

Kurt J. Berry

*Global Leadership, Mentorship,
and Lessons from 50 Countries*

Featured Book: *Monarch to Mongolia: A Memoir*
Releasing November 20, 2026



SIGNATURE KEYNOTE

Five Fingers and Five Toes

What fifty countries taught a kid from Colorado

“Every place I landed taught me the same thing: people are far more alike than they are different.”

From growing up in the Colorado mountains and sailing the Pacific on a 37-foot boat to opening iconic Hard Rock Cafes across five continents, Kurt shares powerful, humorous, and deeply human stories from the front lines of global hospitality and cross-cultural leadership. In this engaging presentation, Kurt explores:

- **“The Ones” Framework:** The critical role self-appointed mentors play in recognizing and unlocking talent before leaders even see it in themselves.
- **Leading Across Borders & Cultures:** Real-world lessons from opening locations in high-pressure environments, from Warsaw to Ulaanbaatar.
- **From Open Ocean to Opening Night:** Sailing the North and South Pacific with his father on a 37-foot boat, and what a small crew in big water teaches about preparation and trust.
- **Finding Common Ground:** How shifting focus to our shared humanity builds stronger workplace cultures, client trust, and resilient team relationships.

WHY BOOK KURT FOR YOUR EVENT

- **Proven Executive Experience:** 15 years with Hard Rock Cafe International, from General Manager in Phoenix to opening cafes on five continents and working in more than twenty countries.
- **Community-Minded Founder:** Founded *English for Humanity*, a nonprofit that provided youth with free language lessons, career guidance, and leadership mentorship.
- **Local Pacific Northwest Presence:** Based in Camas, WA, and available in person across the Portland-Vancouver metro and SW Washington.
- **Tailored for Business & Civic Audiences:** High-energy storytelling with practical strategies for leadership development, employee retention, and community impact.

EARLY PRAISE

“A candid and adventurous memoir that spans from the peaks of the Colorado Rockies to the remote atolls of the Pacific. Beyond the adventures, it is a reflection on resilience, hope, and the capacity to find meaning and joy in the face of life’s obstacles and tragedies.”

Andrei Ionescu, Romania

FORMATS & OFFERINGS

Keynote Address

30 to 60 minutes, plus Q&A

Breakfast & Lunch Meetings

Rotary, Kiwanis, Chamber luncheons

Leadership Workshops & Panel Discussions

Book Signings & VIP Bundles

Autographed copies of *Monarch to Mongolia* for attendees or corporate gift packages

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kurt J. Berry spent 15 years with Hard Rock Cafe International opening cafes on five continents. He founded *English for Humanity* and is the author of the upcoming memoir *Monarch to Mongolia*. Kurt lives in Camas, Washington, with his wife, CiCi.

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