

# Epic Exchange

Enliven your sense of adventure!



## Working in the United States

Many of us have watched American shows and thought wouldn't it be epic to experience that first hand well the Intern USA program gives you an opportunity of making that dream to life. Bear in mind that the Kardashian's life is not what you will experience! We specialize in placing qualified Hospitality students and graduates into luxury hotels and resorts where one is paid and receives exceptional on the job training which will build your career experience and professional skills.

# Program Overview

The program gives Hospitality students and graduates an opportunity to enhance your knowledge and skills through a structured and guided work based training by providing exposure to American techniques, methodologies, standards of service and management style for which the US luxury hospitality is renowned for the world over.

Our program partner has a global network of over 50 countries and offers talented young people the chance to learn about another culture while sharing their own and at the same time living, learning and working in the US. They provide full-time university students, graduates and those experienced or specialized in a particular field the opportunity to learn about American private and public sector companies and organizations through working and training firsthand with those organizations.

The program will include step by step assistance throughout the whole process from interview guidance to completing the necessary paperwork to obtaining a J1 visa once hired as well as assistance with flights, travel insurance, as well as an opportunity to meet other adventurous travelers at orientation.

## Possible placement fields

Hospitality

Marketing

Business Management

Accounting

Financial Management

Computer Science

Law

Engineering



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 a host employer and fellow workers,  
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?

Can you work long hours and willing  
and able to put in 100% effort each day?

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

In order  
to qualify



Be a current student or recent graduate  
in any of the possible placement fields



Be between the ages of 20-30 for Intern  
and 20-35 for the trainee program



Be available for 6-12 months –  
Up to 18 months for certain fields



Hold a clear criminal record



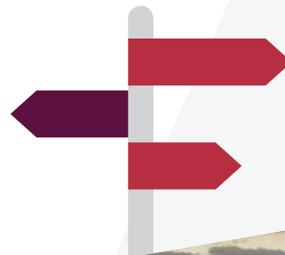
Have full support of ones tertiary institute  
as documents are required from them



Be an outgoing people person with a  
passion for service excellence and who  
is willing to go above and beyond

As the saying goes,

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

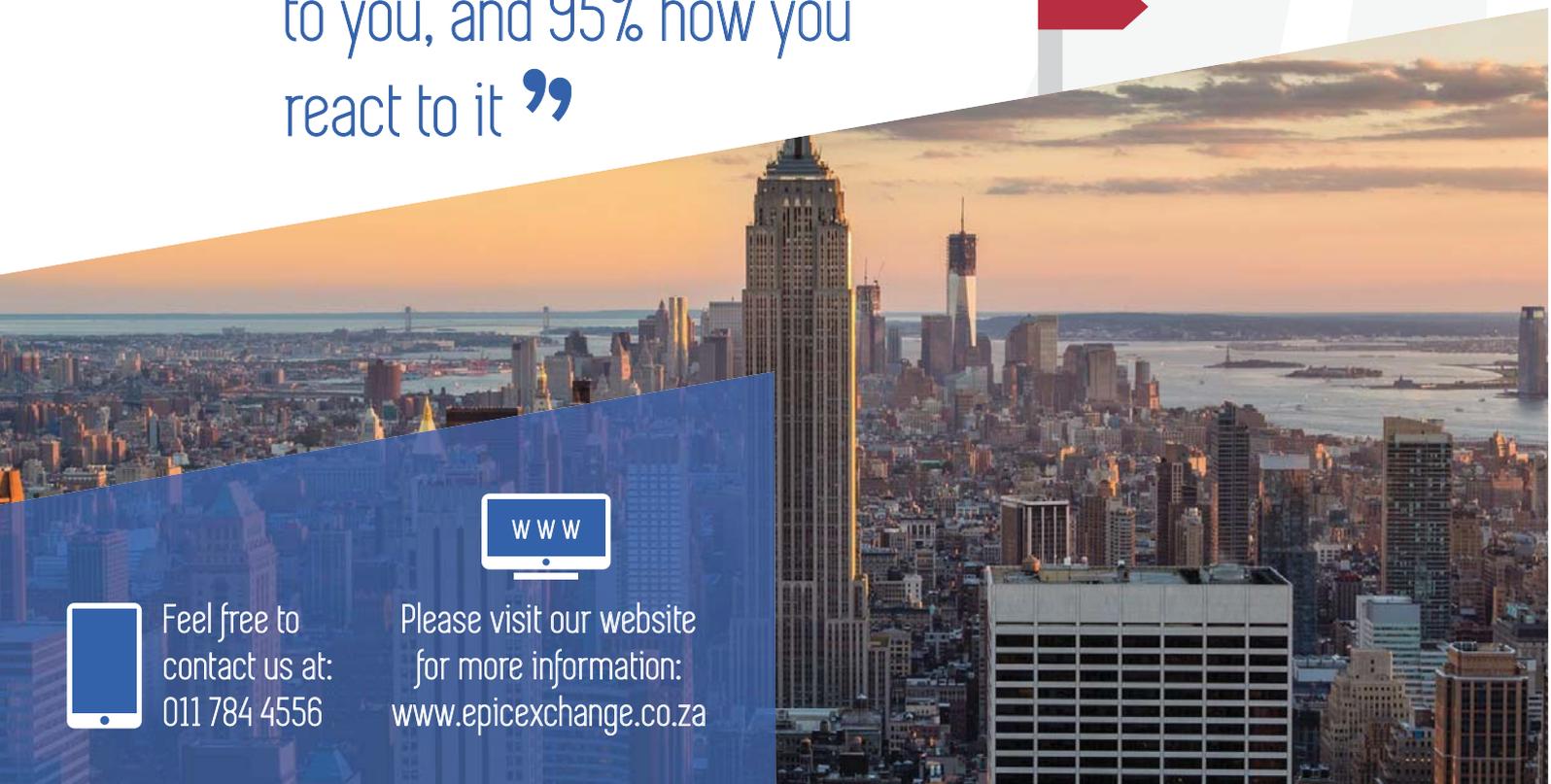


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# What's included in the program?

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

- ▶ Step by step assistance throughout the program from completing all required paperwork to obtain the necessary paperwork to legally work in the United States for 6-12 months
- ▶ Confirmed placement and contract documentation and assistance with interviews and preparation
- ▶ Pre-departure orientation- Vital information to get you ready for the adventure of a lifetime
- ▶ Post arrival orientation with respective program partner which involves meeting other like minded travelers, being introduced to your host employer, complete necessary paperwork
- ▶ Back up support throughout full length of program including 24/7 emergency support in addition to monitoring intern/trainee's progress
- ▶ Housing arrangements for duration of the program arranged in advance of arrival

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 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 the United States 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

## Wages

All applicants will earn adequate compensation which complies with State and Federal minimum wage laws. Roughly one would earn a minimum of \$10 per hour (R160 per hour) and will work 32-40 hours per week. If overtime is worked then one would be paid at overtime rate typically time and a half.

## Accommodation

All applicants will have housing arranged for the duration of their program and you will know the housing type, as well as the number sharing a room, bathroom and kitchen facilities. You will also know the weekly amount due and if there are any security deposits which are due.

## Epic Exchange Contact information

### Johannesburg

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### Banking details:

Please put applicants name and surname as reference for any payment and then email proof of payment.

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