

WORK IN AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK

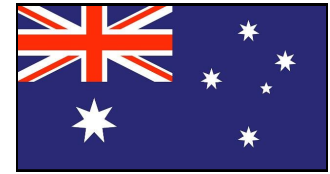
"This entire experience has been incredible from the exotic wildlife, festivals, and beaches to the sometimes foreign English language! All of this has been made better by the fantastic group of friends I've made in my short time here." -Amy R.



- **Who:** Participants age 18-30.
- **When:** Orientation starts every Thursday, all year round.
- **Where:** Orientation session is near Brisbane; placements are throughout Outback/Rural Australia.
- **What:** Paid work placement for up to one year. Work positions available include farm work, ranch hand work, or rural hospitality.
- **How:** First submit your Work Application, interview, then submit payment for the program: \$2175.

"From the prehistoric gorges of Kakadu National Park, to the white sails of the Sydney Opera House, Australia is a country as big your imagination. Kick back on a beach as white as your mother's wedding dress in Western Australia; lose yourself in the labyrinthine laneways of culture-rich Melbourne or be humbled by red desert sunsets over Uluru. You'll soon realise Australia is a place to be discovered, not feared." -Lonely Planet

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Guaranteed paid work placement.

Airport pick-up & orientation in Brisbane.

Room & board for most placements.

3 night weekend at Rainbow Beach

5 day orientation & training

Basic International Traveler's Insurance including Medical.

Full-time English speaking pre-departure and local support from our team of coordinators.



Join Our Community to ask questions:



Read blogs from current participants or email us: info@culturalembrace.com

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Work in Australian Outback Offers:

- Practical international work experience
- An economical way to live and travel abroad
- An opportunity to broaden your perspective and worldview
- An opportunity to participate in and learn local cultural activities (e.g.: sports, 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, exhibiting your diligence, independence, and intercultural experiences
- A great way to develop and support your self-confidence and interpersonal skills



Cultural Embrace Includes:

✓ **Guaranteed Work Placement**

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. You will work with a C.E. Coordinator that will provide individualized support to help you find a potential employer, and prepare you for an adventure to live and work abroad.

✓ **Compensation**

While each position offers a different salary, the average salary per week is US\$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. Please contact your local Australian Embassy or Consulate to check details, or ask your *CE* coordinator. Please note that any visa fees are the responsibility of the applicant. And, while we can assist you during the process, ultimately it is your responsibility to ensure that you have obtained the appropriate visa for your work experience. *Cultural Embrace* has no control over the visa process and cannot guarantee that your visa application will be

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✓ **Arrival Pick-Up and 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 and 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 (if applicable) and open your bank account.

✓ **International Traveler's Insurance with Basic Major Medical Coverage**

Our policy provides basic medical coverage. Additional policies and premium plans are available at extra cost.

✓ **Cultural Embrace "Culture Kit"**

Before your departure, we will send you a cultural kit that is filled with useful tips, advice, information, and your insurance card to prepare you for your amazing adventure of living and working abroad.

✓ **Full-time Representation**

Cultural Embrace provides English-speaking representation in the United States and Australia prior to, during, and after your placement.



Requirements:

In order to participate in this work program, *Cultural Embrace* requires that you:

- Be 18-30 years of age (due to visa regulations)

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- If not a U.S. citizen, you must be a college student or graduate
- Enjoy working outdoors and completing assigned tasks
- Have access to a minimum of \$1000 while in Australia or a return ticket. This minimum amount does not have to be entirely in cash – traveler's checks, bank statements, and credit/debit cards may also be presented. For visa purposes, you are required to show that you have immediate access to funds via bank accounts or parental help.
- Be open to foreign cultures and living abroad
- Have a high level of responsibility
- Be dedicated to the full term of commitment



2012 Program Fees:

US \$2175

**Prices listed in US Dollars*

***Please note- Prices are subject to change according to exchange rates..*

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.

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:

You will be transported to Goomeri for lunch at a local restaurant and a paperwork session. A Tax File Number and bank account will be provided to you, and there will be an opportunity to shop for boots, shirts and trousers, mobile phones, flashlights, pocket knives and Sim cards. Dinner will

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be at your host training farm.

Tuesday to Friday

Now, the moment you have been waiting for...to work and live in the Outback Australia! Your training will consist of, but will not be limited to, horse and cattle work, tractor, motorbike and quad work, fencing and learning 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 conven-



ient means. On Saturday you will leave the ranch in the morning to travel to your job.

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 Skype: Cultural.Embrace to have the forms mailed to you within 3-4 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 packets should include the following:

- Work Program Application



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- Signed Work Agreement
- University/College transcript
- Resume/CV in English
- Copy of your passport (information page only)
- Copies of diploma or certificates related to field of interest (if applicable)
- Cover Letter in English explaining why you want to work in Australia
- Two References: preferably professional and/or character references
- Doctor's note verifying that you are in excellent mental and physical health
- Copy of Police Clearance (obtainable from your community's local police station)
- Two 1½" x 2" official passport-size photos, with your name printed on each photo
- One smiling full-length photo of yourself (for local coordinator to identify you)
- US\$250 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 costs.

We recommend submitting your application and program fee at least 3 months prior to your desired start date in order for us to organize and arrange your work placement.

**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 fewer than 8 weeks before the desired departure date will be charged \$250.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1) *Why should I pay to work abroad, and where does my money go to with **Cultural Embrace**?*

Cultural Embrace and our local partners in Australia specialize in arranging a guaranteed work placement, housing and insurance prior to your departure. This will alleviate the troubles and



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stress of getting everything organized in a new country, so you will have more time and energy to spend on your work and living 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.

You will be assigned an experienced Program Coordinator from our Austin, Texas office. He/She will provide personalized attention to help pre-arrange

your work placement, housing and travel needs. Our Program Coordinator will work with our in-country representative to match your requests and background skills with the availability and needs of the local employer. Once you go abroad, you will be assisted by our in-country representative, and will typically have a direct supervisor for your work position, as well.

Your program fee includes your customized work placement, airport transfer, orientation, arrival package, local wage, room and board in most placements, basic international traveler's insurance, and all of the administrative and logistical costs to set up your placement in the States and Australia. *Cultural Embrace* also pro-rates the expenses for marketing, advertising, and site visits/communication among all of our programs within our fees.

2) *What type of job placements can I expect?*

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) *Can I choose where I will be placed?*

While we will take your preferences into account, *Cultural Embrace* cannot guarantee a specific town or region. Your skills will be matched with available employers once orientation and training are completed.

4) *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 local 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.

5) *What is the application process like, and when will I have confirmation about my work placement?*



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After C.E. receives your completed application, you will be assigned a personal Program Coordinator who will work with you through your departure and beyond. He/She will conduct ~30 phone/web interview (or in person, if applicable) to discuss your background, goals, and expectations of a work placement. Then, you will receive an invoice for the remainder of the program, and once we receive at least half of this fee, we will confirm your arrival instructions and enroll you in Outback training.

6) *What type of visa assistance does Cultural Embrace provide?*

Cultural Embrace will assist with preparation of visa documents. Please note that any visa fees are the responsibility of the applicant. And, while we try to assist you during the process, ultimately it is your responsibility to ensure that you have obtained the appropriate visa for your work experience. *Cultural Embrace* has no control over the visa process and cannot guarantee that your visa application will be accepted.

Australia has **Work and Holiday** visa arrangements with the USA, Thailand, Chile, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia and Turkey.



Australia has **Working Holiday** visa 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 need to have graduated from high school to obtain this visa. This is ideal for gap breakers, repeat participants, or those who only have a short time to spend in Australia.

7) *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.

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

The visa is activated upon your entry into the country. Once it has been granted, you must enter within one year.

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

The Working Holiday and Work and Holiday Visa are meant to offer international youth an affordable experience and opportunity to visit and travel throughout Australia. The jobs available

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under this visa are typically unskilled/non-technical positions 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) *What should I wear and bring to Australia?*

This depends on your placement. We recommend durable and comfortable clothing. However, we will provide you with more details in your *Cultural Embrace* pre-departure kit about your job and packing list.

11) *Can I work and/or live with a friend or partner?*

Yes, you can enroll in this program with other people, however, please note that positions may be limited at certain farms and ranches. We encourage you to travel and explore your world with others. This enhances your experience and memories, and you can be rewarded for referring others to travel on a CE program.

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

We ask applicants to apply at least 3-4 months 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 3 months in advanced, and we do not contact our local partners until we receive at least 50% of the program fee payment.

14) *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, and they have a very nominal service fee if you need to make any changes before or during your travels.



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

You should first speak with your work supervisor 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 may diplomatically mediate on your behalf. Please note that you will be assigned an in-country representative that will assist you with any questions or concerns. We also encourage you to fill out our program evaluations.



16) *Is there someone I may speak to about their experience on this program, and being abroad?*

Yes, we have a network of current and past travelers that are happy to communicate with you. Due to confidentiality, please contact our Austin office to receive a list of names and contact information of participants and alumni that have agreed to be contacted by others. Additionally, we encourage you to check out, use, and get involved with our social media community. These community sites will provide great insight of what you should expect on your adventure abroad. Plus, we provide additional discounts to our community members!



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(<http://www.facebook.com/CulturalEmbraceTravel>)

Twitter

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Blog

(http://www.culturalembrace.com/log/cat_Australia_blogs.html)

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A Few Words. . .

At *Cultural Embrace*, we want to facilitate experiences that, first and foremost, help individuals have a safe and healthy time abroad while becoming better acquainted with both themselves and the richly textured cultures of the world around them. Our partnerships grant program participants the opportunity to explore Australia first-hand while adding valuable content to their resumes. Working in the Australian Outback is, putting it shortly, a tremendously edifying experience that is sure to leave you with lasting memories and a renewed sense of purpose. So do yourself a favor: call *Cultural Embrace* straight away and let us start planning your once-in-a-lifetime international adventure!

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@culturalembrace.com or by phone at 1-512-469-9089 or by Skype: Cultural.Embrace.



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