

Nicola Huxley

Details

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About Me

I left my hometown in Cornwall, UK in 2012 on a mission to walk across Europe, from the UK to Istanbul. One year later I had done just that, and amassed a blog full of stories and memories of the people and places I encountered along the way. The captivating city of Istanbul soon became my new home and I set about exploring it from top to bottom, developing my travel writing with blogs and articles for local websites. Whenever I have the opportunity I now continue my travels by bicycle and work exchange volunteering, through Turkey, Central Asia and beyond. When I am not busy pedalling on the road, I contribute freelance articles and blogs to various websites, guidebooks and publications.

Education & Training

BA Hons Degree in 3D Design for Sustainability

University College of Arts, Falmouth, UK

NVQ2&3 Cooking & Food Prep, Sweets & Patisserie

Cornwall College, Camborne, UK

BTEC Level 2 Intermediate Award in Sustainable Tourism

Cornwall College, Camborne, UK

A-Level: English Language & Literature, French, Art & Design

Aylesbury High School, UK

TEFL (150hr online certification)

Global Language Teaching

Languages

Native: English

Intermediate: French

Beginner: Turkish

Employment

Walks of Turkey

[Sep 2015 – Present]

Writing Istanbul-related, SEO friendly content pages and articles designed for visitors to the city

walksofturkey.com

Rough Guide to Turkey

[Oct 2015]

Assisting one of the regional writer/editor's with research and details on restaurants, bars, hotels, tourist spots and local information in southern Turkey

Rev.com

[Feb 2014 – Present]

Internet transcription and editing services

The Guide Istanbul

[Sep 2014 – Sep 2015]

Reviewing, updating and editing over 400 restaurant listings in the city, contributing Turkey-related guest blog posts to in-house blog 'Straitangle'

theguideistanbul.com

theguideistanbul.com/blog

Biblioteka Kültür Merkezi, Istanbul, Turkey

[Nov 2013– Jan 2014]

Delivering 6-week, intensive English language programs to advance level students focussing on fluency and pronunciation

Bařış Manço Kültür Merkezi, Istanbul, Turkey

[Feb 2014]

Volunteering as an English teacher for 10-15 year olds at a kids Saturday English club

Home Office, Istanbul, Turkey

[Feb 2013 –2015]

Personal assistant to a Turkish business man working for an internationally operating, USA-based company; writing emails, weekly reports, replying to customer queries, communicating their needs and inquiries to the relevant departments within the company and assisting with travel and meeting schedules for customer visits abroad

Second Home Hostel, Istanbul

[Feb – March 2013]

Assisting guests with requests and inquiries during their stay in Istanbul, managing check-in/out, serving meals

Gilly Beach cafe/restaurant, Falmouth, UK

[Oct 2009 – Dec 2011]

Patisserie chef with sole responsibility for the patisserie section producing cakes and biscuits for daytime cafe and desserts for evening a-la-carte restaurant service

Cafe Azur, The Valley Cottages, Cornwall, UK

[May 2007 – Oct 2009]

2nd/Head chef Assisting the head chef in all areas of running a 5* holiday village restaurant before taking on all responsibilities as Head chef including menu design, ordering, budgeting, kitchen management, staffing and all areas of kitchen service

Blue South Ltd, Falmouth, UK

[July 2004 – May 2007]

Chef working in a 4 man team serving a-la-carte menu, local dishes and international cuisine in a restaurant seating upto 60 people

Other Work Experience & Achievements _____

Expat Sofra (expatsofra.com): Long listed for inclusion in *Sofra: A Gathering of Foreign Voices Around the Turkish Table* in Sep 2015 – selection process still ongoing

Work Exchange: As part of the WWOOF.net network, working on organic farms in France, and guesthouses and campsites with workaway.info in Turkey

Cycle Tour: From Istanbul to Kyrgyzstan covering 7500km over 71/2 months in 2013

Solo walk: From UK to Istanbul covering 4500km on foot over the course of 2012

Classroom talks: During my walk across Europe, I gave talks to school children from 8 – 14yrs old, about my journey in the English lessons of French schools using both languages

Bakery worker and market seller: making and selling cakes and breads in a small,family bakery and at farmers markets in exchange for accommodation and meals in Republic of Ireland

Computer skills: Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, Salesforce, Teamviewer. Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator

Interests _____

Travelling – Walking – Cycling – Languages – Snowboarding – Football – Cooking – Music – Art – Film – Photography – Travel Reading & Writing

Travel blogs & website:

www.offexploring.com/nicraz

www.razistan.co.uk

Social media:



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Please do not hesitate to contact me for references or for any further information.