



WEKA TRAVEL

Authentic Journeys

BESPOKE HOLIDAYS WITH
UNMATCHED EXPERIENCES AND GREATER
VALUE, CREATED JUST FOR YOU

AUTHENTIC JOURNEYS BEGIN WITH LOCAL KNOWLEDGE





Trusted insight creates better experiences on your holiday

We create authentic journeys for the independent traveller that go beyond simply sightseeing, crafting experiences that transport you to a holiday beyond your wildest dreams

Weka Travel was founded on one guiding principle: delivering authentic and immersive journeys that bring people, countries, and cultures to life for you and your travel companions on your grand adventure.

Our point of difference lies in the passion with which we share these rich and diverse experiences from a local's perspective. We love to dig deeper and uncover experiences that others either don't know or don't take the time to find.

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 to experience each destination like a local, not 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 imagine or experience if you were just sightseeing.





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

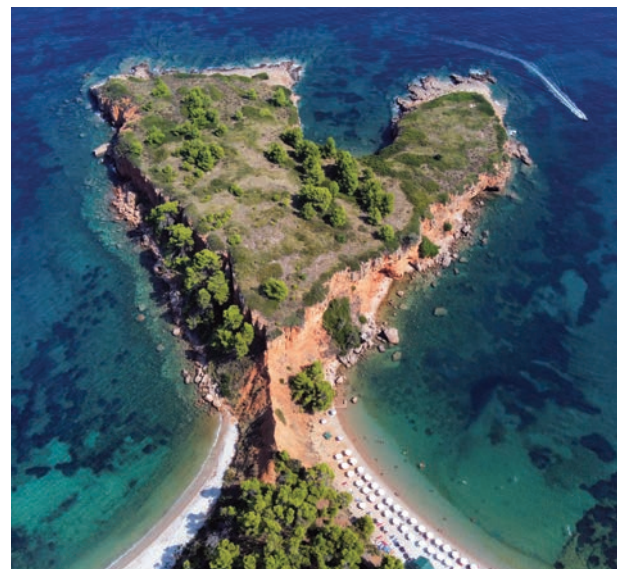
At Weka, we believe the only way to travel is with a clear goal in sight: to explore hidden places that will foster everlasting connections, experiences, and friendships.

We work with you to plan the adventure of a lifetime. As 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 that go beyond the typical tourist trails. Dine in medieval churches while artisans craft beautiful glass before your eyes. Stroll through back streets where history echoes from every window, and converse with locals who still live a simple life fashioned centuries ago.

Not being overwhelmed and stress-free holidays are our goal



Independent travel with trusted local knowledge & support all the way

It all started in Italy

Living like the locals is the key to our success. Our Travel Designers have lived, or still live, in the destinations you seek, and in our hearts, we love what we do.

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

Further exploration around Europe became an immersive experience, allowing him to become a local and speak the language as if it were his first. His passionate adoption of customs and culture inspired the birth of Weka Travel's philosophy: "experience it like a local."

After completing his rugby contract, Josh became a travel guide working throughout Europe. He witnessed firsthand the excitement and joy his clients experienced when they immersed themselves in the culture beyond tourist traps, meeting, eating, and laughing with everyday people throughout their journey.

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

A Weka is a New Zealand bird that is unafraid to look beneath the forest surface to find the best. Although flightless, it is clever at reaching places others don't. Its cheeky personality reflects that of Josh and the team at Weka. They are prepared to dig deeper to find what truly matches your needs, using their trusted local knowledge.

"We understand your needs and expectations and match them with what we know really works on the ground."



There's a lot of information out there on the internet. Knowing what really works for you is our expertise

What we believe in

It's all about you. You choose the destinations, points of interest, mode of transport, and style of accommodation.

Travelling to a country where the language, culture, and people are different can be a challenge. We're here to bridge that gap, offering local knowledge and cultural insight. With a keen sense of fun, we'll guide you through your journey. All of our Guides and Local Hosts are handpicked for their personalities and passion for sharing their country's place in history and the people who have shaped it. This allows you to experience each destination in a more authentic manner. Understanding local customs and beliefs helps shape adventures that bring the country, its beauty, and its people to life in a way no bus tour could ever achieve. Common tourist sights and venues are transformed into personalised experiences that will captivate your imagination.





Choosing the destination is the beginning of a journey of a lifetime

Imagine the sun-drenched landscapes and timeless allure of a historic villa in
Tuscany inviting you to explore its endless charm.



There is no limit to what we can do to create a holiday of a lifetime

Weka Travel has spent years traveling and exploring Europe, building extensive networks of people, places, and experiences that go beyond the usual tourist fare.

Whatever your wish list, we aim to add value with unique events, opportunities, and experiences that perfectly dovetail into your wish list.

Whether it's a visit to the Colosseum followed by a personal cooking lesson at a local tavern, or a walk across the fields of Tuscany to meet a local wine grower for lunch, we create memories that last a lifetime.

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

We take travel planning to a whole new level.

Our Uniqueness Is Our Independence.

Not relying on a single network or travel source allows us to look beyond the norm and explore endless possibilities. Combined with our local knowledge, we'll work with you to plan an extraordinary journey, regardless of your budget or experience.

Let's explore your dream together.



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

STEP 1: BRAINSTORMING

Where do you want to go?

We'll begin with your inspiration, interests, and goals for the trip, then enhance it with our firsthand knowledge of your chosen destination.

Not sure where you want your travels to take you?

No problem. We'll brainstorm ideas and create a basic itinerary for you with potential dates and places to stay. Plus, we'll highlight the unique travel experiences we can provide along the way.

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

STEP 2: FRAMEWORK

Creating the building blocks for your holiday

Now we're making progress... We'll help determine the perfect pace for your trip and provide you with different accommodation options, transportation routes, and choices for each leg of the journey. Of course, we'll make our recommendations, but the final decisions are yours.

Once you've decided on your dates and basic itinerary, we'll start the process of finalising bookings and payments.

STEP 3: FINE TUNING

Fill out your itinerary with the good stuff

Plan your daily activities, from excursions and guided tours to food and drink experiences, scenic sights, and self-tour options—whatever suits your fancy.

Filling in the details

Then we'll finalise the rest of your travel plans down to the last detail and make any necessary 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 takeoff.

STEP 4: BON VOYAGE

Now the fun really begins!

This is the moment you've been waiting for. Enjoy your personalised trip, and rest assured we're here to ensure you have the best experience possible.

Innovate Weka Travel App

Enjoy a stress-free trip with a detailed daily schedule and a 24/7 messaging service for support. Stay updated and relaxed, focusing on enjoying your holiday.



Getting to know you better only makes it easier to create something uniquely tailored for you, using our true local knowledge

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

For us, the key is understanding your vision of the perfect holiday—what you want to do, where you want to stay, and how you wish to travel. It's not just about visiting popular spots; it's about immersing yourself in a place, going behind the scenes, and venturing beyond tourist traps. We aim to give you an opportunity to experience the places we live, breathe, and enjoy every day, regardless of your budget.

No two holidays are alike, and we ensure yours is tailored to capture that once-in-a-lifetime experience, ticking all the boxes as you experience it like a local.

No matter where you are, we're just an email or phone call away and happy to assist with whatever you need. We'll keep a close eye on you during your travels and are 100% committed to supporting you every step of the way. If needed, we can even have someone meet you



Our Points Of Difference:

100% Independence and Tailor Made:

No tour is the same, just as you are unique. Designed from the ground up and combined with our vast location knowledge, saving you valuable time and stress.

Peace of Mind

One point of contact from design, bookings & local support during your trip and all the way 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 and offer you the best-kept secrets, local tips, and hidden gems while helping you avoid tourist traps.

Our own Local Teams

Local hosts, like a friend, will be there with you along the way. We offer private drivers and transport solutions, from airport and city transfers to day trips and more.

Post-Pre Cruise or Tour Itineraries

Creating unique holidays to connect with other pre-booked tours.

Our Services:

Full Travel Planning

With 100% customised independent holidays.

Single Services

Whether you need just a tour guide, private transfers, a villa in Tuscany, flights worldwide, a train in Italy, a boutique hotel in Paris, or wish to go fly fishing in New Zealand, we've got you covered.

Weka City Guided Walks

Our own handpicked tour guides.
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 usual avenues to secure the best deals, whether for world trips, international, or domestic flights.

Store'n'Tour Solution

Whether between flights, cruise holidays, or any situation where you have luggage and time to spare, we turn a lost travel day into an opportunity to explore.

Group Travel

Whether you're a high school, yoga, art, culinary, or sports group dreaming of visiting our destinations, we are the ideal travel planners for you.

By taking your requirements and ideas for the sights and places to visit, we transform a basic itinerary into a journey rich with personal touches, tailored to meet the needs of each member of your group.

We organise yearly trips for groups ranging from 5 to 150 people worldwide, handling the complete package for schools, universities, sports teams, and special interest groups. With staff in destination countries, we provide any services you require for a seamless experience.

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

Group Leaders: Remove the hassle of navigating your destination by having a personal group leader skilled in the local language, sites, traditions, and medical services.

Guided Tours: Skilled and knowledgeable guides bring a personalised and engaging 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 and is to a standard worth remembering.

Sightseeing & Experiences: Bring each destination to life using the local knowledge of our own handpicked tour guides. Skip-the-line tickets and have flexibility around your group's needs and interests. No matter what experience or sight your group desires—from museums and historical sites to food & wine experiences, concerts, and events—Weka can create much more than you can imagine.

Sports and School Facilities: With ex-professional sports people on our staff, we understand the importance of having the right facilities or equipment. For study groups, we make sure everything is provided from whiteboards to projectors and study rooms. We speak the local language so nothing gets lost in translation.

Transportation: Whether it's coaches, buses, trains, minibuses, private cars, airport pickups, cruise ship day transportation, or any other type of transfer: we ensure your tour group travels in style through the enchanting landscapes of your destination.

Restaurants and Meals: Savor the culinary delights of a new country without breaking the budget. Avoid typical bulk-style group meals and, with our local knowledge, enjoy local dishes that are both affordable and indulgent, leaving you eager to experience more.

Day Trips: Let us take you and your group on a day trip to visit major attractions or explore places of interest untouched by tourism. We plan every detail, allowing your group to fully enjoy and maximise the limited time for exploration.

Events, Excursions, Activities: Whether it's events, trade shows, or team-building exercises, we can organise anything, anywhere, ensuring everything is exactly what you need and when you need it.

Booking and Tickets: Pre-book and save time.

24/7 Support: From places to eat, to local mobile phone solutions, we have all the answers you need.

Our Destinations

We cover all of Europe including:

- Italy
- France
- Portugal
- Greece
- Croatia
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Netherlands
- UK
- Germany
- Scandinavia including:
Norway, Denmark, Sweden
- Eastern Europe
- Turkey
- Morocco

New Zealand and more.



We create Bespoke Authentic Journeys

We believe you are the most important element of the travel experience. With that, it is our responsibility to take care of all the little details, allowing us to create a seamless, tailor-made experience for you.



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