



Curriculum Vitae

Of

(Marcos) Jose Luis Solis-Peralta

PERSONAL DETAILS

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DATE OF BIRTH: 11 Dec 1964

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

HEALTH: VERY GOOD, non smoking, non drinker.

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, AFRIKAANS, AND SPANISH

HIGHEST STANDARD PASSED: MATRIC 1983

FURTHER EDUCATION: 3rd Year BSC Bot and Zoology (Practical to be completed) UNISA

Completed a CNE course in 1996.
Completed a Microsoft Server technology Course in 1998.
Completed Tour Guiding Course in 2004 and became a registered Tour Guide.

SPORT: Endurance running, Ballroom Dancing and Hiking
I have completed 16 Two oceans marathons, 4 Comrades, 5 Karoo Ultra marathons, 14 Foot of Africa marathons and many more including 6 Cycle Tours.
My second sport is Ballroom and Latin-American dancing which I teach on a part time basis.

HOBBIES: Oil painting and pencil sketching, play the Saxophone, Guitar and Violin, and love Photography.

LICENCE: **Guide WC3186, PDP drivers licence Code 08**

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

I was born in Chile, where I spent most of my childhood walking and climbing the Andes Mountains. I became a member of the National rescue team in the mountains when I was 16. I immigrated to South Africa in 1981 and have made it my home and my Country which I love dearly.

I became the National Amateur Champion for Ballroom and Latino American dancing in 1995 and decided to open my own ballroom club, which was situated in Bree Street Cape Town.

I have hiked most of the trails in South Africa and climbed Kilimanjaro more than once.

I love Landscapes and enjoy contemplation. I like reading Science Fiction and seeing a good Science Fiction movie.

I love all aspects of IT and get a thrill out of implementing and working with new technology.

I am a self taught person that does not require supervision to complete my tasks.

I am comfortable working and leading groups of people small and large.

Most important of all is that I am a very good improviser and I am able to work myself through any situation that does not work according to plan.

I believe in the philosophy that nothing is impossible and everything is fixable.

Experience in the field of Touring and Guiding

I have travelled throughout South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Tanzania and know most of the National Parks and their facilities and these routes.

I have conducted group guiding in the Kruger National Park, Panorama Route, The Wild Coast and also along the Garden Route including Knysna, Addo, Cango caves and Oudtshoorn as part of the itinerary; organizing all aspects of the trips for private families and groups up to 250 people.

I have organized many hikes up to 15 days in the Natal Drakensberg and many other areas.

Being an experienced 4X4 driver, I have taken people to the Richtersveld National park for 4X4 tour adventures and on Road safaris to all over Southern Africa.

I have also taken many medium size groups into the Cederberg Mountains for weekend trips and hikes and also have extensive experience in hiking in the Drakensberg Mountains and Lesotho.

With my guiding, I have climbed Kilimanjaro 6 times and have undertaken many Safaris in Tanzania, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe for different groups.

I have done many Cape to Victoria Falls ground Safaris and have taken many trips with professional photographers through Namibia and Botswana.

Not being scared of adventure, I have done many multiple days river rafting adventures in the Zambezi River in Zimbabwe and Orange River in South Africa.

I am a Nature specialist, and do every year the Namaqualand Flower tours and also conduct regularly Botanical tours for a UK based company that sends their specialist to our Country.

I have done many road trips through South Africa and Southern Africa acting as Driver-Guide-Cook.

I am able to do Cultural tours such as Battlefield, City, Peninsula and Winelands tours in Cape Town, as well as historic tours in the country.

During the 2010 World Cup, I conducted a Tour for 45 VIPs from Mexico and Chile, visiting most cities where matches were played and attending all the pre-match meetings, the matches and the post match functions.

I am in general, an All rounder Guide, not scared to tackle new routes and projects at any time. I have a passion for travelling and meeting new people and cultures.

Goals

I am a 100% person, and like to give myself to my work. I am dedicated, hard worker and do not need supervision to complete my tasks. I am passionate about the IT world, and embrace technology without any problems. Using my IT skills as a fall back when the tour industry goes quiet.

I absolutely love TRAVELING and like any adventure that will take me to new destinations. I am also reliable and like to start my day early.

Having been a Businessman too, I know how to market a business and myself and have the knowledge and skills to run and manage business and people; skills which I have acquired from personal experience.

I am a lateral thinker and I am able to device solutions that other people would not think possible.

I have no problems with travelling on short notice if needed.

Other Experiences

I am a photographer and a painter and I complement my income doing photography and consignment paintings for clients.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

March 1989 – June 1989	Wonderboom Nursery. Manager and Plant caretaker (Left because business was not legal)
July 1989 – July 1990	Display Design. Manager of Art Shop in Pretoria. (Ref: Ockerd Pretorius, Business closed)
August 1990 – June 1991	Legal Computer Systems Jhb. Computer Technician doing Networking and installation of new systems. (Left because I moved to Cape Town)
July 1991 – February 1992	Powernet Cape Town. IT Support technician, Microsoft Office lecturer. (Ref: Mike Boldt, Left because company was sold).
March 1992 – April 1994	Microdata International. Computer engineer & advanced consultant for implementation of networks and DTP systems, development and programming. (Ref: Gladwin Morton, left to start business)
May 1994 – Oct 2004	Started own company: Sentient system Trends. (System support house, implementing new IT solutions and maintaining computer systems under contracts. Open training centre for DTP and OS environment). Staff of 10 people, Sold business after 10 years. Carried on ongoing IT support on a freelance basis.

- Jan 1996 Opened a ballroom dancing club in Cape town (**Dance with us**). I ran it for 3 years on a part time basis.
- Nov 2004 Started Tour Guiding Company **Pole Pole Adventures** (Tour guiding in South Africa and southern Africa including Tanzania specializing in Kilimanjaro Climbs) .
Continuing to provide IT support and advice on a freelance basis.
- World Cup 2010 I was put in charge of a group of 45 VIP from Mexico and Chile and took them to most world cup matches and venues. We Toured the country for 27 days, and visited many South African destinations in the process. I was in charged of all logistics and visits.
- Present I work as a Freelance Tour guide, doing Tours on request to various African Destinations.
I am looking for a company that would want my services on a permanent basis.
I complement my income doing IT work as I am an IT professional too.