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# Sophia Kulich, CTC

- Born in Ukraine former Soviet Union
- Emigrated in 1982, lived in Europe before coming to USA
- Worked for GE Corporate and traveled internationally
- Opened my own boutique travel agency in 1993
- Specialization in creative itineraries worldwide
- FIT's and private tours for individuals and small groups (families, friends, synagogues, multigenerational)
- 75% business is with Travel Agents (B2B)

# Theme based Itineraries

- Literary tours
  - Harry Potter
  - Memoirs of Geisha
  - German Fairy Tales
  - People of the Book
  - George Sand
  - Da Vinci Code

## Movie locations:

- Sex and the City, Ratatouille, Julie and Julia, Ninja, Samurai and more...
- ART
  - Following the steps of Chagall
  - Van Gogh, Matisse or Monet



Sarajevo  
Haggadah

# Unique Accommodations

- Castles
- Cave hotels
- Villas
- Spas
- Country Inns and Characteristic properties
  - Logis De France
  - Agriturismo
  - Paradores
  - Pousadas

# Also...


- World War history
- Art
- Music
- Archeology
- Architecture
- Cultural Experiences
- Gastronomy and wine
- Romance/ Honeymoon
- Shopping and fashion

# Personally Vetted

- We build custom itineraries from scratch
- We use local trusted contacts
- Most of the contacts we test and explore
- This tends to result in distinctly personal experiences
- For this Sophia was named one of the top 25 agents



# Heritage enlightened experiences

- Jewish Travel Agency brand 
- Jewish Travel is special interest and passion
- We Stitch together experiences along lost family history
- Specialized holocaust research
- Enlightened cultural and physical landscapes
- Jewish itineraries worldwide land or cruise based
- Also Non-Jewish Heritage trips
- Multi-Generational

# If price not an object

- Drive Ferrari with guide in Italy or Switzerland
- Private plane within Europe
- Helicopter transfers and flightseeing
- Overnight Sahara Desert with camel ride
- Luxury cars for physical limitations/ restrictions
- Vatican after hours
- Private tours with early admission to world famous busy museums (ie: Hermitage in SPB)
- Music, ballet and opera tickets



# Synagogue Groups

- Visited Ukraine and Russia
- Provided reception with local Jewish Artists in SPB
- Shabbat dinner with local Jewish Community
- Memorial Service at Baby Yar (holocaust site) with violinist

# Crete

- Cultural Experience
- Live in mountain village
- Cooking classes
- Local merchants and markets



# Athens and Greece

- Guided by only one Jewish guide/Cantor
- Jewish Holiday experiences
- Wedding/Bar and Bat Mitzvahs
- Personal access to closed Synagogues



# Israel

- Bar and Bat Mitzvahs
- Weddings (for reformed families as well)
- Rafting on Jordan River
- Wine Tasting
- Petra (Jordan) trips
- Diving Red Sea
- Hiking Negev Desert
- Both Jewish and Christian interests



# Less known countries

- Moldova
- Romania
- Bulgaria
- Macedonia
- Serbia
- Georgia
- Armenia
- Bosnia



# Baltics

- Rich Jewish Heritage
- Beautiful scenery, unspoiled nature, Castles, spas, beaches
- National parks, Pine forests, lakes, fishing, Canoeing
- Less expensive than Scandinavia
- Cruise excursions – Tallinn, Riga, Klaipeda
- Art Nouveau architecture
- Easily combined with Belarus and Poland
- Fishing, Canoeing
- Karaites - a small Judaism ethnic group

# Japan

- Japan Through Jewish Eyes May 2015 group tour 10% commission
- Other bespoke tailor made holiday in Japan
  - Geisha Experience
  - Zen Meditation
  - Sumo Wrestling
  - Tea Ceremony
  - Hokkaido Island – winter skiing and power gliding, excellent food, Ainu people experience
  - Sake Tasting
  - Cooking lessons
  - ..... And much more

# Other Destinations

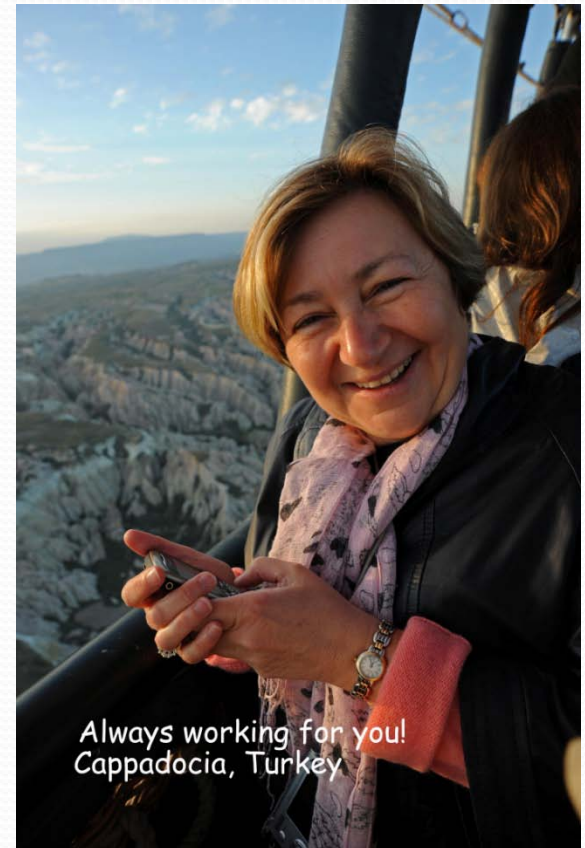
- South America
- Middle East
- Morocco
- Asia
- Africa





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