



JOURNALISM WORK EXPERIENCE: NEW ZEALAND

A unique opportunity to work with one of the local newspapers based in Auckland, and it will be an excellent entry on your CV. Gain vital experience to boost your career while exploring the very beautiful suburb of an exciting city.

Auckland is the gateway to New Zealand and a great place to start your travels. Water is at the heart of what has become New Zealand's most populated city, and its position on a thin stretch of land tucked between two harbours encourages an active, outdoor lifestyle. The many yachts that sail through the harbours and across the adjoining Hauraki Gulf have led to Auckland's name as the 'City of Sails'. Auckland is incredibly picturesque, with a backdrop of extinct volcanoes looking out across the many islands clustered around the coast.

"New Zealand is the ultimate outdoor playground and, if it hasn't been done, we invent it- Jet boating, Black-water Rafting and Bungee Jumping to name a few. Within easy reach you can also go Whale-watching, Sky-Diving, White-water Rafting, Abseiling and numerous other activities. The locals are invariably friendly and helpful and will make you welcome!" – Annette Orchard, Travellers New Zealand organiser.



WHAT DO YOU GET?

- Essential hands on experience that will **boost your CV**.
- A working week that leaves you **plenty of time to explore the city** and/or to combine projects.
- 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**.
- A **Welcome Dinner** where you can meet and interact with other Travellers participants.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Open to everyone - all nationalities and all ages, from age 18 upwards. You should be studying Journalism or be qualified, have excellent English and able to write creatively and well. You will need high levels of initiative, be hard working, have good written and oral skills and be a team player. Also, be adaptable, enthusiastic and able to use your initiative.

You'll be asked to submit an article you've written (but not necessarily published). Our Project Coordinator (+44 (0)1903 502 595) will liaise with you to discuss which of the two projects would be best suited to you.

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

We work with an exciting local newspaper in Auckland where you will be involved in a variety of tasks. This is a free newspaper and is funded by advertising from companies and individuals. The paper covers a wide variety of local news for regions within Auckland.

As a volunteer intern you'll work in a variety of roles at the newspaper. You'll be assigned various tasks and responsibilities in line with your abilities and experience, if any.

This newspaper has pride in its city, its region & the variety of communities living there. The newspaper passionately embraces the diversity of Auckland's local communities. They began publishing in 2003, and their publication day is Thursdays.

This paper is different to your mainstream local paper and addresses the successes, concerns and issues in their own words, rather than via interviews. Their coverage ranges from Neighbourhood liquor laws to a myriad of community concerns, such as speed humps, street racers, neighbourhood patrols and swimming pools, parks and libraries.

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Newspaper 1 is published once a week, in seven editions covering the entire city. The newspaper has more than 400,000 readers each week and has been described as the "core journalism competencies plus the X-factor - lots of zap and ziz." It is well respected by the community and clearly works hard in a hugely competitive environment at retaining and growing readers. The editor has space in which to display stories and photos and uses it well.

You'll normally work from Monday to Friday 9.00 - 5:00. Typically you will be expected to be involved in: planning, preparing, investigating and writing plus everything you would expect from a journalist, our volunteers are expected to come up with their own features and stories, plus the extras you would expect from a medium size newspaper. This is a breakdown of the job roles you may be assigned to:

- Editorial
- Advertising
- Production
- Press
- Photography
- Proof reading
- Proofing ads



ACCOMMODATION & LOCATION:

You'll be accommodated in a centrally located Hostel that is friendly and relaxing, making it ideal for long-term stays. You will share a room with other volunteers. There is a communal kitchen and storage area for cooking meals and plenty of space to relax.

Entertainment at your accommodation includes cheap internet access, TV and free pool table. You are a stroll from the Sky Tower, harbour and waterfront. Accommodation is very central and close to the main train station and shopping district. Buses are also only a few minutes away to take you to parts of Auckland and New Zealand or to the many other 'things to do'!

The city centre boasts great shopping, restaurants and pubs or head over to the viaduct for more pubs, nightclubs and multicultural cuisine. You'll get to work via bus, which is close to your accommodation. The city is modern and vibrant - a fun and friendly with beautiful surrounding islands and harbour.

Some of its famous attractions around Auckland include the sky tower, Rangitoto island, the Hauraki gulf islands and the many extinct volcanoes that provide great views of the city.

Auckland has restaurants to suit all tastes - the most popular cuisine is New Zealand lamb which can be ordered at many restaurants around the city and is well worth it.

For meals in local restaurants, a trip to Auckland's inner city centre is well worth the effort - it bustles with activity and offers a range of choices of restaurants.

DURATION:

4 to 6 weeks – depending on newspaper. If you'd like to extend for extra weeks while on your project (many people do!), you'll be able to do so – speak to your Travellers Manager once you're there.

COUNTRY PROFILE:

The natural landscape has firmly marked it on the map as an eco-tourism destination and an adventure lovers' paradise. It is also the world's largest film set with the iconic mountains and vast fields forming 'The Lord of the Rings' middle earth.

This energetic country has an abundance of adrenaline fuelled outdoor activities that utilize the natural landscape, much of which is protected. This is nature's adventure playground.... Amidst breathtaking scenery you'll find the best locations for bungee jumping, white water rafting, hiking up glaciers, hang-gliding off mountains, sailing across fjords, skiing down active volcano's, and swimming in thermal springs and geysers... you won't be disappointed!

With both Māori and European influences, New Zealand also has a unique cultural background making it a wonderfully diverse and welcoming country. New Zealand is a very friendly and open culture and the Maori people are very keen and proud to share their culture and history with travellers

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THINGS TO DO IN: NEW ZEALAND

This is an infinite list! New Zealand was made for all interests, passions, tastes and senses of adventure! You can throw yourself off a building attached to a bungee in Auckland, enjoy the serenity of Lake Taupo, bathe in natural hot springs in Rotorua or look for Hobbits in Mata Mata, and that's just the North Island!

If you venture south it's a whole new ball game! Trekking along the Fox Glacier, Whale watching in Kaikoura, Glow worm caves in Te Anau or visit Milford Sound...for absolutely no sound, just peace and scenery that will blow your mind! New Zealand really has it all, you will never forget your time there.

PRICES:

From £1,295 for 4 weeks and ranging to £1,545 for 6 weeks. Please see the prices page of our website for more detailed prices. The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

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| ✓ Accommodation and local transport to and from your project | ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations) |
| ✓ Free pick up from the nearest airport | ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection |
| ✓ Local staff who are paid to offer a range of support, including 24/7 assistance | ✓ Staff Training/Equipment |
| ✓ UK administration and 24/7 emergency helpline. | ✓ Donations to worthwhile projects |

PLACEMENT AVAILABILITY:

New Zealand companies sometimes give preference to local students for internships during the NZ University holiday period. These dates are roughly:

- 1st July - 20th July
- 1st October - 15th October and January

If you'd like to do the project during those dates, please contact us and we will find out whether it is available.

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THE NEXT STEP:

Please complete an application form online ([click here to go straight there](#)) or you can send a postal application from our free brochure. When we receive you application, 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!

You may also be interested in other placements with Travellers or do other projects in New Zealand– please visit [our website](#) for details of all our projects. In fact you can choose from over 300 projects in 19 countries!

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