

NICOLAS & VINCENT





BONJOUR, HELLO,

we are

VINCENT



NICOLAS!

Thanks for taking the time to learn about us, our story and our hopes for the future. We are from France originally but now live in Seattle, Washington.



RELAXING IN OUR LIVING ROOM

We discussed having children quite early in our relationship. However, our options were limited because at the time same-sex adoption wasn't legal in France.



**MOVING TO THE US
WAS EYE-OPENING.
WE WERE ACCEPTED AND
FELT THIS WAS THE**

RIGHT PLACE AND TIME TO

start our family.



PLAYING UNO



When we think about our future, we think of small day to day things that make us happy. We look forward to becoming a family of three. **We envision ourselves visiting the park next to our house, cooking dinner for our friends and family and playing**

games. We aspire at creating an environment of trust, respect and empathy in which our child will feel confident to pursue their dreams. **We will encourage them to be curious, meet new people and travel the world to develop their personality.**

ABOUT US

WE MET ONLINE
11-YEARS-AGO.

**Our first date was in a small
cafe called "Le Tourville", not
far from the Eiffel Tower.**

EVERYTIME WE GO BACK TO PARIS, WE ENJOY
SPENDING TIME IN OUR FAVORITE PLACES WE
USED TO HANG OUT WHILE LIVING THERE



NIC KISSING VINCENT

**In 2016, Nic proposed to Vincent during a summer trip to the
Greek islands. We got married a year later and moved to Seattle.**

We are both hard workers and loyal. We are very social and frequently meet new people when we travel. The first question our best friends ask us when we come back from vacation is "who did you guys meet this time?"

**We became the "American
uncles" in 2020, when Nic's
sister had a little girl!** She is the first baby for both of our families. Nic's sister can't wait to become an Auntie because she sees the joy it brings us being uncles to her daughter.



NIC'S NIECE GETTING HER BOTTLE
FROM HER UNCLES



US LAST SUMMER VISITING PROVENCE



PLANNING OUR NEXT TRIP



KAYAKING IN COSTA RICA

Introducing VINCENT



VINCENT TRYING A NEW RECIPE

VINCENT GREW
UP IN A SMALL
COUNTRYSIDE
TOWN.

College brought him to bigger cities in France and Spain, where he

lived for a year. He is compassionate and invests a lot of time in building relationships. Vincent is vulnerable, shares his emotions easily and always sees the positive side of things.

VINCENT SPENDS
LOTS OF TIME...

running in the neighborhood, reading, planning our next vacation and boating.



VISITING WHIDBEY ISLAND FOR
VINCENT'S BIRTHDAY

MY FUN FACTS

☑ I RUN A LOT... and just hit 2,000 miles on my running app.

☑ I WROTE A BOOK when I was 16. I trademarked it but never reached out to any publishing company.

☑ I STUDIED IN SPAIN for a year, in Madrid and Barcelona.

☑ MY FAVORITE SMELL is natural pine trees. One of the reasons I love PNW so much.

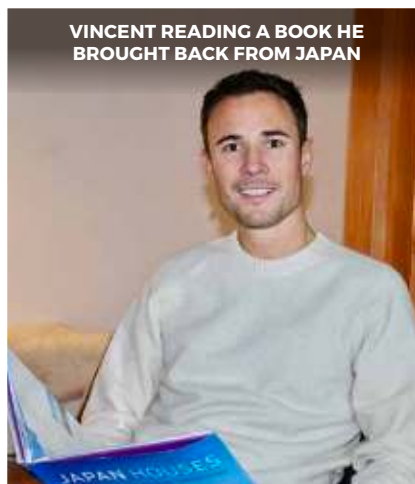
☑ I used to be a buyer for MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS but do not play any.

☑ MY FAVORITE VACATION SPOT is Mexico (after our vacation house!)

☑ I WOULD LOVE TO TAKE OUR CHILD ON A BOAT like my parents took me when I was young.



VINCENT IS AN AVID RUNNER, NEVER
AFRAID OF THE WEATHER



VINCENT READING A BOOK HE
BROUGHT BACK FROM JAPAN

VINCENT'S FUN FIVE

1. I VALUE POSITIVITY, I surround myself with optimistic people.
2. My friends tell me I am the MOST ORGANIZED PERSON they know.
3. BUCKET LIST: To visit national parks in the US.
4. I want to TEACH OPENNESS to our child.
5. I love HOW ACCEPTED I FEEL where we live.

Introducing
NICOLAS
you can call me Nic!



NIC MAKING UP A NEW RECIPE



NIC WORKING IN OUR OFFICE



GETTING SOME REST AFTER A SUMMER
HIKE IN OREGON

NIC GREW UP IN PARIS

During college, he volunteered to bring school supplies to children living in the African desert. He also studied in Singapore for 6 months and travelled across Asia. Nic loves to grab coffee with coworkers to catch up with them. He has a great sense of humor and always has stories to tell.

**NIC IS A GREAT
COOK AND HAS**

**become very interested
in DIY projects lately.**

MY
**FUN
FACTS**



NIC RESTAINING OUR FENCE (AND
CHATting WITH THE NEIGHBORS)

- ☑ Vincent always takes a picture of **ME JUMPING** when we are on a trip.
- ☑ The **PASTA OMELET** is my signature dish.
- ☑ It takes me forever to **PEEL A MANDARIN**.
- ☑ I have **20 PAIRS** of comfy woolen socks.
- ☑ **I WORKED IN FINANCE** for the last 10 years but just made a radical change to Fashion.
- ☑ **LEMON TART IS MY FAVORITE DESSERT.** It's Vincent's least favorite!
- ☑ I can spend hours **PLAYING AND TALKING TO MY NIECE**, even though she does not yet speak.
- ☑ I used to **PLAY PIANO**.

**NIC'S
FUN
FIVE**

1. My friends tell me I am a **GOOD STORY-TELLER**.
2. I want to **TEACH OUR CHILD GOLF** as my father did with me.
3. **BUCKET LIST:** To watch shows that friends have recommended.
4. I love that our community is a mix of **DIFFERENT CULTURES**.
5. I found out I **LIKE DIY**, which I did not expect to enjoy.

OUR HOME & COMMUNITY

MOVING TO SEATTLE WAS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR. ESCAPING THE DENSITY OF A BIG CITY PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN OUR DECISION TO LEAVE PARIS.



WE BOUGHT OUR HOUSE IN SEATTLE IN 2018 AND SPENT 2 YEARS REMODELING IT FROM THE BASEMENT TO THE ROOF!

We quickly embraced the Pacific Northwest and we love being surrounded by the water, the mountains and so many evergreen trees. We take advantage of the beautiful nature and hike, ski, and boat on the lakes we have in the city.

We bought our house in 2018. We put our hearts into remodeling to truly make

it our home. We live in a quiet, walkable and family-friendly neighborhood. The K-8 school is in front of our house and we can actually hear the bell from our living room! One of our favorite spots is our kitchen island because there is a window that overlooks our backyard. We sit there every morning to have breakfast.



SITTING ON OUR FRONT PORCH

There is a public pool and a large park with a playground nearby. We are lucky to have several small shops, including our favorite bakery. We never miss the farmers' market in the summer, where stroller traffic has increased lately as many families have recently moved to the area.



NIC MAKING LASAGNA



OUTSIDE OF OUR VACATION HOME



US TAKING CARE OF LEONIE IN OUR VACATION HOUSE

OUR VACATION HOME

WE RECENTLY BOUGHT A VACATION HOUSE IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE.

We value spending time with our families and close friends when we go back, and love to go on day trips to small villages or by the sea.



WITH NIC'S FAMILY LAST SUMMER



THREE GENERATIONS: NIC'S MOM, SISTER AND NIECE



WITH VINCENT'S PARENTS LAST WINTER



WHEN WE HOSTED ALL OUR FAMILY LAST SUMMER FOR LUNCH

WE CONSIDER OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS AS PART OF OUR EXTENDED FAMILY as the rest of our family lives 6,000 miles away! We see our friends a few times a week, to drop off food we have prepared, to play games or just hang out in the backyard.



WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH OUR FRIENDS AS WELL AS OUR FAMILY EVERY YEAR

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Nic's family lives in Paris. They love to spend time with Nic's niece, who called them "grapy" and "granny". Nic's parents are very outgoing and love to host the family for dinner. Nic's dad can spend hours doing grocery shopping across Paris to find the perfect ingredient to try out a new recipe. His mum is known for her passion for decorating. Nic is very close to his sister, they are less than 2 years apart. She has been one of our strong supporters since we started our adoption journey.

Vincent is very close to his parents (they video call twice a week despite the 9-hour time difference!). Most of his hobbies come from them as they love to travel, spend time outdoors and gather friends to grill in their backyard. Vincent has an older brother who lives in France.



EVERY YEAR WE WALK TO THE GARDEN CENTER ACROSS THE STREET TO PICK OUR TREE

OUR FAVORITE TRADITION IS TO PICK OUT A CHRISTMAS TREE AND PUT CHRISTMAS MUSIC ON WHILE WE DECORATE IT.

Right after Christmas, we always bake a King's Cake, which is a tradition we brought from France. *(what is a King's cake)* We make a trip back to France at least once a year and always plan a family weekend in our house there.

IN CLOSING

WE DO NOT HAVE ANY
FAMILY IN THE US SO WE
ARE REALLY EXCITED TO
START OUR OWN HERE.



WE CANNOT WAIT TO SHARE
THIS JOURNEY WITH OUR
CHILD'S BIRTH PARENTS.

We both believe transparency will make
our adoption successful and envision it
as a unique chance for the child to fully
embrace their identity.

We look forward to building a relationship
centered around love for the child and
cannot wait to engage with the birth family
the way they will feel comfortable with.

