



Enliven your sense of adventure!



Working in Switzerland

Have you ever dreamt of spending a year working in the heart of Swiss hospitality? Here's your opportunity! Immerse yourself in the iconic Swiss lifestyle, offering memorable experiences. It's a chance to explore breathtaking landscapes, work hard in a dynamic and rewarding environment, connect with like-minded people, and be well compensated for your efforts. You'll leave with cherished memories, lifelong friends, and invaluable skills in the hospitality industry!

Program overview



Our partner organization has been helping adventurous travellers for many years to experience what life is really like in Switzerland. Applicants travel to Switzerland to broaden their knowledge, expand current skills and gain an unforgettable cultural experience without the hassle of worrying about where you are staying or working.

Our partner organization is not an employment agency but rather a cultural exchange organization where they provide assistance with a placement that is related to your current skills, education and background.

Placements on offer are anywhere between 6 to 18 months, so you can live like a local, work and holiday in Switzerland with the support of our program and staff.

The program gives Hospitality students and graduates an opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills through a structured and guided work based training by providing exposure to Swiss techniques, methodologies, standards of service and management style.

The program will include step by step assistance throughout the whole process from completing the necessary paperwork, interview guidance, assistance with visa application as well as assistance with flights, travel insurance, as well as an opportunity to meet other adventurous travellers at orientation.





Placement categories

Food & Beverage service

Culinary arts

Bartending

Front Desk operations

Waitstaff and Service roles

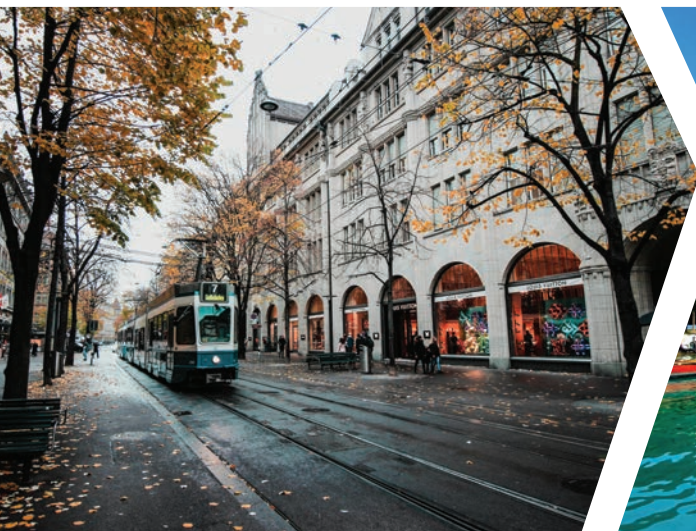
Event Management
and Marketing

Human Resources
and Administration

Imagine immersing yourself in Switzerland's renowned hospitality industry, where you can gain hands-on experience in world-class hotels, restaurants, and bars across major tourist cities and holiday destinations. This program offers a unique opportunity to blend work with cultural exploration in a stunning landscape, known for its quality of life, multicultural environment, and strong economy. Switzerland's reputation for excellence in hospitality provides the ideal backdrop to develop your skills, earn a competitive wage, and enjoy a healthy work-life balance.

With placements mainly in 4- and 5-star establishments, this program caters to both recent graduates and experienced professionals eager to deepen their expertise. The program includes step-by-step guidance throughout the process, from application to job placement, including support with essential logistics such as interviews, visa application, and health insurance.

Placements range from 6 to 18 months, with the flexibility for shorter stays on request, allowing participants to experience the best of Swiss hospitality.



In order to qualify

Trainee and Worker Requirements:

- **Age:** 18+ for workers, 18-35 for trainees (or 30 for applicants from Australia, New Zealand, and Russia)
- **Qualifications:** Completed training or 12 months of relevant work experience in hospitality (for workers) or current/recent studies in hospitality (for trainees)
- **Language Skills:** Proficiency in German, French, or English (B1 level)
- **Citizenship:** Open to EU citizens or those from countries with bilateral agreements
- **Other Requirements:** Motivated, committed, and ready to contribute to a dynamic team

Additional Details

- ▶ Health insurance arranged prior to arrival (cost covered by the participant)
- ▶ Minimum wage compliance per Swiss law; accommodation is arranged
- ▶ Deductions for social insurance and pension plans, reported on monthly payslips
- ▶ Employers undertake to comply with the minimum wage in accordance with Swiss law and/or the collective labour agreement (CLA).
- ▶ Appropriate accommodation is provided or organised in advance for the employee.
- ▶ In addition, the statutory working conditions are complied with and employees are insured by the employer in the event of an accident.
- ▶ Deductions are made from the gross salary for social insurance and a pension plan. Employers have to report this on the monthly pay slip.

What do we need from a candidate

A completed application form

Complete CV/Resume with all dates
(day/month/year)

Copy of your passport

A motivation letter

Student letter/copy of your
hospitality diploma

2 reference letters

A placement request

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. You also need to be physically and mentally fit.

- ▶ Step by step assistance throughout the program from completing all required paperwork to obtain the necessary paperwork to legally work in Switzerland for up to a year
- ▶ Confirmed placement and contract documentation
- ▶ Pre-departure orientation - Vital information to get you ready for the adventure of a lifetime
- ▶ Assistance with all travel arrangements to get to host farm
- ▶ 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 Switzerland 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.

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 rural Australia, many probably just like you.

If interested, what next...?

If experiencing Switzerland 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.

Costs

Please refer to separate budget for full breakdown of costs

Spending money

All applicants need to arrive with a minimum of CHF 500 in support funds to pay for things such as food, travel and other expenses until they receive their first pay check. All applicants are also required to travel with a credit card.

Wages

Trainees will be paid CHF 4470 (R93 870) gross per month. The host will deduct CHF 800.00/month for housing, taxes, accident insurance, pension will be CHF 900, food during shifts will be CHF 200, insurance illness paid by the applicant CHF 300 and the net salary will be around CHF 2270 (R47 670). Every canton has slightly different tax systems and health insurance and net salary can vary slightly.

The ordinary hours of work will be 40 hours per week. Working overtime is paid or will be given as extra time off. All applicants will generally have 1.5 days off per week and will be allocated 1.83 days of leave per month.

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Account name: Epic Exchange

Account No: 625 9911 7746

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