

Get Experience by Traveling



Working abroad can be an amazing experience, and opportunities for getting a working holiday visa are a dime a dozen. For many adventure seekers, however, typical jobs are too commonplace. If this describes you, rest assured that there are other unique ways to earn money for traveling.

For those interested in agricultural practices and working on their tans, farming is ideal. Wherever you're headed, it's likely that World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF) has a job opening at your destination. Workers can harvest orchards in the US, herd sheep in Iceland, or tend to horses in Australia. In addition to a salary, most estates offer communal lodging and meals. Whichever job you choose, you will have the chance to soak up a new culture and meet a diverse group of people. The only requirements is the capability to work hard.

By working as an au pair, young adults can explore an unfamiliar society while building close relationships. There are many international agencies that connect travelers with families willing to host them. In exchange for an allowance, accommodation and language classes, the au pair assists with daily domestic chores. Responsibilities can include cooking, vacuuming and babysitting. An au pair isn't just a servant or nanny. This French term literally means "living on equal terms," and whoever winds up hosting you should anticipate embracing you as a relative. Elin Nordegren was actually introduced to her former husband, Tiger Woods, by the family she was working for as an au pair!

Instead of spending money on traveling overseas, make some while working as part of a ship's crew. While naval experience is preferable, it is not necessarily required. Culinary, mechanical or navigational skills could also make you a valuable candidate for a position on deck. If you'd like to work on a more luxurious vessel, try a cruise ship. A sure way to get hired is by having expertise in something that could entertain passengers, like dealing cards in a casino, coordinating children's activities or dancing professionally. The best approach for finding an open post is to show up at a pier ready to go.

If you've grown weary of run-of-the-mill tourist attractions, maybe it's time to visit foreign countries differently. Not only can working while overseas put more money in your pocket, but it will also help you see the world with new eyes.