

WORK & TRAVEL PROGRAM

SUMMARY

Ever felt that being free spirited and easy-going was a good thing? Ever felt that “hey the world is MY oyster and I can make it all happen”? Then you only need a little bit of our help! With our assistance, you can hit the ground running with all of the necessary tools and support to create your own experience. Bring your sense of independence, “never-quit” attitude, and positive outlook with you and you will see that there IS more to explore!

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM ABOUT?

This program is designed for the “do-it-yourselfer” who wants assistance and support in securing their own placement. The main feature of this program is FLEXIBILITY: candidates can find their own position in any area (though we can most effectively assist in finding positions in Hospitality) and the duration, start date, and location may be whatever candidates would like. This does not mean it will be easy, in fact, even with support it is still can be quite difficult to secure a position so it will require a significant amount of effort from the participant.

WHAT TYPES OF OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

Any, though you must realize that there are restrictions on practicing some professions (e.g. healthcare, law, trades like plumbing and electrician, and other areas), and many positions will be difficult to come by and take quite a bit of time to secure the job you want. Most Work and Travellers work in the hospitality, food service or retail areas.

WHY USE OUR SERVICES?

Why us? Some people often ask, why should I book this program with you guys? This is an important question and one that we love to answer. We love looking after young people who are coming to our country. We are aware of how much preparation is involved in traveling and the costs of it as well. Our services are designed to give the independent traveler a push in the right direction. Not only that, but you will also have someone to call should anything go wrong at any time. We are here to help from the beginning to the end of your amazing adventure!

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

1. Pre-departure information package about arrival
2. Free wifi at the office in Vancouver
3. Welcome orientation
4. Information on how to apply for your Tax Number
5. Information on how to open a local bank account
6. Information on mobile phone plans
7. Information on how to find accommodation including our Accommodation Guide
8. Advice and examples on how to prepare a resume and cover letter
9. Advice and guidance on how to secure a job interview
10. In Vancouver, access to our Interview Workshop and job search advice
11. Information regarding the jobs market and where jobs are available during the time of year you arrive
12. Advice on how to find accommodation in cities and around the country
13. Advice on how to travel around at minimal costs
14. Information on the different laws that apply such as employment and tenancy laws
15. Information on mobile phone providers, phoning home and other communication information
16. Access to our social events and activities, and getting involved in the multicultural community, with candidates who have the same objective as you to work and travel!
17. Mail Holding service including luggage storage for up to one year
18. 24 hours emergency number
19. Other general information we think you should know to make your stay better
20. Option to upgrade to a full-service placement

WHAT DO I GET OUT OF IT?

- Learn about local culture
- Improve language skills
- Work, live, and travel anywhere in the country
- Find your sense of independence
- Improve your language skills
- Learn or enhance your experience in a local workplace
- Learn about the local way of life
- Learn important life skills such as working with people from many different nationalities
- Continue your professional development
- Meet new people

WHAT DO I NEED TO PARTICIPATE?

- Must be between ages of 18-35 (depends on individual country visa requirements).
- No criminal record
- Clean medical check in country of origin

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED?

- Application form
- Program Policies
- Resume (in any form)
- Copy of passport (picture page)

WHO ARE THE IDEAL CANDIDATES?

Ideal candidates will be risk-takers, independent, outgoing, and not afraid of some leg-work.

WILL I HAVE AN JOB OPPORTUNITY BEFORE I ARRIVE?

No; we will support you finding a job after you arrive.

DO I GET PAID?

Yes, you will be paid for any position you secure unless it is an practicum or volunteer job. You are also required to be paid for any training period.

WHAT PERMIT IS REQUIRED?

Working Holiday

WHEN CAN I START?

You can come any time of the year, but seasonal jobs start in Summer or Winter.

HOW LONG IS THE PROGRAM?

As long as your permit allows you (generally 6-12 months)

WHERE CAN I GO?

You will receive support from us in Vancouver though you may look for jobs anywhere in Canada.

ARE THEIR ANY OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE?

- Language Training
- Homestay
- Hostel Package incl. breakfast, 1 year hostel membership (worldwide), various discounts and free internet minutes
- Airport "Meet and Greet" and transfer to Homestay family or hostel
- Organizing and booking of trips (Rockies, Whistler, Vancouver Island etc.)

WHAT OTHER EXPENSES WILL I HAVE?

You should have enough money to support yourself for a minimum of your first 4 weeks in Canada to give you the chance to find a job and receive your first paycheck. You may also need to consider travelling expenses if you are leaving the city.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

To book your Work & Travel starter package please send us your flight details, full name and date of birth at least 4 weeks prior to departure time. You will need to have received your Working Permit BEFORE applying for this program.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

In order to have the program run smoothly and have happy candidates – thinking about your expectations is crucial! Please make sure that you know what you are getting into.... This program is for people that are comfortable going it on their own. Remember this is a different country and different culture and a new economy so it may not be as easy as you think to find a job.