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## Australia Paid Work

Adventure



Relaxation



Culture



**Trip Name:** Australia Paid Work    **Trip Code:** OZPW    **Duration:**

### Trip Highlights

- We're here to help you settle in to Aussie life
- Perfect for first time travellers, this package includes everything from an arrival transfer to assistance in finding a job
- Three, four or seven night introductory packages staying at a fantastic backpackers hostel
- 12 months access to an online jobs board
- Receive discount on training courses (RSA/White card etc), WWOOFing membership and Travel products included.
- Australia's your oyster - see Uluru, the Great Barrier Reef and the Gold Coast during your time off!



### Overview

If you're looking for a way to fund an amazing trip Down Under, then our paid work package is perfect! By helping you get a job, you'll be able to set yourself up for your epic year in the sizzlin' Sydney.

First off, we'll help you get settled into your year abroad by hooking you up with other travellers so you can kick off your trip in style by hitting Sydney hard, and seeing what the nightlife has to offer. Our introductory packages are available for three, four or seven nights at one of the top backpacker hostels in Australia, which is the best place to get to know other people and the Aussie way of life.

Once you've had a few days to settle in, you'll have an orientation that'll explain all you need to know about employment, travelling around the awesome Australia, and then the sort of jobs you can expect during your time away. One thing's for sure, you're going to have *the* best time Down Under!

[Got any questions? Check out our FAQs to suss out whether Paid Work is for you.](#)

## Destination Info

Sydney ticks off everything a cosmopolitan city should have, with its cracking nightlife, laidback outdoor lifestyle, stunning harbour and some of the best beaches and surf spots; it's no wonder that this city is one of the world's easiest and most pleasant places to visit. Catch the sunset at Sydney Harbour, cook a shrimp on the Barbie down Bondi Beach, or be inspired by a magical performance at Sydney Opera House, whatever you choose to do in this fantastic city, you'll always remember your time spent in the gateway to Australia.

Australia attracts many visitors each year due to its broad range of things to see and do. The varying landscape offers many beautiful attractions and fantastic activities, from surfing and white water rafting to trekking and skiing. As well as natural beauty, Australia's cosmopolitan cities offer a wide variety of cultural attractions from sports to art.

## Itinerary



Once you've landed into Sydney, you'll make your way to the hostel where we'll have your accommodation all ready and waiting for you to settle in. You'll have an orientation with our in-country team and then we'll give you access to loads of jobs in and around Aus via an online jobs board!

There are loads of opportunities available to those on a working holiday visa, but please bear in mind that due to Aussie law, you'll only be allowed to enrol in casual work. This could involve temping in an office, working in retail or in a bar, or getting your hands dirty outside by fruit picking or labouring, it's all down to you!

After your initial three, four or seven nights (depending on the option you choose), it'll be time to start out on your own... but for up to 12 months, you'll have the freedom to work, travel and have fun at your own pace. You'll have access to an online jobs board so you'll have support - don't worry!

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You'll have your group orientation on the first business day after you arrive into Sydney. It'll last a couple of hours or so, and you'll learn a load of useful information about the jobs you'll have, tax refunds, superannuation, travelling around Oz and then where some of the best bars and clubs are in Sydney, wahayyyy! Got any last minute questions? You'll have the chance to ask them here!

During your orientation you'll receive a handy welcome kit and by the end of the session, our in-country Aussie team will have you ready and raring to go by setting you up your Australian SIM card, Bank Account, Tax File Number and Medicare (where applicable).

We organise social events and parties too, so you'll find it really easy to make friends and meet other travellers. We love hosting a good Aussie BBQ!



When you arrive in Aus, our priority is to help find you a job as quickly as possible as soon as you've decided to get stuck in to work. At the orientation, our consultants will give you 12 months access to an online jobs board, so you will be able to stay up to date with any jobs available throughout the whole year!

Want it even easier? You'll have text and email updates too so you'll always be in the loop with what's available!



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There are loads of different jobs available to travellers who are on a Working Holiday Visa in Australia. The visa states that you can only be employed in casual employment during your stay. The team at the orientation, will try to match you to a job, which suits you and your skills, and even if your work experience is limited, you can still be offered work.

You may be offered jobs in a number of industries including hospitality, call centre, factory/warehouses, retail, labouring and fruit picking. Jobs can range from one day through to six months and anything in between- perfect for backpackers who want to travel around a lot. The more flexible you can be with what you do, the more work that will be made available to you.

### Rates of pay:

As a general rule, casual work ranges from \$16-\$18 per hour. Skilled temping positions pay more around \$20-30 per hour.



With the right motivation and attitude, you'll have an awesome time in Aus. Bare in mind that you do need to be flexible, and you probably won't get your 'dream job' whilst you're out there, but it can lead to more opportunity. International work looks fantastic on your CV, so it may lead you to your dream position. People often refuse jobs because they don't like the sound of the work or that it isn't what they are used to doing at home. However, you never know when the next job will come along so make the most of every opportunity to learn and make some dollars.

And just think how much more you will appreciate those dollars when you are sitting on a tropical beach somewhere in Oz enjoying a cold beer and watching the sun set on another perfect days travelling. Here are a few tips to help get a job quickly:

Different jobs require that you have relevant experience or qualifications, such as bar work, construction industry etc. Various qualifications are required by employers, for example, the 1 Day RSA course (Responsible Service of Alcohol) teaches you the Australian laws and regulations of serving alcohol and is required to work anywhere that sells alcohol. Full details about these courses and the fees involved will be provided by the team at your orientation.

## Accommodation

You will receive 3, 4 or 7 nights dorm accommodation (depending on which option you choose) in a fantastic hostel in the heart of one of the best cities on earth! The hostel boasts the most sought after backpacker facilities including a self-catering kitchen, dining room, laundry, games room and internet access.

## Programme Services and Facilities

### Tax

It is a legal requirement that all people working in Australia have an Australian tax file number. This tax file number cannot be applied for until you arrive into Australia. Upon arrival at the orientation you will simply need to provide a member of the team with a copy of your passport and visa and the rest will be done for you! We will apply for a tax file number on your behalf and will manage the application process until the Australian Tax Office issues a tax file number. Our partners will keep a record of the reference number that confirms the application. The tax file number will arrive via post within 14-28 days. You can collect your number by visiting the office or call the Australian Tax Office after 14 days and they can provide your Tax File Number over the telephone.

The tax file number will allow you to work and get paid at the lower tax rate of 29%. In good faith employers will hire and pay at the lower rate with the understanding that you have applied and will receive a tax file number within 28 days. If you fail to collect your number and/or report it to your employer within 28 days, you will be paid at the higher tax rate of around 48%.

### Luggage Storage

As part of this package you will also receive one month's free luggage storage in Sydney (standard size suitcase or backpack or overnight bag), which you will be informed about at your orientation. Additional months storage can be purchased locally as required.

**Please Note:** Real Gap, our partners and the hostel cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged goods in storage.

### Health Care Services

Travellers from certain countries are entitled to some free health care services in Australia such as visiting the doctor, and in order to be able to access this service travellers need to provide certain information.

Members from the following countries that have a reciprocal healthcare agreement with Australia, and are entitled to these benefits are:

- UK
- Finland
- Sweden
- Italy
- Malta
- Norway

The information required to get the Medicare card is your passport from home country PLUS a Health card from the home country OR a bank statement or bill showing the persons home address.

Previously a passport from one of the relevant countries was the only requirement but as Medicare have changed their rules, travellers are now required to produce the additional information as noted above.

The Medicare card allows members to go to the doctors for free, and receive some hospital services for free.

**Please note:** Even if you are entitled to healthcare benefits in Australia, we strongly recommend that you still get travel insurance for the duration of your stay.

## Meals

Meals are not included. You are responsible for your own meals - you can either eat out at one of the many restaurants in Sydney, or you can visit the local supermarket (only 100 metres from the hostel) and prepare your own meals in the self catering kitchen at the hostel.

## What's Included

- Reimbursement of airport transfer
- Working Holiday Visa (if you pick the option including the Working Holiday Visa)
- 3, 4 or 7 nights hostel accommodation in a shared dorm (depending on option selected)
- Orientation seminar
- 12-month membership
- Bank Account set up on arrival into Australia
- Australian SIM Card
- Tax file number
- Superannuation assistance
- 12 months access to online jobs board



## What's Not Included

- Flights
- Working Holiday Visa (if you don't pick the option including the Working Holiday Visa)
- Travel insurance
- Accommodation after the first nights (depending on option selected)
- Meals (excluding continental breakfast)



## Is This Trip For You?

To take part in this programme you will require a working holiday visa. The working holiday visa is available to anyone age 18-30. The emphasis is on casual employment: you are meant to work for no more than six months at any one job. If you want to stay in Australia for up to 24 months, this is now possible for some nationalities. Speak to one of our sales advisors for more information.

In order to take part in the programme you must...

- Be aged between 18 and 30 years at the time of application
- Have a valid passport for one of the countries listed at Australian Immigration, [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)
- Have no dependant children
- Have not previously entered Australia on a working holiday visa
- Meet health and character requirements
- Be outside Australia at the time of visa grant

## Additional Information

### Bank Account

An Australian bank account will be opened for you. You will receive all the details and your bankcard within the first days of arrival. The Bank we use is the second largest bank in Australia with over 700 branches and 3000 ATM

machines around the country.

We will set up the bank account on your behalf and take you to the branch to activate your account after your orientation. You will need to bring your passport and sign to say that you agree to the terms and conditions of the account. Once this is done then your account is ready to use.

The account charges you a monthly fee of AUD \$4.00, this give you unlimited monthly transactions at any of the bank's ATM around Australia. Be aware if you use another banks ATM, you will be charged \$2.50 per transaction. Your Bank Card can also be used in New Zealand.

Please Note: Bank charges apply and are subject to change. It is your responsibility to close your bank account before you leave the country.

## What to Pack

Please note that this kit list is intended to help you plan what you may need to take with you and therefore, you may not need all of the listed items on your travels nor is it exhaustive.

### Documents

- Passport
- Driving Licence
- NHS card or a National Insurance card or proof of entitlement to your National Health Service, or the German Krankenversicherungskarte
- Insurance Policy document or card
- Working Holiday Visa notification
- Digital copy of your CV
- Credit Card, for emergencies and booking internal flights

### General

- Journal or diary
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Alarm Clock
- Torch
- Sleeping bag
- Mobile phone (unlocked so it can accept an Australian SIM Card)
- Padlock for hostel lockers

### Clothing

- Job specific work clothes (e.g. smart shirts for office, long trousers for manual labour)
- Casual clothes
- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Swimming costume.
- Comfortable footwear
- Something smart
- Something warm

## Medical Kit

- Medication
- First Aid Kit

## Minimum Age

Minimum age 18, maximum age 30 (due to working holiday visa restrictions).

## Flights

Your flight to Australia should arrive at Sydney International Airport on your programme start date, and your return flight should be arranged for your programme end date.

To book your flights, contact our flight team on 01273 647219 and we will help to find you a great deal. Before you make the call please make sure you have your required departure dates, return dates and other details you may require.

Please note: If you are flying to Australia via the USA you will need to obtain Travel Authorisation by registering online through the Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA) no later than 72 hours before departure. This is compulsory and will cost USD\$14 to register. To register, please visit: [www.esta.cbp.dhs.gov](http://www.esta.cbp.dhs.gov)

It is important that once you have booked your flights you add these details to your Online account, or alternatively you can contact us with your departure date, the flight number and arrival time at your destination.

## Support & Advice

Your safety is paramount which is why all our programmes have been visited and assessments have been conducted to ensure any major risks have been minimised.

In addition, you will have access to a 24 hour emergency contact number so you can contact one of our UK staff at any time should you need to. In addition our overseas partners and coordinators are on hand in-country to assist you.

## Financial Security

We know that the last thing you want to worry about when you're planning your trip of a lifetime is whether your



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money is in safe hands. As a leading global gap year provider it's our job to make sure your finances are secure, so when you book with us you can be confident that we do just that.

Real Gap Experience and Real Travel are part of TUI Travel Plc, one of the largest travel organisations in the world, and these days in the travel industry, large means secure.

Beware: Don't book with an organisation that has no financial protection for their clients. Not only are they breaking the law, you could lose all your money or be stranded overseas.

Our ATOL licence (6527), offers complete financial protection for any flight inclusive trips. To acquire an ATOL licence we have to undergo a very rigorous inspection from the Civil Aviation Authority, so you know that we tick all of the boxes. The ATOL license means that no matter what happens to us, your money will either be returned or if you've already left, your trip will be guaranteed.

We are also a Member of ABTA which means you have the benefit of ABTA's assistance and Code of Conduct. Many of the travel arrangements that we sell are protected in case of the financial failure of the travel company. If you have any questions about the financial protection that applies to your booking then please ask our team and they'll be happy to help.

## Insurance

Whether you're traveling for two weeks or two years, trekking the Amazon in Ecuador or on safari in Africa, insurance is an essential part of your adventure and will help you enjoy your travels, secure in the knowledge that you have the protection you need. In fact, everyone traveling with us must have adequate cover before their trip begins.

Of course you are free to buy insurance from any provider, however at Real Gap Experience, we have partnered with World Nomads to offer policies that have been specifically designed to meet the needs of global travel. If you think you're already covered by an existing policy, such as those offered by credit card providers, check the policy wording very carefully to ensure it covers you for your Real Gap Experience.

For more information on travel insurance please contact us to speak to one of our travel advisors.

## Money Matters

The unit of currency is the Australian Dollar. Changing foreign currency or travellers cheques is usually no problem at banks throughout Australia or at licensed moneychangers.

Australia is affordable by Western European and American standards, but if you are travelling on from Southeast Asia you'll notice a big increase in costs!

Meal, Inexpensive Restaurant 13.37 \$

Domestic Beer (0.5 litre draught) 5.04 \$

Coke/Pepsi (0.33 litre bottle) 2.40 \$

Water (0.33 litre bottle) 2.14 \$

(Prices quoted in US Dollar)

## Passports and Visas

You should ensure that you have a full passport that is valid for 6 months beyond the intended length of stay. It is your responsibility to have the correct personal documents and to obtain your own visa, if one is necessary, in accordance with the regulations of the country you are to visit. The information provided below is to help you with that process. We are not responsible for the actions of local immigration and customs officials, whether at points of entry or otherwise, and any subsequent effects.

All visitors to Australia need a visa – only New Zealand nationals are exempt, however you will receive a ‘special category’ visa on arrival.

For entry into Australia you will require an eVisitor visa. UK passport holders can apply for a 90-day tourist visa online at [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) All other nationalities should consult the relevant embassy.

If you intend to look for work in Australia you will be required to apply for a working holiday visa.

### Working Holiday Visa

The working holiday visa is available to anyone age 18-30. The emphasis is on casual employment: you are meant to work for no more than six months at any one job. If you want to stay in Australia for up to 24 months, this is now possible for some nationalities. Speak to one of our sales advisors for more information.

#### To be eligible for a Working Holiday Visa, you must:

- Be aged between 18 and 30 years at the time of application
- Have a valid passport for one of the countries listed at Australian Immigration, [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)
- Have no dependant children
- Have not previously entered Australia on a working holiday visa
- Meet health and character requirements
- Be outside Australia at the time of visa grant

#### To be granted a working holiday visa you must also agree that:

- Your main reason for coming to Australia is to holiday
- You must not undertake studies or training for more than 4 months
- You will leave Australia at the end of your authorized stay
- You must have sufficient funds to support yourself for the initial part of your stay. AUD\$5000 minimum is regarded as sufficient. You may have to provide evidence of this in the form of a bank statement.

For the most up to date information on visa requirements, please visit <http://www.immi.gov.au/>

If you are from the UK we can help you apply for your Working Holiday Visa, just ask a sales advisor for more information.

## Cultural Considerations

Australia is a melting pot of different cultures. It has a population of over 21 million people with most of the population living on the east coast between Adelaide and Cairns. High waves of immigration from England, Ireland, Italy, Greece, Malta and Eastern Europe have occurred during Australia's brief history, particularly after World War II, and the later waves from the Middle-East, East, and South-East Asia, as well as the Indian subcontinent, have created a truly diverse population.

Although Australia has no official language, English is spoken by 80% of the population. Chinese, Italian and Greek are respectively the next most common languages, reflecting Australia's cultural diversity and concentration of nationalities. Australians have very strong attitudes and belief systems which are reflected in their culture. Australians traditionally have a very ironic sense of humour.

## Vaccinations & Health

Travel health can often be something people forget about before going away, but a little preparation and knowledge can go a long way to help you stay fit and healthy while abroad. The risks to your health whilst travelling will vary depending on your general health and the type of activities you are going to be partaking in and the length of your stay.

Since we are not medically qualified, it is recommended that you consult with your General Practitioner or a recognised Travel Medical Advisory Service who will assess your particular health risks before recommending vaccines and/or anti-malarial tablets and advising you on what precautions you should take.

A useful website to visit in the first instance is <http://www.fitfortravel.scot.nhs.uk>

### Zika Virus

Zika virus is transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes and whilst the infection often occurs without symptoms it can cause an illness similar to dengue fever. There has recently been reported a possible link between exposure to Zika virus (ZIKV) in pregnancy and microcephaly and other congenital malformations and investigations are ongoing. We recommend you visit the [FCO website](#) and select your destination country for the latest travel advice prior to booking.

If you are already pregnant it is recommended you seek medical advice from your GP as [The National Travel Health Network and Centre \(NaTHNaC\)](#) advises you should consider avoiding travel to areas where ZIKV outbreaks are currently reported.

## Safety

As in most countries there are people who try to take advantage of tourists. The following advice is intended to help you keep safe:

- Always keep your personal items such as passport, money and camera with you and in a safe place. You can buy mini padlocks to prevent people from going into your bag without your permission.
- Don't carry excess amounts of cash
- Wherever possible, walk around in groups, especially after dark, and avoid taking short cuts
- Do not pick up hitchhikers if you are driving and do not hitch hike yourself
- When you are out do not leave your drinks unattended, as there have been reports of drinks being spiked

We advise that you check your government's advice before travelling abroad. For UK and American customers please see the relevant links below;

UK: [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)

USA: [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)

## ATM Theft

It is very likely that you will need to withdraw cash at some point during your travels. Please be cautious when withdrawing money from an ATM and ensure that you are vigilant of other people near the ATM, especially those that offer unsolicited assistance if your card is detained. It has been recognised that individuals are operating unlawful withdrawals by placing 'traps' in ATMs whereby personal bank cards are being detained, causing the victim to believe their card transaction has not been completed, and leaving their bank card in the ATM which is then later retrieved by the thief.

If your card is confiscated or you are concerned that your card has been tampered with, please report immediately to the bank or cancel your card.

## Language Guide

Here are some Australian terms and phrases that you might find useful:

Bottle Shop - *Off-licence/Liquor store*

Bonzer - *Good*

Bush - *Unsettled country area*

Dag - *Nerd*

Esky - *Portable insulated box to keep food/drink cold*

Fair Dinkum - *Honestly, truly*

Pokies - *Gambling machines*

Pom - *Person of English descent*

Singlet - *Sleeveless cotton vest*

Smoko - *Tea break*

Thongs - *Flip flops/Sandals*

Ute - *Utility vehicle/pick-up truck*

## Food & Drink

You will find food in Australia to suit all taste buds, with the larger cities in particular offering a great range of places to eat. Due to the large amount of British settlers, Australian food is reasonably similar to that in Western Europe, but if you are feeling particularly adventurous get involved in some bush tucker (kangaroo, emus) or the infamous vegemite. For less scary Aussie food, look out for fresh seafood and of course, a typical Aussie barbecue!

Please let Real Gap Experience know before you depart if you are a vegetarian or have any other dietary requirements.

## Public Holidays

When planning your trip, you should be aware of the major national holidays celebrated throughout the country.

To view a list of the public holidays for Australia, please see the link below:

[www.timeanddate.com/holidays/australia/](http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/australia/)

## Weather

Australia is located in the southern hemisphere, where seasons are the opposite of those in the northern hemisphere.

The summer months in Australia (November to March) can get very hot. Up north, in Queensland for example, the summer period brings the rainy season and the weather can be very hot and humid with lots of rainfall. The winter months (June to August) in Queensland bring much dryer weather but still heat. The further south you go the colder and wetter winter becomes and in some mountainous areas of New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania skiing is possible.

## Time

Australia is such a big country that it has three time zones:

Eastern Standard Time (Queensland) – 10 hours ahead of GMT depending on Daylight Savings

Central Time – 9.5 hours ahead of GMT

Western Time - 8 hours ahead of GMT

## Electricity

Electricity in Australia is 240 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second.



Sockets in Australia are V-shaped flat prongs.

## Trip Note Disclaimer

The information contained in this trip note has been compiled with great care and is provided in good faith. Any itinerary featured is correct at time of release. However, our itineraries may change as make improvements that result from travellers' comments, our own research or from time to time as a result of Foreign and Commonwealth Travel Advice.

You can rest assured that it is always our goal to provide you with the most rewarding trip and experience ever!



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## Volunteer numbers

Please note: You may be the only volunteer at your chosen project at any one time. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact us.

## Our Details

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