



2009 Work in Outback/Rural Australia

Location	Orientation session is near Brisbane; placements are throughout Outback/rural Australia
Start Dates	Orientation starts every Thursday, all year round.
Program Fees	US\$1495/AUS\$2340
What's Included	<p>Guaranteed paid work placement Room & board for most placements Airport pick-up and orientation in Brisbane 3 nights "Jet Lag Recovery" weekend at Rainbow Beach Bus ticket to training site/farm after Rainbow Beach 5 days orientation & training with room & board International Traveler's Insurance Registration for Tax File Number Bank Account with ATM card Pre-departure and local support Paperwork for proper visa 24/7 Pre-Departure and Local Support</p>
What's not Included	<p>International transportation Visa Fees Personal expenses Meals and activities at Rainbow Beach</p>
Benefits	Varies, average salary ~AUD\$250 - \$350 per week with room and board. If position does not include room & board, salary will be higher
Accommodations	Most accommodations are included on-site or near placement and include meals. If housing is not available, our local reps will assist you in finding a clean, safe, affordable, and comfortable accommodation.
Country Facts:	
Capital city	Canberra
Population	~19.9 million
Currency and exchange rate	Australian Dollars (A\$) http://www.xe.com/ucc/

Program Details and Highlights

Cultural Embrace's Work in Rural/Outback Australia is a unique chance to explore and live in the real Down Under. *Cultural Embrace* will pre-arrange and guarantee a paid placement in outback towns throughout Australia with room and board included. Work positions include farm work, domestic or childcare work on a ranch, or rural hospitality work. This is a wonderful opportunity to earn a local wage, interact and live with the locals, and travel in this beautiful country.

The program starts on every Thursday throughout the year. Please note that positions are limited around Christmas/New Years holiday season. You will need to fly into Brisbane and be met by our local rep, who will transfer you to your pre-booked accommodations at Rainbow Beach, where you can unwind and relax before you begin your week long orientation the following Monday.

Types of jobs available vary on your experience, field of interest, and your enthusiasm to jump in, get your hands dirty, and do the best job you can. Placements are available on ranches and farms and can include tractor work, cattle and sheep mustering, branding tagging, injecting, as well as growing fodder and crops and gardening. Placements are also available in childcare and rural hospitality.

Schedule for Arrival and Orientation:

Thursday:

Arrive at Brisbane airport in the morning where you'll be met and taken to Brisbane Backpackers Resort hostel to relax and catch up on sleep.

Our Aussie representative will take you to the Department of Immigration so you can get your Electronic Visa changed to a proper (paper) visa in your passport before going to Rainbow Beach.. They will also take you to the bank to open a bank account. This will enable your employer to deposit your wages. You will also be taken to the Medicare Office for your Reciprocal Health Care Card (which we hope you will never have to use).

Friday-Sunday:

You will be given an included bus ticket to Rainbow Beach for three days of jet lag recovery. The resort is close to Fraser Island, the world's largest sand island and boasts some spectacular scenery. The friendly staff at the hostel can arrange 4x4 trips to Fraser, horse riding on the beach, biking in the rain forest, surfing, boogie boarding and diving.

Monday:

Now, the moment you have been waiting for...to work and live in the Outback Australia! You will be given an included bus ticket from Rainbow beach to our training farm. You will arrive at the farm for lunch, and afterwards, there will be a short paperwork session. Then, you will be taken into the local town to do some shopping. This will be a great chance to purchase work clothes such as hats, boots, and shirts. For the remainder of the afternoon, you will get to try some motor-biking and possibly horse-riding around the farm.

Tuesday to Friday:

Your training will consist of, but not limited to, horse and cattle work, tractor, motorbike and quad work, fencing and masses of useful information getting you up to speed to become a real Aussie Jackaroo!

Throughout the training period you will be given details of perspective employers, receive job offers, and have help in preparing you for your new job. The job offers that you will receive will relate to your skills and experience and during the training your progress will be assessed to ensure you are placed into a suitable job. Rest assured though, with this program you do have the guarantee of a job offer by the last day of the training! On Friday morning, you will need to let the office know of your choice. They can then help prepare some briefing notes and travel tickets so you can get to your chosen place of work by the cheapest and most convenient means. On Saturday you will leave the ranch in the morning to travel to your job.

Work in Australia Offers:

- An opportunity to broaden your perspective and worldview
- An economical way to live and travel abroad
- An opportunity to participate in and learn local cultural activities (e.g.: language, music, cooking)
- Memorable travel experiences with the chance to see exotic sites you have always dreamed about
- The ability to make lifelong friends from around the globe
- A valuable work experience that strengthens your resume
- A great way to develop and support your self-confidence and interpersonal skills

Cultural Embrace Offers:

- **Job Placement Assistance**
Once you have completed the orientation and training, you will be placed in a job that utilizes your experience and interests. You can work for up to 4 months (416), or 12 months (Work and Holiday). If you travel on the Work and Holiday visa, you will be placed in a new position after 6 months, due to visa regulations.
- **Compensation**
While each position offers a different salary, the average salary per week is AUD\$300. Most positions also include your accommodations and food.
- **Housing Assistance**
The majority of positions include your room and board. Your accommodations will be on-site and vary from placement to placement. You can expect them to be comfortable, yet rough.
- **Visa Assistance**
Cultural Embrace will assist you with the information and paperwork necessary to obtain the appropriate visa. The 416 visa is A\$250, and the Working Holiday visa is A\$195. However, we do not have control nor the ability to guarantee government issuance and/or visa availability.

- **Arrival Pick-Up & Welcome Jet Lag Package**
Your first night will be spent in a hostel in Brisbane. You will be in shared accommodation, with en-suites, TV, fridge, balcony and swipe card access. The hostel also offers many facilities including a pool, spa, sauna, tennis court, and a licensed bar where food is available. The next two nights will be at a hostel in Rainbow Beach. You will have time to adjust to your new beautiful environment in the Land Down Under! Opt to swim or kayak with the dolphins, or take a four-wheel drive trip to Fraser Island. After your 'jet-lag recovery' weekend, you will spend the next five nights at a training ranch. After the training program, you will have the option to travel around Australia or start your new job!
Food and accommodation is almost always included with your job placement. If it is not included, you will receive a higher than average salary to cover these extra costs.
- **Orientation & Training**
On Monday morning you will be picked up and transferred to a nearby ranch to begin your orientation. Along with undergoing intensive training, you will also file for your Tax Registration, apply for Medicare and open your bank account.
- **In-Country Assistance**
You will receive support and assistance the minute you step off the plane from our Australia partner, who will personally oversee your training and placement and be available 24/7 if you need any assistance.
- **Cultural Embrace Cultural Kit**
Useful tips, advice, and information to prepare you for the amazing adventure of living and working abroad.
- **Full-time Representation**
Cultural Embrace provides representation in the United States and your host country prior to, during, and after your placement.

Program Requirements

- You must be 18-30 years of age (due to visa regulations)
- You must have recent experience in the field in which you wish to work (e.g. course work, employment experience, training courses)
- You must be a college student or graduate (excluding US citizens)
- You must have access to a minimum of AUD\$1000 while in Australia or a return ticket. This minimum amount does not have to be entirely in cash - traveler's checks, ATM, and debit/credit cards may also be presented. You are required to show that you have immediate access to funds via bank accounts or parental help
- Enjoy working outdoors and applying yourself to your assignments
- Open to foreign cultures and living abroad
- High level of responsibility
- Dedication to the full term of commitment

For Working Holiday Maker* Citizens:

This visa allows you to work and travel in Australia for up to 1 year, as long as you change jobs every 6 months.

*Citizens of Belgium, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Hong Kong, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malta, Norway, Sweden, Thailand, UK, and USA.

2009 Program Fees

US\$1495/AUS\$2340

*Can\$, Aus\$, Br£ can be accepted with an additional service charge for currency conversion.

**Please note that prices are subject to change according to exchange rate of foreign currency

How to Apply

1. Obtain the Work Abroad **Application Forms & Procedures** documents in one of two ways:
 - (a) Download the forms from our website at www.culturalembrace.com
 - (b) Call **Cultural Embrace** at 1-512-469-9089 or 1-888-214-8570 to have the forms mailed to you in 7-10 days.
2. Read the instructions carefully and complete all forms.
3. Submit your completed application packet to:

CULTURAL EMBRACE
7201 Bill Hughes Road
Austin, TX 78745 USA

Completed packet should include:

- Work Program Application
- Signed Work Program Agreement
- Resume/CV
- Cover Letter explaining why you want to work abroad
- Copy of your Bachelor's degree and other significant credentials
- Copy of your passport (information page only)
- Two Letters of Recommendation (your referrer can send it directly to us via post or email)
- Four passport-size photos (please print your name on the back of each photo)
- Full-length photo (alone or with friends and family)
- Police Background Security Check
- Recent medical record verifying that you are mentally, emotionally and physically healthy
- One full-length picture
- US\$200 non-refundable deposit (credited towards your program fee)

Upon receipt of your application, a **Cultural Embrace** coordinator will contact you for a 20-30 minute phone interview. Once we accept you in to our program, you will receive an invoice for the remainder of your program fee. In order for us to contact our local partners to start your placement process, we require at least 50% of your program.

There is no deadline for applications - first come, first serve. We recommend submitting your application and program fee at least 12-16 weeks prior to your desired start date in order for us to organize and arrange your work placement with our local partners.

***Cultural Embrace** requires an expedited application fee for those applying 12 weeks or less before the desired date of departure. Applications received 8-12 weeks prior to desired departure date will be charged \$150. Applications received less than 8 weeks before the desired departure date will be charged \$250.

Frequently Asked Questions

1) *Why should I use **Cultural Embrace** to organize my work placement?*

Cultural Embrace and our local partners specialize in assisting your job placement, housing and insurance. Approximately 135,000 visas are granted annually across the Work and Holiday and Working Holiday visa programs in Australia, creating a competitive market for jobs. Plan ahead and have your Aussie life situated before you leave your home country. CE's services will alleviate the troubles and stress of getting everything organized in a new country, so you will have more time and energy to enjoy your time abroad. Your time abroad will still be an independent and memorable one, but we are here to guide you to a safe, healthy and comfortable experience before, during, and after your adventure.

2) *What type of job placements can be found?:*

Job placements are available on cattle and sheep stations throughout the Outback. Many different types of work are available, ranging from cattle mustering on horseback to tractor and backhoe work to childcare and domestic help and rural hospitality. Having fluent English skills give you an advantage with employers.

3) *What is my working schedule and can I take time off to travel?*

Since you will be far out in the bush, you will spend most of your time with your employer, friends and family. Days will be long and weekends will be spent relaxing. Some ranches, especially cattle and sheep stations are in the remotest parts of the country and can take two days to reach. We recommend doing any traveling before or after your work placements.

4) *What type of visa should I get?*

Australia has *Work and Holiday* arrangements with the USA, Thailand, Chile, and Turkey. Arrangements with Bangladesh will be finalized soon.

Australia has *Working Holiday* arrangements with 19 countries, including the United Kingdom, Canada, Japan, the Netherlands, Ireland, Korea, Malta, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Hong Kong, Finland, Cyprus, Belgium, Italy, France, Taiwan and Estonia.

The *416 visa* is available for US citizens that want to work for a maximum of 4 months in Australia. You do not have to have graduated from high school to obtain this visa and work abroad. This is ideal for Gap Breakers, repeat participants, or those who only have a short time to spend in Australia.

5) *What is the duration of the visa?*

The Work and Holiday and Working Holiday visas are valid for 12-months from the date of first entry in to Australia.

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6) *Can I leave and re-enter Australia in the 12-month period?*

Yes, you can leave and re-enter Australia as often as you choose to within the 12-month period. For example: you arrive in Australia January 10. You then work at a hotel for 3 months, and then travel to New Zealand for two-months. You arrive back June 15th, and you still have 6 months left to work and travel in Australia.

7) *How long after the visa is granted must I travel to Australia?*

You have 3-months from the date the visa is granted to enter Australia. Please plan accordingly since the on-line visa application is very easy and quickly processed.

8) *What are the eligibility requirements for this program?*

In order to get a Working Holiday visa or Work and Holiday visa, you must have the following requirements:

- a) You must have a valid passport
- b) Be at least 18 and not yet turned 31 at the time of application
- c) Be outside of Australia at the time of application and granting of the visa
- d) Be enrolled or be a graduate of a post-secondary institution (US citizens still qualify if not currently enrolled)
- e) Show proof of sufficient funds for the first part of your stay in Australia or at least have a return ticket. The guideline is proof that you have access to \$3000-\$5000 Australian dollars. This can be in a form of a credit card, or a letter from you bank, or traveler's checks.

9) *Why is there an age requirement to work in Australia? Isn't that age discrimination?*

The Working Holiday and Work and Holiday visas are meant to offer international youth an affordable experience and opportunity to visit and travel throughout Australia. The jobs available under this visa are typically 'unskilled/non-technical' positions (except nursing), which will not affect the local economy and unemployment rate. Additionally, it is a reciprocated immigration law made with other countries, so similar (or even more stringent) requirements are mandated to Australians going abroad to work and travel.

10) *Can I study on this visa?*

Only for four months. If you wish to study longer, you must get a student visa. You can apply for a student visa while in Australia.

11) *How long will it take to make my placement?*

We ask applicants to apply at least 12-16 weeks in advanced of your desired start date. The placement may take less time than this, but we want to ensure that we have enough time to find a great placement for you! There are additional administrative fees if you apply less than 12 weeks in advanced, and we do not contact our local partners until we receive at least 50% of the program fee payment.

12) *When should I buy my plane ticket and does **Cultural Embrace** provide any resources to help with plane tickets?*

Plane tickets should not be purchased until after your placement has been confirmed. **Cultural Embrace** works with consolidators and discount travel agencies that can help find cheaper tickets than those that are available to the general public. We have a partnership with STA Travel (1-877-236-1048) for great student/youth rates, plus they have a very nominal service fee if you need to make any changes before or during your travels.

13) *What do I do if I have a problem or complaint within my work placement?*

You must speak to your employer or manager to give them an opportunity to explain or investigate the situation. If the complaint still exists, then please contact your local representative in Australia, as well as let **Cultural Embrace** (Austin office) know so we can mediate on your behalf.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at work@culturalembrace.com or you can call us at 1-512-469-9089 or 1-888-214-8570 (US/Canada toll-free).

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