



AUSTRALIA: TV WORK EXPERIENCE

Australia is a must see destination – the sheer size, amazing natural wealth, awesome scenery and huge variety of plant and animal life make this unique destination one of the most incredible places on earth!

Experience the *real Australia*, head to Western Australia! WA has earned its reputation as the 'State of Excitement' – and you'll soon see why! It's much less touristy, there's more left to be discovered and you will have lots more opportunities to mix with the locals.



WHAT DO YOU GET?

- An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into Australian life and culture.
- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market.
- Experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who'll meet you at the airport on your arrival - helps you **feel safe and never alone!**
- An in-depth Induction makes you **feel local straight away!**
- A unique insight into another culture – **see it from the inside** in a way you could never do as a tourist.
- An opportunity to **make lifelong friends from all over the world.**
- And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**



► SUMMARY FACTFILE

Start Dates	All year round - you choose your start and finish dates!
Duration	From 4 weeks to 1 year, subject to visa restrictions
Requirements	You should have some media experience or a qualification in media. You must be adaptable, enthusiastic and have lots of initiative.
Price	From £1,895 for 4 weeks, ranging to £3,495 for 12 weeks. From US \$2,885 for 4 weeks, ranging to US \$5,245 for 12 weeks. Click here for full Price List in other Currencies
What's included	► Accommodation ► Meeting you at the Airport ► Transfer to your accommodation ► Transport to and from your project ► Full pre-departure support ► Local in-country team support and backup ► 24-hr emergency support
What's not included	Flights, Food, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Return transfer to the airport.
Who can do this Project?	All projects are open to all nationalities. You need to be aged between 18 and 70+

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

Television is an exciting medium to work in, whether you are going out on site with a film crew, playing a role in interviewing, helping to write and edit a story or even helping in administration. This project offers you the chance to volunteer with a not-for-profit community television service which provides individuals and community, cultural or educational organisations access to airtime, training and equipment to produce programs for broadcast.

The TV Programme

Almost all of the people who work in community television - writers, presenters, producers, editors, and camera operators - are volunteers. People, like you, who volunteer because they want to develop the skills associated with television production and to gain important industry experience or simply for the sheer enjoyment and thrill of working in television.

Community television produces and broadcasts locally-produced programs that are relevant to the community, including educational institutions, independent film makers, ethnic and specialist interest groups and local businesses. Local news, entertainment and information are presented as a way of addressing issues and presenting information that commercial or government-funded stations do not cover. Volunteers can learn about producing and presenting television programs and how to run a television station.

The service provided by community television reflects a diverse range of expressions and views; cultivates a sense of community; encourages participation, learning, innovation and promotes competence in audio-visual skills. As a result, community television produces programmes with the community and for the community which reflect Australia's rich multicultural diversity and heritage. The principal aim is to encourage participation and provide access to the airwaves for all of the metropolitan community, as well as special interest, ethnic and minority groups. Community television stations are non-profit organisations. This means that they do not make money from the services they provide. Instead these stations use sponsorship arrangements to cover their day-to-day running costs.

Community television provides numerous opportunities for producers and community members to use the production equipment and facilities in order to present the many distinctive programmes offered. Community television in Western Australia has a unique eleven year track record of multi-award winning quality television productions which have been broadcast for community TV stations throughout Australia in both digital and analogue. Productions can now also be viewed by a wide audience of Community Television in the USA!

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Work Content

This project offers work experience to volunteers interested in a career in television. Volunteers will work in areas such as camera and sound, script writing, research, presenting, business administration (doing administration work is a great way to get to know the organisation) and marketing. If you have a specialised interest, for example, marketing or editing, we will do our best to allocate you more time in that area.

Generally, though, volunteers maybe asked to help with in the areas of:

- Administration



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- Production
- Editing
- Scriptwriting
- Research
- Public Relations
- Fundraising
- The opportunity to be a member of a support crew on location.

You will be required to assist with all areas of work and will need to be capable of mucking in to do whatever is required of you.

Working Hours

You will be asked to work 5 days a week. This will generally be from Monday to Friday from 9am – 5pm, however you may be asked to work at the weekends or in the evenings too, depending on your work schedule at the time, however this will not be compulsory.

LOCATION:

Our programs are based in Perth, the gateway and capital city of Western Australia (WA). Of the almost two million people that live in Western Australia, the vast majority reside in the state's capital. Perth was settled on the banks of the Swan River in the 1800s and leaves a lasting impression on all of its visitors.

Perth's brilliant blue skies and warm sunny climate must be experienced to be believed. Perth is said to have the most days of sunshine of any capital city in Australia. There is always plenty to do in this sophisticated and scenic city – enjoy water sports on the Swan River, sample local wine or explore the 400 hectares of natural bush land in central Kings Park.

Perth is also the home of the world's oldest operating mint (where gold and silver production can be seen), numerous museums and art galleries, historic buildings full of character, a five-star resort and casino and a great variety of shopping - all of which are only minutes from the Central Business District. Perth boasts over 80 kilometres of white sandy beaches to sunbathe on – the most popular being Cottesloe and Scarborough, both within easy reach of the city.

Northbridge is Perth's cultural and entertainment area, just a few minute's walk north of Perth City the other side of the train station. Northbridge is home to a number of pubs, nightclubs, bars, cafes, shops, galleries and oh so many restaurants!

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

Your accommodation is located in the CBD (Central Business District) of Perth, Western Australia. Therefore you are very central, close to the main train station and shopping district.

You'll be accommodated in a centrally located lodge that is friendly and relaxing, making it ideal for long term stays. You'll most likely have your own room, but will share a bathroom with others on your floor. There is an excellent kitchen and storage area for cooking meals and plenty of space to relax.

Entertainment at the Lodge currently includes a pool table, cheap internet access, arcade machines and cable TV (Foxtel), to name a few, but with all the sunshine Perth has, you'll be out and about enjoying the many outdoor activities! You are literally a stroll from the Swan River and free CBD transport. Trains and buses are also only a few minutes away to take you to Fremantle, King's Park or to the many other things to do in the region!



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The city centre boasts great shopping, restaurants and pubs or you can head over to Northbridge for more pubs, nightclubs and multicultural cuisine. You'll get to work via bus, which stops outside your accommodation.

Food: This is not included but that we recommend a weekly budget of AUD\$70

VISAS:

Visas are required for Australia, but don't worry we will liaise with you about specific visa requirements, and make the visa process very easy.



FLIGHTS:

You have the option to arrange your own flights or we can assist you with your flight arrangements. If you would like us to do this for you, we will liaise with you regarding available flights and dates to suit you. All arrangements for your flight bookings/payments will be fulfilled by [Murray Rogers Travel Limited](#), ATOL No. 6856.

INDUCTION ON ARRIVAL:

When you arrive, you will be welcomed at the airport by our Australian Organiser, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about Perth and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.

COSTS:

Please see the prices pages of our website [Full Price List](#). The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Transport to and from your project
- ✓ Meeting you at the airport
- ✓ Local in-country team support and backup
- ✓ 24hr emergency helpline
- ✓ Full pre-departure support
- ✓ UK administration
- ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations)
- ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection
- ✓ Staff Training/Equipment
- ✓ Donations to worthwhile projects

HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

For every volunteer, a donation is made by Travellers on your behalf into the [Bridge The Gap Foundation](#). This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.



COUNTRY PROFILE:

Australia's most striking feature is it's variety of landscapes, with endless miles of unspoilt beaches (over 7,000 beaches - more than any other nation), tropical rainforests, mountain ranges and huge areas of desert - the famous 'outback'. The natural scenery is unbeatable.

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Australians are known for their love of life and enjoyment of the great outdoors. While Australians have a relatively short history they have quickly developed their own unique culture - with their love of the humble meat pie, the arts and music, sport (Australian Rules Football is the national game), the beach and BBQs.

Visitors maybe confused when first arriving in Australia. While it's common knowledge that Australians speak English, you may hear a unique colloquial language. You'll hear words such as 'G'day', 'fair dinkum', and 'cobber'. Don't worry, you'll get the hang of it and will be talking like an Aussie in no time!

Perth's weather and climate is best described as Mediterranean, with long dry summers and mild rainy winters. It is because of these long hot summers that many Perth activities revolve around the water. So if you enjoy water sports such as swimming and surfing or lazing on clean sandy beaches, Perth is the perfect destination.

The hottest months are January and February, and temperatures can frequently reach the mid to high 30's Celsius (95-100F). Occasionally the weather can reach 38 degrees Celsius or more (100+ Fahrenheit), and when it does, it is colloquially referred to as "a scorcher".

The mild Perth winter begins at the start of June and finishes in September. It is generally a rainy season, interspersed with chilly yet sunny days. A typical Perth winter day may fall between 16-18 degrees Celsius (60-65 degrees Fahrenheit).



THINGS TO DO IN: AUSTRALIA

- Cities on the East Coast** include Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Cairns. Sydney has one of the most instantly recognisable Skylines in the world, where sunset views of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge are unforgettable. If you're feeling brave you can arrange to climb the Harbour Bridge - a 52 tonne structure! Sydney also has excellent nightlife, cuisine from around the world, many parks and museums, and not far from the city some incredible mountainous scenery. Many people don't realise that Sydney is not actually the capital of Australia - it's nearby Canberra, the countries political centre. Manly beach and the famous **Bondi Beach**, two popular surfing spots, are both located near Sydney.
- Melbourne** is the state capital of Victoria and is the second largest city in Australia. Melbourne is very much about lifestyle with its vibrant energy, staggering choice of restaurants, funky boutiques, café-filled laneways, cool bars, unbeatable galleries, luscious parks and village-like inner suburbs. New futuristic designs combined with the Melbourne of old create a fascinating mix of architecture and ensures the skyline is constantly changing. A standing joke in Australia is that Melbourne can experience four seasons in a day but this is really just another example of how they have it all!
- Byron Bay** and **Noosa**, located further north and close to Brisbane, are very popular for surfing and are good for professionals and amateurs!
- Fraser Island**, the largest sand island in the world. This protected region has over 100 freshwater lakes, ancient rainforests growing out of sand, and dunes stretching for miles.
- The Great Barrier Reef**, located along the East Coast of Australia, is the largest coral reef in the world and wonderful place to learn to dive or simply snorkel. North of Cairns the region of **Cape Tribulation** has some spectacular beaches backed by rainforest.
- Uluru** is a must see (also known as Ayres Rock). This sacred Aboriginal Meeting place, located in the middle of the outback, offers inspirational views, particularly at sunrise and sunset. Camping trips under the stars are popular. Nearby Kings Canyon, a less well known 'Grand Canyon' is another unforgettable site and something that everyone should see on a visit to Australia.



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- **Endless Sandy Beaches.** On the West Coast of Australia, between Perth and Broome, there are miles and miles of perfect sandy beaches. Excellent wreck diving is abundant around Perth and this is also one of the best places to learn to dive in Australia. There are also plenty of snorkelling and other water sports on offer around Perth. As the majority of Australia's 20 millions residents live close to the coast, beaches are an important part of life, and there are certainly plenty to choose from. Surfing, Snorkelling, Diving, Sailing and all other water sports are plentiful - so much so that Australian Dollar Notes are waterproof, just in case you should leave them in your shorts by accident!

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- 15 years' experience sending thousands of participants overseas, plus the largest variety of **flexible projects** that are **value for money!**
- Excellent support - second to none in the industry
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- Your own dedicated Project Co-ordinator to answer all questions prior to, during and after your **trip of a lifetime!**
- Detailed information on your project and country and suggestions, safety guide, tips and checklists, via our **EXTRANET, available from anywhere, 24/7.**
- 24/7 emergency helpline for you and your family
- Free pick up from the nearest airport.

VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK:

"I came back to the UK from my travels in May and in September I was offered a 6 month contract with MTV as their creative intern, and upon nearing the end of my contract, have now been offered a year contract at the BBC as production co-ordinator. I just wanted to say a massive thank you for my experience, both work and culturally, in Australia. I would hugely recommend this to anyone, especially those who want to break into media via an alternative path. Even for those who do not want to obtain a career in the media, my employer said she was impressed with the month I did in Australia, because it showed I had the initiative to get out there and do something productive, and it was something that stood out amongst the hundreds of CVs she received!"

Carmen Butcher

HOW TO BOOK:

Please complete a [booking form](#) online or you can send a postal booking from our free brochure. When we receive this, we'll telephone you to discuss the details and then start the exciting process of planning your trip!

We do hope you'll join us and are confident that you'll find this an incredible experience. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions - we'll be happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!

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