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I've always had a passion for travel, it really started when I was young. My mum travelled the world in her 20s and worked in the UK, and the stories she shared sparked a curiosity in me that's never gone away. Growing up, we took trips around NZ during school holidays, and those experiences made me proud of where I come from while also making me wonder what else was out there. That's where the travel bug began.

In high school, I jumped at the chance to study tourism and graduated with honours. I also completed STAR courses through ITC before going on to earn a Diploma in Travel Management.

Those experiences opened my eyes to the possibilities within the industry and confirmed this was the path I wanted to follow. At 19, I had the opportunity to complete a six-month paid internship on Hamilton Island in Queensland, which was life-changing. Later, I worked in an admin role at World Journeys, surrounded by experienced travel professionals. Like many others, COVID paused my career, but it also reinforced how much I wanted to return to the industry.

One of my favourite roles was working in the UK as a rock-climbing instructor and group leader, helping young people build confidence and overcome fears, something I could really relate to. Having studied and worked in the industry myself, I connect easily with students and bring real, up-to-date experiences into the classroom. After moving from the schools team to the City tutorial team in early 2026, I'm especially excited to keep growing as an educator while supporting students on their journey.

My advice? Go for it, if you're passionate, take the leap.

