

HOLIDAY CHEER

We speak to Julie Croucher, founder of Travel With Jules, an independent travel agency - here to make your holiday planning a breeze

Julie Croucher has had a varied career that has taken her from a zoological background to working for safari companies in Africa before settling in rural Suffolk.

Jules began her travel career at Chester Zoo and after nearly a decade of organising travel for people and animals alike she hosted a tour to Africa where she lost her heart to the sunsets of the Serengeti. Jules worked in Africa for six years as a tour leader, safari camp manager and travel agent before returning to the UK to head up the Africa team at a tailor made tour operator. In 2011 it was time for Jules to use her worldwide travel experience and set up her own independent agency in Suffolk.

As an ABTA independent travel agency, Travel With Jules has access to hundreds of operators and isn't tied to selling any particular company. This means the team can find exactly the right holiday for each client and ensure every itinerary is bespoke.

The idea of planning a 'holiday of a lifetime' can be daunting, but Jules and her team will ensure they find the best places to stay, book reputable tour operators and organise your travel arrangements with trusted partners so that you can relax and enjoy your trip.



TOP: Kaya Mawa, Lake Malawi
RIGHT: Julie Croucher from Travel with Jules
BELOW: Azura Selous Zebras

Jules shares with us the top benefits of booking with an independent travel agent:

1. Time saving

From comparing hotels, to searching for the cheapest flights, booking car parks, transfers and excursions; planning a holiday is a time consuming task. Travel With Jules can plan a complicated itinerary for you and with the team's 30+ years of firsthand travel experience know which hotels and destinations will suit different clients.

2. Financial protection

Jules and the team are well versed in the legal issues and terms and conditions of booking holidays and will organise this for you, stress free! Travel with Jules is a member of ABTA and the team are AITO specialist agents. All holidays have ATOL protection.

3. Saving you money

Unlike high street travel agents, Travel with Jules doesn't base recommendations on industry sales incentives or targets and will instead act upon your needs and budget. The team can often beat online quotes by presenting a more favourable alternative. They also have access to insider rates which are not available to the consumer.



4. A unique holiday

Working with an independent travel agent means your holiday will be unlike any other. The team will create your own personal itinerary for your trip using their expert knowledge to fit your requirements, working with specialist contacts in the travel industry.

5. Personal concierge

Travel with Jules acts as a personal concierge and the team are available every step of the way; from planning the itinerary to checking details whilst you are travelling. If anything was to happen whilst you were away, Jules is on hand to reorganise bookings, find alternative accommodation or travel arrangements for you. **1**

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