

A Parisian street scene featuring the Eiffel Tower in the background and a woman walking in the foreground. The scene is set in a classic Parisian neighborhood with multi-story buildings and a pedestrian crossing.

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Thank you so much for reaching out!

I believe that travel has the power to change the world—and each of us along with it. My greatest joy is helping clients uncover the “je ne sais quoi” of a place: that special something that captures its essence and invites you to see the world with fresh eyes.

No two travelers are alike, and no two itineraries I design are ever the same. I'll admit it—I'm an itinerary snob in the best way. I take your wish list and timeline and craft perfectly balanced days that reflect your dreams and leave space to breathe. My goal is to connect you with the heart of a destination—the stories, flavors, and rhythms of everyday life—so you return home inspired by the beauty of a world filled with people doing their best in their own unique ways.

In the pages ahead, you'll find more information about my favorite trips to plan, how I work, and what clients have to say about working with me. If it feels like we're a great fit, let's get a call scheduled so that we can begin creating something extraordinary together!

—Julia



Meet Julia



Let's explore my Favorite Destinations together →



Favorite Destinations



France

After living in Paris twice and visiting countless times, I know this country like a second home. From café-lined streets to Provencal markets and sun-soaked Riviera afternoons—France has endless magic to share.



UK & Ireland

I claim Scottish heritage and adore Ireland like a cousin. Beyond London's immense historic charm, there's a world of castles, manor houses, and rolling hills full of sheep waiting to be explored.



Italy

You could visit Italy twenty times and never tire of it. From Rome to the Amalfi Coast and beyond, I'll help you navigate the crowds and discover your perfect slice of la dolce vita.



River Cruises

From the Danube to the Douro, river cruising offers an effortless way to experience the heart of Europe and beyond. I'll help you select the right itinerary and cruise line to fit your travel style.



Safaris

An African safari is unlike any other experience on earth. Having visited nearly all major safari destinations, I can help you navigate complex logistics and choose lodges and locations that perfectly match your dream adventure.



Expedition Cruises

From the Galápagos to the Arctic, expedition cruises combine exploration and education - perfection! If you're a nature lover or adventure seeker, let me help you discover a safari at sea.



How I Work

You can think of me as the **general contractor for your vacation**. I listen to understand which experiences will best match what you're looking for in your dream trip. I'm there to support and advise you every step of the way so that you are free to just enjoy your trip – to experience all the incredible sights, sounds, and tastes around you, and to make memories that will last forever. You'll be armed with all of the information necessary to make the trip as stress-free and seamless as possible.

To accomplish all of that, I do charge an up front fee, as follows:

- ▶ **Custom independent travel for up to 10 days starts at \$500 per couple. For more travelers or longer trips, this fee goes up according to complexity involved.**
 - ▶ **If you're booking a pre-packaged trip (escorted tour or cruise), I charge a management fee of \$100 per person.**
 - ▶ **In select cases, if you just need a quick getaway or want to pick my brain about a trip, I charge a consulting-only fee of \$250.**
- NOTE: Ideally all of my trips are finalized at the latest 45 days prior to travel. If your trip is sooner than that, I will have to add an expedited planning surcharge, as you'll be jumping in line ahead of other clients already in process.**

When to Hire Me:



Not every trip requires a full-service travel designer—just as you wouldn't shop for a Honda Civic at a Lexus dealership.

I bring the most value to trips where clients are investing in a truly elevated experience: generally spending at least \$500 per person, per day for independent travel, or around \$1,000 per person, per day for all-inclusive journeys.

While I'm happy to plan a quick romantic weekend getaway for existing clients, my expertise shines when you're going deeper into a destination—staying five nights or more, exploring multiple cities, discovering "un-googleable" experiences with the finest private guides, and enjoying VIP treatment at 4-star or above hotels where I have trusted relationships. These are the kinds of trips where my connections, creativity, and insider access make all the difference.

Helping you find the "je ne sais quoi" wherever you are in the world! →



What Clients Say

"Julia planned a wonderful trip to London and Paris that exceeded our expectations. Every experience on our itinerary matched our interests and involved a personal touch and well versed guides. Every detail was thought through and we won't hesitate to use Julia in the future."

M. Family - VA

"Julia helped us with a trip to Italy and was wonderful to work with! She pulled together a great list of hotels and tours to choose from that appealed to each of us. Any time I had questions through the process she communicated and got back to me. Although we didn't need her advice during our trip, I knew she was a phone call or text away!! We will be using Julia again on our next adventure!"

V Family - MA

"My family has had the pleasure of working with Julia for multiple exciting trips, and it's easy for me to say how wonderful the experience is. Julia starts by listening and learning. She wants to know about our family, our travel styles, our desires for each trip. She really tunes in. From there, everything flows well, because all of her recommendations fit right into what she has learned about us. She recommends the right type of accommodations, factoring in space, budget, style, etc. She recommends great activities that we would enjoy. She recommends great restaurants, and advises on how to navigate some of the busiest and trickiest tourist spots. All of this is done well in advance and with high responsiveness and attention to detail. What does it mean? It means that as soon as the trip starts, it's smooth sailing for an amazing trip. Our itineraries are well understood, all details are known, and she's there for support in case of any issues! Julia is the best!"

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Ready to Travel Julia's Way? Make your Appointment! →



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