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Meet the (Growing) SJT Team!

We have some good news to share: SJT is now a team of 5!

We are five women from different backgrounds, but with a common passion for travel and a commitment to our clients.

The SJT team was asked 5 travel-inspired questions. Our answers tell you a bit more about us, plus they might give you a few tips for your own travels! We'd also love to see your answers to these questions!



Sonia Jones

Owner &
Lead Travel Advisor

21 years travel industry experience

I never travel without my ...

Swimmers! Even on a wintery trip there might be hot springs, thermal pools or heated hotel pools for a dip!

My top travel tip is...

ALWAYS have a spare change of clothes in your carryon luggage. Don't let a missing or delayed suitcase impact on the start of your trip!

My favourite trip?

Wow, this is impossible! I'd have to say one of my favourites was our 15th wedding anniversary trip to Indochina. We took our kids with us (then aged 10 and 5). We started in Hanoi in Vietnam and literally ate our way around the city! We did an amazing street food tour with a chef and had one of THE most amazing meals I have had anywhere in the world – and it cost about \$2! We then flew to Luang Prabang in Laos, set right on the banks of the Mekong River. The town is full of temples and the monks walk through the streets each morning to collect alms. We took the kids to a bear sanctuary and had this incredible behind-the-scenes experience where we hid food around the enclosure and then watched the bears forage for their meal.

Our final stop was Siem Reap in Cambodia, and it absolutely blew us away. I literally cried seeing Angkor Wat. Again we had some special moments away from the crowds which made this trip truly memorable. Eight years on and we still talk about this trip regularly as a family.

If you had to choose only one, would you rather travel: solo? as a couple? with friends or family?

Yes to all of them. I'm not sure I can only choose one, because for me all types of travel are important and I enjoy all them. I love travelling with my kids, but I also love spending one-on-one time with my partner. However, I am very comfortable travelling solo, but also love adventures with my friends. I can't pick!

What motivates you to travel?

Immersing myself in a different culture. I love hearing different languages, seeing how people live, connecting with locals, eating different food – especially street food. That was what I missed most during the pandemic – I loved discovering more of Australia but really missed different cultures.

I never travel without my ...

Jumper – it always cold on flights.

My top travel tip is...

I always pack a few extra snacks for me... I mean the kids!!... especially if we are travelling internationally. A bag of party mix is my best friend at the baggage carousel.



[Amy Gratton](#)

Travel Advisor

21 years travel industry experience

My favourite trip?

One of my favourites was a trip back to the UK where we left the kids with the Grandparents and went to Prague for the weekend.

If you had to choose only one, would you rather travel: solo? as a couple? with friends or family?

It has to be with family & friends. I love reflecting back and hearing the different stories /versions of events that are remembered.

What motivates you to travel?

To create memories.



[Christine Percy](#)

Administration Assistant

25 years administration and small business experience

I never travel without my ...
my earplugs.

My top travel tip is...

Never hide your passport in your hotel room and believe you will remember to retrieve it before you checking out. I learnt that one the hard way!

My favourite trip?

My favourite trip so far has been touring Italy with my now husband. We got engaged in Venice so it holds many special memories for us.

If you had to choose only one, would you rather travel: solo? as a couple? with friends or family?

I love sharing new experiences and places with my kids but for a fun, relaxing holiday nothing beats travelling with my husband.

What motivates you to travel?

I love to be amazed, whether that is with scenery, experiences, people or food. There is so much to learn and be in awe of.

I never travel without my...

My bum bag : not fashionable but so handy!

My top travel tip is...

Allow yourself time in your itinerary to go with the flow. Don't plan every moment or make your days too structured - you never know what you will discover in the moment.

My favourite trip?

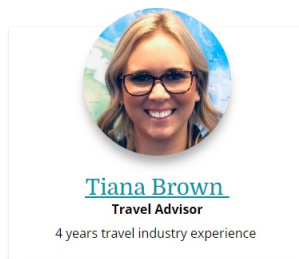
Any destination that is far away from your everyday life. This can be geographically, but also culturally.

If you had to choose only one, would you rather travel: solo? as a couple? with friends or family?

At the moment, I choose friends! But this may change when I no longer need to consider the where the nearest toilet because my children ALWAYS need to go in the most unlikely places!

What motivates you to travel?

My senses light up in an incredible way when I am far away. It is yearning for this feeling that motivates me to travel.



I never travel without my ...

Headphones & snacks

My top travel tip is...

Asking locals for the best places to see and eat so you don't get stuck at the common tourist spots.

My favourite trip?

America with my sister, living our lifelong dream of going to New York City together was surreal!

If you had to choose only one, would you rather travel: solo? as a couple? with friends or family?

With friends & family, luckily for me my best friend is my sister and my favourite travel buddy.

What motivates you to travel?

Getting to see the beauty of the world we live in. Every new destination opens

my mind to a whole new way of living life to its fullest.

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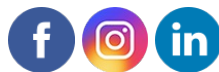
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