



THE TOUR GUY

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Move over Christopher Columbus and Lewis and Clark! Roadside kitsch meets classic comedy when Tony Brent goes exploring. Comedian, impressionist, actor and magician Tony Brent offers a hilarious tour of America's various tourist spots, from the nation's well-known theme parks, casinos, monuments and natural sites, to the most bizarre and unusual roadside attractions such as The Woodstock Mystery Hole in Portland, OR or the creepy museum of medical oddities called the Mutter Museum in Philadelphia, PA.

The "attention-grabbing" aspect of this program is the fact that Tony has spent eighteen years entertaining tourists at theme parks and attractions throughout the United States. Tony will use his first-hand experience in dealing with tourists and attractions, combined with his razor-sharp comedic skills to make this a travel program like no other.

Tony will interact with tourists, locals and attraction employees by often pretending to be an employee of the location, another tourist or even the creator of the attraction he is visiting. His experience and natural charm will help relax many of the tourists into letting their guards down. At times the tourists visiting the attractions will be recruited to participate in the sham. This interaction will be as much a highlight of the programs as the tourist spots themselves. The audience at home will witness and enjoy the reactions of those people and learn about the attraction. This creates a program that is one part travel show, one part reality show and one part comedy show.

At each location Tony will use his improvisational, physical comedy and variety skills to entertain the tourists at the site and at the same time describe in detail the attraction itself. Sometimes Tony will pose as a tourist and ask ridiculous questions to the attraction personnel. Although Tony is always looking for a laugh, he will NEVER directly poke fun of the attractions themselves. Tony will always finish a tour leaving the audience wanting more. The tourist attraction will be allowed to speak for itself. It will be shown truthfully, yet in the best possible light.

On average, within each fast-paced half-hour episode Tony will visit two or three tourist attractions. If possible, these three attractions will be in the same town for budgeting reasons. There are more than 6,000 attractions spanning America ranging from the internationally known, such as Disney, SeaWorld and Universal, to the small quirky landmarks that dot our nations landscape such as The Museum of Bad Art in Dedham, MA or The Toilet Seat Art Museum in Alamo Heights, TX.

A brief outline of what Tony might do at a tourist attraction:

Discovery Cove Swim Instructor. Discovery Cove is a 30-acre tropical retreat with beaches and a man-made river. The highlight of the attraction is the fact that you are allowed to swim with dolphins. Tony would play the part of an employee or instructor who will teach tourists how to interact with the dolphins. There's one problem however, instructor Tony doesn't know how to swim! The guests themselves will have to save Tony from drowning several times.

Gatorland Alligator Wrestler. Gatorland is the self proclaimed "Alligator Capitol of the World", located not far from Discovery Cove. Gatorland is the home to hundreds of alligators of various species. Gatorland has several different shows including Gator Wrestlin' where an employee actually wrestles with a live alligator. Tony will parody TV wrestling, dressed as a professional wrestler and yelling at the gators in true "smackdown" style. Tony would also give tips to the tourists on how to wrestle an alligator using a fake alligator. There would be cuts back and forth which would offer information on the attraction between shots of the wrestling.

Driving Instructor. The Richard Petty Driving Experience is an attraction whereas you are allowed to experience the thrill of race car driving by driving or riding along in a NASCAR-style car on a race track. Tony will pretend to be an "almost blind" driving instructor who will attempt to teach guests how to drive a race car along with the help of his seeing-eye dog.