

About Elena Dak

Elena was born in Venice in 1970 and has been working for more than 20 years for Italian tour companies leading trips in Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia. Elena is one of the most passionate tour leaders and loves her work, loves the subject matter, and thrives when she feels in charge of educating a group and inspiring them about the destinations they visit. She is deeply interested in nomadic peoples, and she has conducted several research studies on them (the Touareg in Niger, the Wodaabe in Tchad, the Tigrin in Ethiopia, and the Rabari in India).



She is a graduate of the University of Ca' Foscari in Venice in Conservation of Cultural Heritage with Ethnographic Orientation. At the moment, she is studying in Bicocca University in Milan for her M.A in Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences. She has written four books: "La Carovana del Sale" (The Salt Caravan)(Corbaccio editor, 2007), "Io Cammino con i Nomadi" (I walk with Nomads) (Corbaccio editor 2016), "Sana'a e la Notte" (Sana'a and the Night) (Poiesis editor, 2019) and "Ancora in Cammino" (Still Walking) (Crowdbooks editor 2020). Two of her books have been chosen for a course of Modern and Contemporary Studies at Cà Foscari University. She has given lectures in Cà Foscari and Bicocca University and she currently contributes articles to Africa Magazine and Erodoto108 Magazine.

She held a Ted Talk in Milan in October 2018, and her performance was very well received by her audience. Our first tour using Elena's expertise was our Chad program in November 2018 and our travelers were very happy to have her on board and loved her and her contagious charisma and enthusiasm, as well as her excellent abilities as a tour manager and overseer of the operation