.

Restaurants and Meals: Food and meals are one of the best parts of experiencing a new country and doesn't have to be missed out on because of a limited budget. Don't let the usual bulk-style group meals leave your group missing out on a real food experience! Instead, using our local knowledge, enjoy meals that are within your budget but fit for an Emperor and leave you with an appetite to try more.

Day Trips: Let us take you and your group away on a day trip to visit major attractions or explore places of interest untouched by tourism. We plan every detail for you so that your group can make the most of the limited time you may have to explore.

When it comes to Corporate Business travel and events in foreign destinations, you need to know that every little detail of your travel and event has been taken care of by professionals so you can focus on your business.

Whether your client need just one off business travel arrangements, organising your corporate travel, meeting or event, or need a professional Travel Planner to organise their monthly or yearly world travel needs, we are just the right personal Corporate Travel Planners for them and their business.

Travel with total freedom and peace of mind knowing we have taken care of all your needs.

Individual Profiling: Our goal is to make sure we truly understand your real needs not just the basic requirements. We take care in understanding each of your team member's needs. Everyone is different and we ensure all are catered for.

Single Point of Payment: We can be the one point of payment for all suppliers, excursions, hotels, transport services and more. This saves you time and money, simplify your budget and costs.

Single Point of Contact: You have a personal account manager and whether it's for one person or a team, they are the sole point of contact and backup throughout your travels.

Time Saving: Arranging your business travel, domestic flights or international connections, isn't a problem. We do all the hard work, so you can get on with more important things.

Flights: We take the worry out of your business travel, from booking flights globally from commercial flights to private charters. It's not only securing the best connections, but ensuring flexibility along with all the business comforts, so that your travel is seamless.

Airport and Local Private transfers: Time is of the essence, there is nothing worse than waiting for transport. We have our own reliable local drivers to provide you with private transfers in luxury and comfort. One less concern.

Accommodation: We know your destinations intimately. Connecting the dots from the moment you arrive, early check-ins, location and access to your meetings, business facilities, free WiFi, matching your room requirements to having the in-house meeting space booked or a swimming pool to relax in is all part of the service.

Transportation: We can charter for all you needs from buses, trains, minibus, private cars and boats to helicopters. All operators share our values of reliability and trust.

Group Leaders, Local Hosts: Take the hassle out of finding your way around. A personal local host is on hand who knows the language, the best places to eat, sightseeing, local traditions and much more, making life as easy as possible.

Events, Excursions, Activities: From business events, trade shows or team building exercises, we can create anything, anywhere, making sure everything is exactly what you need, when you need it.

So much more: 24/7 support from places to eat, local mobile phone solutions, we have the solutions for you.



Corporate



Our Mission

Authentic Journeys, Not Cookie-cutter Tours

We believe you are the most important element of the travel experience, and with that, comes our responsibility to take care of all the little details so we can create a seamless tailor-made experience.

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