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Trip Name: Internships in Australia **Trip Code:** OZIN **Duration:** From 6 weeks

Key Facts

Melbourne is the perfect blend of culture and commerce. An international internship in Melbourne gives you the chance to work in the skyscrapers, ride the trams and relax on the beaches of this dynamic and diverse city. Melbourne is the home for your ambitions and adventures as you launch your career in this friendly and exciting location.



Melbourne is a commercial powerhouse, Australia's busiest port, and home to the headquarters of five of Australia's ten largest corporations. It is also Australia's artistic heart and the centre of its creative industries. It is a leader in biotechnology, publishing, finance, fashion, logistics, technology, marketing and many other industries. Our Melbourne internship program allows interns to fast-track their career in a globalised context, building the international networks and experiences that are a foundation for future leaders.

Overview

Advised experience/qualifications: University students/graduates/postgraduates with a keen interest and skills in their chosen sector. A degree is not essential, but will help when finding a suitable placement. In addition, we value academic excellence, the ability to think outside the box, cultural sensitivity, open mindedness and an international outlook.

Nationalities: This programme is open to all nationalities (subject to visa requirements)

Typical hours: Monday - Friday, 7-8 hours per day

Remuneration: Unpaid position

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Destination Info

Australia is one of the world's top Internship destinations. It is a dynamic and vibrant country with friendly confident people. Living in a multicultural nation with over 20 million people you'll be able to travel and gain practical experience in a supportive and professional environment.

Your Australian Internship can take you to some of the most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities on Earth, tropical rainforests, barren deserts and some of the worlds best beaches.

Itinerary



The Melbourne internship program includes quality accommodation, trips, insider tips, social events and 24/7 local support. We provide you with a seamless transition to working life and ensure that you have all the support that you need to settle in your placement. Our program is designed to ensure you get the most from your experience in this incredible city. A placement in Melbourne is a catalyst for your career. We offer internships at fantastic companies and NGOs throughout Melbourne and partner with industry leaders and innovators across all sectors. CV/resume workshops, professional development tools, career coaching and seminars are all included in the program to make sure you have both the structure and confidence to realize your potential in an international context.

The type of work you will be doing during your internship will vary hugely according to the sector, company and organisation in which you are placed. When you apply we will talk through your preferences, motivations and future career aspirations to ensure that we have a clear understanding of what you are looking for from your placement. If you should have any special requirements, we will take these into account when arranging your internship.

We have successfully arranged internship placements with leading companies and organisations across a very wide range of sectors. You can do an internship in almost any sector you want including, but not limited to;

- Art
- Photography and design
- Entrepreneurship
- Fashion
- Hospitality and tourism
- International business

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- IT
- NGOs
- PR and marketing

And many more, just give us a call for details.



The Economist Intelligence Unit has named Melbourne the world's most livable city for the last three years running. The welcoming atmosphere, extensive transport system and the huge variety of parks and green spaces in the 'garden state' ensure this enviable status. Melbourne is a young and vibrant city with 42% of its residents born overseas and a median age of 28. This fresh, cosmopolitan context provides the ideal setting for your international internship program.

Melbourne is one of the world's most wealthy per capita cities, is home to Australia's top ranked University and is Australia's cultural capital. It also boasts the highest density of commercial art galleries and museums in the world. The multicultural, hospitable city centre is surrounded by national parks, beautiful beaches, vineyards and rainforests. Whether you want to visit the penguins at Phillip Island, tour the regions great vineyards or drive the Great Ocean Road, the opportunity for adventure is never far away. Melbourne is also Australia's sporting capital and is home to a full calendar of sporting events including the Australian Open Tennis Tournament and the Melbourne Cup.

At just under 200 years old, Melbourne is relatively young, but the discovery of gold in the region at the end of the 19th century shone a spotlight on the Victorian state capital inciting massive waves of immigration and propelling Melbourne to become the richest city in the world by 1890. Today mining is still a major contributor to a growing economy, but Melbourne has a well-diversified industrial base. The opulent colonial buildings of the gold rush era offer a pretty contrast to the modern skyscrapers of the multinational corporations in the Central Business District. Melbourne has fully embraced the increasingly globalised workplace, fostered a young and dynamic business sector and is proud of the rich history that makes this Australian city such a fascinating place.

The evidence of Melbourne's role as Australia's centre of trade and opportunity is abundantly clear in its busy port, beautiful architecture and buzzing restaurant and arts scenes. Culturally diverse, as an Asian focused export giant, yet anchored strongly in its European roots, Melbourne is the junction where East meets West. Melbourne is the quintessential Australian city and the ultimate location for your international internship.



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Our Melbourne full-time team are incredibly proud of the city and they want to show you why! From organising your airport pick-up to arranging your accommodation, they will ensure you have everything you need for your arrival to help you settle in to this great city and feel at ease.

Our team will show you the best that Melbourne has to offer. The internship program includes the following events, free of charge to all participants:

- Welcome lunch
- City tour
- Eureka SkyDeck and Edge Experience
- Food, wine and wildlife tour
- Phillip Island and Penguin Parade trip

In addition to these free events, we also organise regular optional activities on a weekly basis, including visits to museums, cinemas, bars and restaurants.

At all times of the year we have large numbers of talented participants on our programs from all over the world. You will immediately become part of an international community, providing you with friends and networks to last a lifetime!



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Step 1: Application

To apply for this internship we ask you to either call us or apply online using the link below. When you apply we will ask you for your emergency contact details, passport number and for details on your health background and other important information. At this stage a deposit payment is requested. This deposit is non-refundable, unless our team in Melbourne declines your application. You will need to supply the following:

- A completed application form (provided upon deposit payment)
- Current CV /resume detailing your work and study history

Note: If your internship is part of your university course, and requires accreditation, this can easily be arranged. We request a letter from your tutor supporting your application for an internship.

Step 2: Telephone/Skype interview with our Internship Coordinator

Once we have your application pack we will contact you to arrange an informal interview with our internship coordinator who will be your main point of contact before you leave for Melbourne.

Step 3: Accepting the placement

We will send you a formal offer letter for you to sign, along with a clear summary of the types of roles you will be involved with during your internship.

Step 4: Interview with your host company

Your internship coordinator will arrange a date and time for an interview with your host company.

Step 5: Payment of full program fees and sign placement description and agreement

At this stage we will help you to organise a suitable visa to enable you to work in Melbourne.

Accommodation

Our accommodation in Melbourne is top-of-the-line, giving you a place to call home during your time abroad and the freedom to worry about what really matters - making the most of your stay in this amazing city!

All of our interns are provided with a 10m sq. room with a private shower room/WC in safe and comfortable

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accommodation within easy reach of the city centre. Free internet is available, allowing you to keep in touch with friends and family as you begin life in your new city.

Linen set up, kitchen welcome pack, a fortnightly clean, all utilities and a widescreen TV are included as standard, allowing you to relax and settle into your new home quickly and hit the ground running as you begin your new internship.

The accommodation is close to tram and train links and a free shuttle bus to the city centre is provided. The complex includes two restaurants, a free gym, sauna and swimming pool. A bar overlooks the pool to share a tea or beer with your fellow interns as you swap your experiences and make new friends on your international internship in Melbourne.

Meals

Meals are not included in your program cost. The accommodation provided is self-catering.

What's Included

- Top internship
- World class accommodation (private en-suite bedroom in a great area)
- Professional development tools and training (run by local experts and entrepreneurs)
- Industry-leading workplace performance assessment (created by global HR firm DDI International)
- Expert training materials on key topics to help you get the most out of your internship experience)
- Fantastic tour of the city of Melbourne
- Airport pick-up (private car to take you from the airport and direct to your apartment upon arrival)
- 24/7 emergency assistance from local staff
- Pre-trip welcome pack
- Welcome orientation on your first day
- Welcome package including city maps, welcome drink and important program information
- An active international community of interns in Melbourne with regular events and activities organised
- Visa assistance (where required)
- Academic credit assistance (where required)
- Food, wine and wildlife tour
- Phillip Island and Penguin Parade trip
- Eureka SkyDeck experience
- Leaving dinner



What's Not Included

- Your flights to Melbourne
- Your meals and personal expenses while on the program
- Travel insurance
- Visa application fees (if applicable)
- Daily transportation from your accommodation to your internship



Is This Trip For You?

This trip is ideal for those who are keen to learn and expand their knowledge and experience within their industry. This is a practical programme that is designed to give you the best experience possible.

As an intern you will need to be flexible and proactive to get the most of your placement. Our placement consultants will guide you through the placement and continuously monitor your progress to ensure your learning goals are met.

Additional Information

Our Money Back Guarantee

When you apply you are asked to state your primary & secondary areas of interest (for example, primary preference: law, secondary preference: government & politics). You will be given the chance to discuss and confirm these sector choices during the phone/Skype interview with our Admissions Team. Successful applicants are guaranteed a top internship in their primary or secondary area of interest.

We are highly experienced in internship placement and pride ourselves on successful matches between our participants and our partner companies. All companies we work with are extensively vetted to make sure they provide a rewarding internship experience for our talented participants. Our confidence in our program is demonstrated by our full money back guarantee.

Our program comes with a full money back guarantee if you are not placed in your primary or secondary area of interest. This gives you peace of mind that you will have a fantastic internship experience abroad. It should be noted that the vast majority of interns receive their primary preference area.

Our money back guarantee ends once you have formally accepted a placement offer after your interview with the host company.

Minimum Age

The minimum age on these programmes is 18, the maximum age is 30.

FAQs

- 1. Are these internships paid?**

Our internship opportunities in Melbourne are unpaid due to immigration laws and local norms. Interns will receive academic credit of desired
- 2. Why should I join this program?**

This program is an investment in your future and will give you a substantial advantage. International, blue chip work experience will significantly aid you when searching for long-term employment. You will have demonstrated the ability to think outside the box and handle another culture and language while working for a highly respected name. And the above doesn't even touch on the your personal development and the fun you will have!
- 3. When is the deadline to apply?**

Our programs start every month of the year. We accept applicants on a rolling basis. We recommend applying at least 2 months before your preferred start date. In high season (May, June, July & August start-dates) we recommend applying at least 3 months before your preferred start date.
- 4. Do I need a degree to apply for an internship?**

No. A degree is not essential, although will help when finding a suitable internship and will make the placement process easier.
- 5. Can I see a list of employers or choose to intern at a specific company?**

We do not provide a list of partner companies. Firstly, our list of partner companies is not static. We often partner with new companies if they would be a better match for a participant. We have dedicated out-reach teams, working on our participants' accounts, in all program destinations, meaning our list of partners is constantly growing and evolving. Secondly, we do not provide a list as interns then attempt to "pick and choose" which companies they specifically want to work for. This promotes unrealistic expectations, as partner company needs, your wishes & background and external factors such as timing are all taken into account during internship-placement. If you are accepted into our program you are guaranteed a great role in your area of interest. However, due to the factors listed above a specific company cannot be guaranteed.
- 6. What hours can I expect to work?**

Typically, participants work an average work week of no more than 40 hours. The company at which you are interning will set your work hours but the majority of internships will take place between 9 am and 5 pm.
- 7. Can I obtain academic credit?**

If you need this internship for a university course or module, we will ensure that you secure academic credit.
- 8. When will I find out where my internship will be?**

Our Melbourne Team will engage in a collaborative internship placement process with you and confirm your internship role typically around four to six weeks before your departure date. Please note this is a guideline and may differ during peak seasons.
- 9. Is attendance at our events mandatory?**

All of our events and activities that we organize are optional, but your internship is not. You may not miss work for any reason other than health and family emergencies unless previously approved by your employer.
- 10. What happens when I arrive in Melbourne?**

You will be picked up by our trusted driver on arrival in Melbourne and given a welcome pack & induction by our team at your accommodation. In case you arrive in Melbourne after 11pm local time your welcome pack and induction will be given to you in the morning the next day.
- 11. Can I live with a friend or family member and take the housing out of the cost?**

We are generally unable to remove any elements from our all-inclusive programs. The employers we work

with depend and ask for this service as it guarantees your reliability. However, if you have particular needs please do contact us.

Support & Advice

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

In addition, you will have access to a 24 hour emergency contact number so you can contact one of our 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 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 is part of TUI Travel Plc, one of the largest travel organisations in the world, and these days in the travel industry, large means secure.

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 All other nationalities should consult the relevant embassy.

If you intend to work after your week in Sydney you will be required to apply for a working holiday visa.

Working Holiday Visa

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.

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
- 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/>

Cultural Considerations

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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 Doctor 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.

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

USA: 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 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/

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

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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

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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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