

Epic Exchange

Enliven your sense of adventure!



Working in *Australia*

Have you ever dreamt about spending a year working on an actual working farm in Australia, well here is your opportunity. To live and work in the Australian outback like an Aussie is an iconic adventure. An opportunity to explore awesome landscapes, work incredibly hard, spending time outdoors on a working farm with like minded people, be well compensated and come away from your experience with memories and friends which will last a lifetime!

Program Overview



Our partner organization has been helping adventurous travellers for many years to experience what life is really like in rural Australian and the outback. Applicants travel to Australia 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 12 months, so you can work and holiday in Australia with the support of our program and staff.

All applicants must successfully complete a post arrival orientation and afterwards make their way to your respective employer which could be a small family farm setup to one as large as a million football fields!

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. Jobs are paid and work is guaranteed for all who successfully complete the training course.

Types of farm placements

Agriculture

Broad-acre dry land crops (wheat, barley, canola, lupins, oats or peas), some irrigated cropping, dairy, sheep, pigs, cattle, horses, tractors and machinery, motorbikes, mechanics, welding, irrigation, fencing, maintenance, ground clearing, landscaping, gardening, tools and small machinery.

Horticulture

Nursery, cut flowers, fruit orchard, vegetables and tropical fruit.

Agri-home

Working inside the home and out on the farm.

Equine

Breeding studs and station placements.

Apiary

Queen bee and honey production.

Aquaculture

Farming of aquatic organisms such as fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic plants.

Mechanics

Diesel or agricultural mechanics.

Grape, olive farming industries



Typical jobs:

- ▶ Working with horses and stock on cattle and sheep stations
- ▶ Working with motorbikes and stock on cattle or sheep stations
- ▶ General farm work of all sorts
- ▶ Driving tractors, combines, headers, graders and farm machinery
- ▶ Teaching children Distance Education with outside work
- ▶ Working with harvesting contractors, module building, boll buggy driving
- ▶ Working with fencing or spraying contractors
- ▶ Trail riding centers, horse riding and teaching, sometimes not well paid
- ▶ Host farms, horse work and general duties
- ▶ Racing stables and polo yards, stud farms, general duties
- ▶ Riding school, general duties
- ▶ Event and show jumping stables, dressage and general duties

As the saying goes,

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

In order to qualify

- Have at least 24 months agricultural working experience in paid employment in the past 3 years.
- A recent relevant degree or be at least half way through a degree course and have to undertake practical work experience.
- Is a professional horse rider, race track rider, eventer, and dressage rider or show jumper.
- Is, but not limited to, a professional shearer, combine driver, agronomist, dog trainer or vet nurse.
- Is a diesel or agricultural mechanic or have studied engineering for rural enterprise.
- Skills or experience in the grape, olive or fish farming industries or in agricultural tourism.

(All the above must be supported by written references, certificates and licenses)

- Available to those who are very good horse riders, agricultural mechanics, diesel engineers, career agriculturalists, veterinarians or experience in other branches of agriculture such as aquaculture.
- Have a clear criminal record and hold a current drivers license and have an international drivers licenses.
- Be fit and healthy, willing to work hard and open to new ideas and cultures.
- Be between the ages of 20 - 30.
- Be available for 6 - 12 months.

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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 from completing all required paperwork to obtain the necessary paperwork to legally work in Australia 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
- ▶ Post arrival orientation (5-9 days) with respective program partner which involves meeting other like minded travelers, complete necessary paperwork, getting assisted with a bank account, applying for a tax no, spending time on a training farm to be best prepared for your host farm (program partner specific) where one is exposed to horse riding, motorbikes, chain sawing, tractor driving, fencing, mustering etc
- ▶ Getting an opportunity to surf, feed kangaroo's, patting koala's, canoeing some of the activities on offer subject to change (program partner specific)
- ▶ Assistance with all travel arrangements to get to host farm
- ▶ Back up support throughout full length of program

Please do not make the mistake of assuming that the great experiences that so many people speak of having had in the United States 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.

If interested, what next...?

If experiencing Australia 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 AU \$900 in support funds to pay for things such as food accommodation, travel and other expenses until they receive their first pay check. All applicants are also required to travel with a credit card.

Wages

Applicants can look to earn a minimum of \$17.29 per hour (Approximately R207.48) and ordinary hours of work will be a minimum of 38 hours per week depending on farm and State. All applicants will be entitled to one day off per week. Should one work overtime (normal hours is 152 over 4 week period) then one will be remunerated at the award rate typically time and half. Please bear in mind tax, board and food will be deducted from your wages. (Approximately \$200 per week depending on your host situation and whether or not you are receiving meals).

Each State in Australia has a different wage system depending on their business, so wages may be higher in some States than others.

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