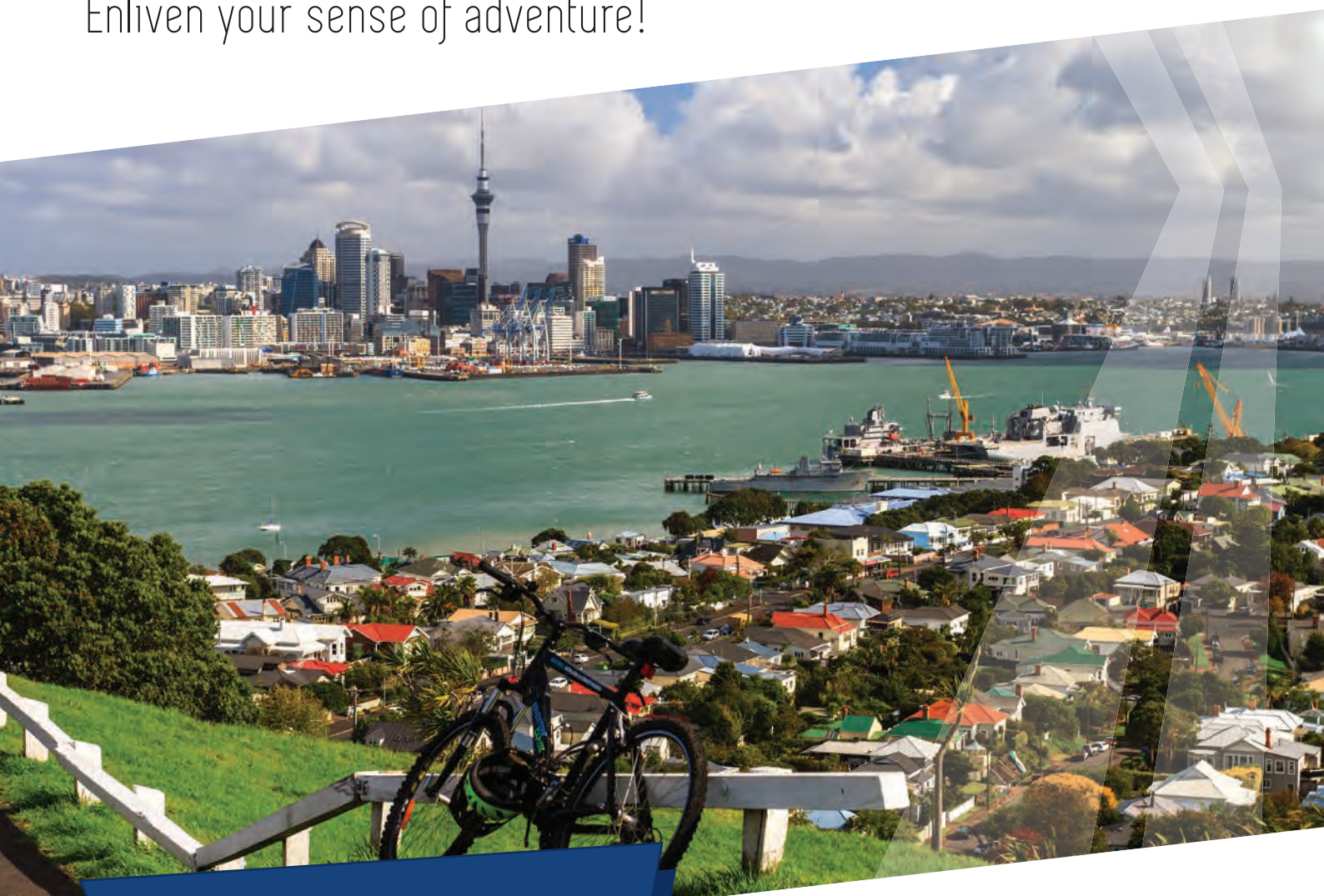


Epic Exchange

Enliven your sense of adventure!



Gap Year

New Zealand

When it comes to natural beauty, local hospitality and outdoor adventure, nothing quite compares to the land of the long white cloud. And with the help from us, you could find yourself immersed further into the New Zealand lifestyle than you may ever have thought possible!



Program overview

A New Zealand gap year from us offers participants the chance to work alongside Kiwi locals and experience the true New Zealand. As a Gap Assistant, you'll be on hand to help out teachers and tutors at a leading New Zealand school, working directly with the local students. A huge range of school placements are available on both the North and South islands, allowing you to get a taste of life in whichever part of this diverse country you'd like.

When school's out, you're free to travel the length of this stunning country. From beaches to ski fields, New Zealand's got it all. Play movie scout by touring the locations used in *The Lord of the Rings*, hit up the extreme sports playground of Queenstown, go for a walk on the famous Fox Glacier, or hit the renowned Marlborough region to enjoy New Zealand's magnificent wines; there is so much packed into this island nation that the options will appear to be endless.

As many come to realize that there is huge value to be gained from a break between high school and university. It can offer new challenges, opportunities to travel and see the world, experiencing first hand new cultures and give one an added maturity that is both immediate and an enduring benefit.

Through partnership with our New Zealand partner organization we offer the school leaver (undergraduate or recent graduate) the opportunity to work in an overseas school environment as a Gap Assistant at a leading New Zealand school. In a secure, stable, supportive environment where participants are provided board, lodging and a financial allowance in return for performing a range of tasks and responsibilities at the schools discretion. As an assistant the tasks are not always glamorous!

The program will include meals, accommodation, a weekly allowance, visa assistance, a comprehensive in-country orientation and ongoing support from our committed New Zealand partner organization.



adventure awaits!



The Job

It is important to have an understanding of what the job entails. There are many schools and there are many factors depending on age range, the strengths, the staffing and the needs of the school. The placement is determined by the strengths and interests of the participant.

The following are areas of responsibility in which participants are likely to be involved in:

- Sports coaching - Helping run a team
- Games supervision (general)
- Activities supervision - day and evening
- Outdoor education activities - Camps etc
- Swimming pool supervision - A life saving certificate will be required
- Assistance with classroom, meal, transport and general supervision
- Individual tutoring - Boarding House supervision
- Attending school functions - Assisting as necessary
- Assisting the ground staff - Males only
- Filing, photocopying and general office tasks
- Computer literacy tasks - Inside and outside the classroom
- Involvement in music & drama

Before you sign up, ask yourself these questions:

Are you mature, flexible, open-minded, committed and willing to make adjustments?

Are you able to develop a stable relationship with your host school and fellow workers, students and become part of a working team?

Can you be polite, conscientious, courteous and avoid cultural political and economic value comparisons that might lead to conflict with hosts?

Are you able to work long hours and willing to put in 150% effort each day?

Are you willing to try new experiences, and participate in activities?





In order to qualify

- Be between the age of 17 and 25 at the time of your arrival into New Zealand
- Be an Australian, British, Canadian, European, New Zealand, or South African passport holder
- Have no pre-existing medical conditions
- Have no criminal record - evidence through a police clearance certificate will be required
- Have completed a minimum of secondary schooling prior to arrival into New Zealand
- Be fit and health and willing to work hard and open to new ideas and cultures
- Must be available for a 11-month commitment, commencing end of January and concluding early December.

As the saying goes,

“ life is 5% what happens to you, and 95% how you react to it ”



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What's included in the program?

Your success here is mostly down to you, and is determined by your attitude.

- ▶ Step by step assistance throughout the program for securing a Gap Assistant position in New Zealand
- ▶ Confirmed placement and contract documentation
- ▶ Pre-departure orientation- Vital information to get you ready for the adventure of a lifetime!
- ▶ Post arrival orientation with respective host partner so you know what is expected of you
- ▶ Back up support throughout full length of program

If you accepted on the program then its because one or more things in your application form told us that you would be capable of succeeding in this environment. Thousands of young people from all walks of life have succeeded here.

Please do not make the mistake of assuming that the great experiences that so many people speak of having had in New Zealand will come to you easily. You will have to work hard for them and you will have to deal with many new and potentially challenging circumstances along the way, especially at the beginning.

If interested, what next...?

If experiencing New Zealand firsthand is something you would like to do then get in touch with us and we will enliven the sense of adventure within you!

The program is not a package holiday. Paying and turning up does not guarantee success here. You have to engage fully, get completely involved in everything, be energetic, hard working, willing to learn and try new things, and become good at finding ways to be useful. This will shape the way your experience develops.

It won't all be easy, and there may well be some things that you may not like. Be prepared for it to be tough; that is all part of the adventure, and this is what will make it feel all the more worthwhile long after you have returned home.

You don't have to be a superhero to succeed here. Thousands of young people have enjoyed and experienced good and great things in New Zealand, many probably just like you.

Remuneration

Applicants can expect to receive around \$150-200 per week as an allowance during the school term, as well as free food & accommodation.

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