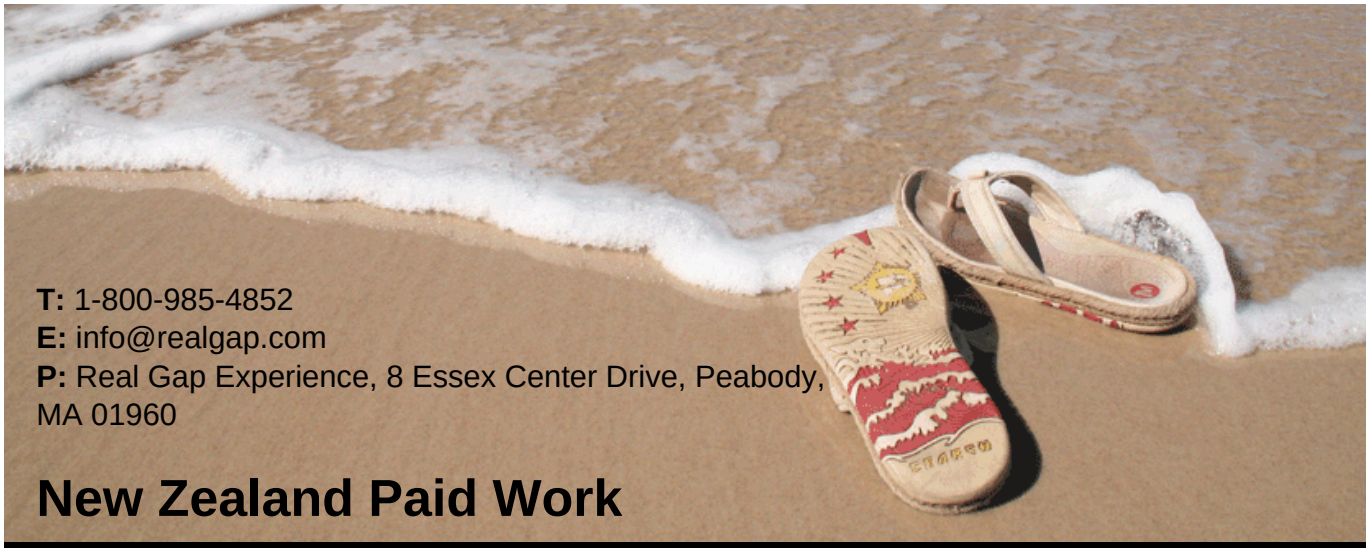

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New Zealand Paid Work

Adventure Relaxation Culture

Trip Name: New Zealand Paid Work **Trip Code:** NZKE **Duration:** From 12 months

Trip Highlights

- Fantastic programme that provides you with all the support and assistance you need to help you find your feet and begin your working holiday in New Zealand.
- Experience Auckland's great nightlife and stunning surrounding area.
- Gain work experience overseas in one of the most sparsely populated and attractive countries in the world.
- Earn cash to fund your travels around the North and South Islands.

Overview

This is the perfect programme combining everything you need to enjoy a working holiday in New Zealand on your gap year! We'll help with your accommodation, offer access to a job centre, let you know the latest travel offers and there'll be loads of opportunities to meet other like minded travellers so that you can share your experiences!

We'll get you settled into New Zealand with a whole bunch of young travellers so you can kick off your trip having fun and partying in Auckland. Once we've sorted out your social circle, we'll then get you sorted out with finding work so that you can earn some cash to fund your travels around the incredible North and South Islands.

Destination Info

New Zealand is extremely popular in terms of tourism, especially with backpackers due to its diverse range of geographical features, extreme sports and cosmopolitan cities. It is one of the most recently populated major landmasses, settled by the Maori's in the year 1000. The Maori language native to New Zealand is named Aotearoa, Land of the Long White Cloud.

New Zealand Paid Work

New Zealand consists of two main islands, the North and the South. The North Island, home to the major cities: the capital Wellington and “The city of sails” Auckland is mainly volcanic in origin boasting many seismic features such as geysers and hot springs. The South Island is separated down its length by the Southern Alps, the highest point of which is Mount Cook/ Aoraki.

Itinerary

The New Zealand Paid Work package gives you a hassle-free start to your working holiday in New Zealand, making it easy to meet new people and find paid work.

You will fly into Auckland airport and where you will need to catch a bus to the hostel (the cost of the bus ticket will be refunded to you when you check-in at the hostel).

Our hostel is right in the heart of Auckland - a great location to get to grips with the city and the Kiwi way of life. While you are staying here you will have help finding a job and you have will a detailed orientation session with a local NZ co-ordinator.

An orientation will be held on the first business day after you arrive into Auckland. The session is packed with loads of useful information including info about jobs; travelling around New Zealand and for some the most important advice – where the best bars and clubs are in Auckland! There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions. They will also give you all the following items and information.

- 1 hour internet access
- 1 month luggage storage
- Work NZ Handbook with diary and information about living in NZ
- Complimentary drink voucher at hostel bar
- SIM Card
- USB loaded with useful information
- Welcome Pack
- Hostel membership valid for 1 year to access “backpacker fares and rates” with selected touring and transport companies

Within your first few days of arrival, you will also have a one to one meeting with a member of the jobs team. They

will discuss with you your previous work experience and help amend your CV if necessary. This is also your opportunity to let them know what your preferences are with regards to work. They will then start to search for suitable jobs for you and it won't be long before you have a job offer!

This programme includes a 12-month job finding service. We have a team that are specialists at finding jobs for NZ working holidaymakers. You could get a job in the fields of labour and construction, temping, bar/café work, fruit picking (seasonal), travel and tourism, trade positions, health sectors work, clerical/office admin work, accountancy and many more. There are jobs all over the country to choose from, you needn't be restricted to one area!

Another part of the jobs service is assistance with sorting out the important stuff, like sorting out a bank account, getting a tax number, preparing a CV and arranging interviews. The job office will have, on average, between 60 and 120 jobs for you to choose from (though this does depend on the season). Due to a shortage of skilled workers in NZ there is currently work available in the skilled fields, from IT to healthcare and forestry to accounting.

Labouring and Construction

Work of this nature tends to be weather dependent, so there are generally more jobs in the summer than the winter. Work can mostly be found within the cities, but if it is outside of the city, you will find that your employer will provide return transport for you.

Hospitality

The hospitality industry is one of the big job providers for travellers. Jobs in this industry include hotel reception jobs, working in a bar/restaurant, kitchen work. Most of these jobs are found around city centres so transport is not a problem.

Short and Long term temping

Temping encompasses all different types of office work, such as IT, Graphic Design, telesales, sales and promotion, accounts, banking and even personal assistant work. These jobs are again focused around city centres and are the most popular working options, as the longer/short term contracts are reasonably flexible.

Home help and Au Pair

This is a great choice for anyone who has had experience working with people, particularly children. You'll get to live with a New Zealand family and see their way of life and you might even be lucky enough to get a free holiday away with the family!

Farm Work Experience

Live on a Kiwi farm with a bit of manual farm work. Farm work can be paid or it can be voluntary in exchange for free accommodation and food. Just like when you are looking for work in this country, you will need to take some copies of your CV with you, which should have two e-mail addresses of previous employers for reference purposes.

With the right motivation and attitude your working experiences in New Zealand will be positive and fulfilling. Be flexible. You never know where your job will take you unless you give it a go. 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 to earn some money. Just think how much more you will appreciate those dollars when you want to do any of the adrenaline fuelled activities New Zealand is known for or enjoying a cold beer and watching the sun set on another perfect day of travelling.

Clothing

You will need to have the appropriate clothing for the work you do. This may involve purchasing new clothes if you do not have them with you. In general you will need the following:

- Steel toe-capped boots for labouring
- Closed toe black shoes, black trousers/skirt, white shirt for hospitality work
- Smart office clothing and closed toe, polished shoes for office and call centre work
- Kitchen whites for cook/chef work

Apart from labouring / manual work, most jobs require that you have neat hair and clothing. Facial piercing and outrageous hair are usually not accepted on hospitality and office positions.

CV
You must take a CV, or Resumé, as its known in New Zealand. It should be kept to a maximum of two pages and it should include your contact details in New Zealand and your past work experience. Also bring at least four passport photos.

Accommodation

For the first 7 nights you will stay in a hostel that is located right in the heart of Auckland city. It is situated in a great location with restaurants, bars, shops, movies, art galleries, a post office, theatres, and the Sky Tower all just minutes away.

The hostel is also a great place to meet other travellers who you can explore the city with and the friendly hostel staff will be able to help you sort out work, play or travelling requirements. After those seven nights are up, you can either extend your stay at the hostel or look into getting a house share with other travellers that you've met. The hostel staff are experts in this field and will be able to help you find accommodation.

Programme Services and Facilities

Internet

As well as the hour of Internet access that is included in the programme, you will be able to gain access to the Internet very easily. You will have the choice of using the Internet in your hostel or at an Internet café in all major destinations throughout New Zealand.

Telephone

The international telephone access code for New Zealand is +64.

To place an outgoing, direct dialled international call, dial +44 for the UK, +49 for Germany, followed by the telephone number. For example to call Real Gap Experience dial +44 1892 516164 / +49 69 222226 475.

In the cities and more populated areas there will be mobile phone signal, however, in the more rural areas this might not be the case.

A local SIM card (mobile phone provider 2 Degrees) and $5 credit is included in the price of the programme and you will receive it upon arrival into New Zealand. You can either bring your current mobile with you (check with your provider that it is compatible) or you can easily buy a cheap mobile in New Zealand. Our staff can advise you on your best options.

Laundry

There are laundry facilities at the the hostel. Facilities are likely to be available in the majority of hostels but take some hand wash in case you need to wash any clothes in the sink.

Meals

Breakfasts vouchers are included to use at a local cafe in the first week. You will be responsible for your lunch and dinner. You can either eat out at one of the many restaurants in Auckland, or you can visit the local supermarket and prepare your own meals in the self catering kitchen.

What's Included

- Airport transfer in Auckland
- 7 nights shared hostel accommodation
- 7 breakfasts
- Full & detailed orientation session with local NZ co-ordinator
- Auckland city tour
- Bank account set up assistance
- 12 months online job access

What's Not Included

- Flights
- Working Holiday Visa
- Travel Insurance

Is This Trip For You?

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a work visa under this scheme you must:

- Be a British citizen or of a nationality that is able to obtain a working visa at the time of applying,
- Aged between 18 and 30 years,
- Be outside New Zealand at the time of applying,
- Not accompanied by children on your visit.

How to apply

To get your New Zealand working holiday visa you will need to fulfill the following criteria:

- Satisfy the NZIS branch in London that your main intention for travelling to New Zealand is to holiday, and that employment is an incidental reason for the visit.
- Have a minimum of NZ$4200 available funds for maintenance.
- Evidence of your return or onward tickets, or sufficient funds to purchase an outward ticket (approx NZ$2000)

Additional Information

Conditions of Job Placement Service

- Job assistance will be available for the 12-month membership period
- Some jobs will require a job interview and we cannot accept responsibility for an unsuccessful outcome of this.
- Location of your employment will depend on work experience, availability and seasonal times of the year.
- Transportation costs will be borne by you
- Jobs for a shorter period of time will be available upon request

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.

Personal Admin

- 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
- Copy of your CV on a disc
- 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 New Zealand SIM Card)
- Hand wash for clothes

Clothing

- Job specific work clothes (e.g. smart shirts for office, long trousers for manual labour)
- Causal clothes
- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Swimming costume.
- Comfortable footwear
- Something smart
- Something warm (especially if you are in NZ for the winter)

Medical Kit

- Medication
- First Aid Kit
- Mosquito repellent

Minimum Age

Applicants need to be aged between 18 and 30 years old.

Flights

Your flight to New Zealand should arrive at Auckland Airport on your programme start date, and your return flight should be arranged for your programme end date. Please refer to the 'At a Glance' box for these dates.

To book your flights, please contact your travel advisor who will do their best to get you the best deal on the day. Please provide them with your full name as it is stated in your passport. 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 New Zealand 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

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 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 New Zealand Dollar. Changing foreign currency or travellers cheques is usually no problem at banks throughout New Zealand or at licensed moneychangers.

New Zealand 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 13.21 $
Domestic Beer (0.5 litre draught) 4.19 $
Coke/Pepsi (0.33 litre bottle) 1.76 $
Water (0.33 litre bottle) 1.68 $

(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.

For stays up to 6 months, the following nationals DO NOT need a visa before you leave, you will receive a 6-month tourist visa on arrival into New Zealand: holders of passports endorsed British Citizen & other British passport holders who produce evidence of the right to reside permanently in the United Kingdom, holders of Australian passport. For all other nationals, please visit the following website for the most up to date information on visa requirements: http://www.immigration.govt.nz

Working Holiday Visa

If you intend to get paid work in New Zealand then you must apply for a working holiday visa instead and this must be granted before you enter New Zealand. To be eligible for a work visa under this scheme you must:

- Be a British citizen resident in the United Kingdom at the time of applying, and
- Aged between 18 and 30 years, and
- Not accompanied by children on your visit.

You can apply online for the working holiday visa at: http://www.immigration.govt.nz

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 counties there are people who try to take advantage of tourists. The following advice is intended to help you stay 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 hitch hikers 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, American and Australian customers please see the relevant links below;

UK: www.fco.gov.uk
USA: www.travel.state.gov
Australia: www.smartraveller.gov.au

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.

Food & Drink

You will find a range of cuisine in New Zealand to suit all taste buds. But quintessential New Zealand cuisine takes inspiration from Europe, Asia and Polynesia. Meat and fish feature majorly in native dishes, and keep an eye out for kumara (sweet potato). Those with a sweet tooth will be pleased to know that Pavlova is the National dessert along with the kiwi fruit.

It is really important that you 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 New Zealand, please see the link below:
www.timeanddate.com/holidays/new-zealand/

Weather

The climate differs from the North Island to the South Island. On the North Island, the far North boasts warm summers and mild winters, with the rest of the island being slightly cooler. On the South Island, you'll find much lower temperatures throughout the year. The New Zealand Alps are covered in snow throughout the year.

Time

New Zealand is 12 hours ahead of GMT.

Electricity

Electricity in New Zealand is 230 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second.

Sockets in New Zealand are V-shaped flat prongs.

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