

More SWAP European Destinations



SWAP France



Colin Taillefer was attracted to our program because he wanted to experience overseas as a local

"Take advantage of the resources that SWAP provides and the advice of the people there to help you and once you're over there, try to integrate yourself fully into the way of life and the culture. At first, everything will be strange and new but soon enough, you'll be comfortable and feel just like a local. When people stop you to ask for directions for something, you'll know it's happened."



SWAP Germany



Louis Couturier found a way to work his education around his SWAP experience

"Before I return back to school I wanted to experience a new culture, learn a new language and live in a foreign city – SWAP made all of that possible."



SWAP Austria



Stacey McPeek used the SWAP exchange to help her get settled faster

"Use the SWAP exchange and try and get in contact with other SWAPPERS as soon as possible as they can be huge assets in finding accommodation and jobs. I worked as an English teacher (18 Euros/hr) and it only took me 4 days to find work!"

VISA

Anyone Canadian participating on the SWAP France program is responsible for applying for their visa directly through the French Consulate. Please visit www.swap.ca for more information

SPRECHEN SIE DEUTSCH?

For both SWAP AUSTRIA and GERMANY a working knowledge of German is highly recommended but not required. If your German skills are minimal, please keep in mind that positions may be limited. However, teaching English or French, certain office and tourism jobs are available.

SWAP France

AT A GLANCE

PACKAGE INCLUDES: SUPPORT, RESOURCE MATERIALS.
SEE PAGE 23 FOR DETAILS

ELIGIBILITY: Canadians aged 18–35. No Student Status required

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Apply at least 2 weeks prior to departure. You must have obtained your French visa prior to applying

VISA DURATION: Any period up to 1 year

SUPPORT FUNDS: Visit www.swap.ca for details

REGISTRATION FEE: \$230

SWAP Germany

AT A GLANCE

PACKAGE INCLUDES: VISA, ACCOMMODATION, SUPPORT, RESOURCE MATERIALS.
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ELIGIBILITY: 18–35 years of age. No student status required

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Apply 6 weeks prior to departure

VISA DURATION: Any period up to 1 year

SUPPORT FUNDS: \$2,750

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$460 with accommodation;

\$400 without accommodation

SWAP Austria

AT A GLANCE

PACKAGE INCLUDES: VISA, ACCOMMODATION, SUPPORT, RESOURCE MATERIALS.
SEE PAGE 23 FOR DETAILS

ELIGIBILITY: Proof of post-secondary student status within 12 months prior to applications, 18–30 years of age. High school students are not eligible

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Apply 5 weeks prior to departure

VISA DURATION: 6 months (one year visa available, please contact your travel counsellor)

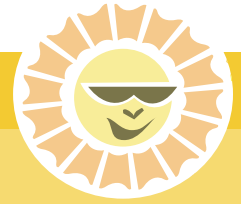
SUPPORT FUNDS: \$2,500

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$500 with accommodation;

\$460 without accommodation

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SWAP Britain

 **SWAP BRITAIN**
PACKAGE INCLUDES:

VISA

- Two-year British Working Holidaymaker Visa. The intent of this visa is that participants work a maximum of 12 months over this 24-month period. NOTE: Changes to the visa rules will come into effect autumn 2008. Please contact us for an update

ACCOMMODATION

- Two nights' accommodation at a hostel in London (optional)

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Fast-track service to open a bank account in London
- Unique members-only website that provides quick access to jobs and accommodation, social events, FAQs and more
- Fast-track service to a National Insurance card
- Exclusive tax exemption for SWAP student participants in the UK (save 23% of your wages!)
- Arrival orientation in London hosted by our British partner organization BUNAC
- Hosting centres are equipped with phones, internet, fax machine and computer access
- BUNAC provides ongoing guidance and support in London for the full duration of your stay
- After-hours emergency line
- Mail-drop and mail-forwarding services in London
- Free membership to International Students House in London (access to discounted internet, gym and café-bar rates)
- Social events (i.e. pub crawls, concerts, soccer games, weekend excursions and much more!)

RESOURCE MATERIALS

- Electronic Welcome Pack and Final Kit including our handbook, *Guide to the UK*

SWAP Ireland

 **SWAP IRELAND**
PACKAGE INCLUDES:

VISA

- **STUDENT:** One-year Irish Work Permit – you choose the date the visa begins. (If you are a post-secondary graduate of 2008 you must enter Ireland before the 28th of February 2009. Likewise, if you are graduating in 2009, you must enter Ireland before the 28th of February 2010)
- **NON-STUDENT:** One-year Irish Working Holiday Visa between the ages of



This photo was sent to us by a SWAP USA Summer repeat participant Alexandre Séguin-Désy. He has spent the last 6 summers in Maryland, USA working for the Ocean City Beach Patrol. Year after year, Alex takes advantage of this summer student program that allows him to work the summer amongst friends, the sand and surf!

18–35 – you choose the date the visa begins

ACCOMMODATION

- Vouchers for two nights' accommodation at a hostel

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Arrival orientation in Dublin hosted by our Irish partner organization, USIT
- Hosting centre is equipped with phones, internet, fax machine and computer access
- USIT provides ongoing guidance, support and emergency services in Dublin for the full duration of your stay
- Mail-drop and mail-forwarding services in Dublin
- Social events (i.e. pub crawls, concerts, soccer games and much more!)

RESOURCE MATERIALS

- Electronic Welcome Pack and Final Kit including our handbook, *Guide to Ireland*

SWAP France

 **SWAP FRANCE**
PACKAGE INCLUDES:

VISA

- Anyone Canadian participating on the SWAP France program is responsible for applying for their visa directly through the French Consulate. Please visit www.swap.ca for more information

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Arrival orientation in Paris hosted by our French partner organization, Aquarius
- The hosting center is equipped with phones, internet, fax machine and computer access
- Aquarius provides ongoing guidance

and support in Paris for the full duration of your stay

- Mail-drop service
- Access to discounted cell phone rates for purchase or rental
- Social events (i.e. pub crawls, concerts, weekend excursions and much more!)

RESOURCE MATERIALS

- Pre-Departure package includes our handbook, *Le Guide du participant*

Any young Canadian considering a working holiday in France should have a working knowledge of the French language and be able to go through a job interview in French. All program materials will be published in French.

SWAP Germany

 **SWAP GERMANY**
PACKAGE INCLUDES:

VISA

- Work visa that entitles participants to work up to 12 months

ACCOMMODATION

- Two nights' accommodation at a hostel or budget hotel in Berlin (optional)

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Arrival orientation in Berlin hosted by College Council
- Hosting centre is equipped with phones, computers, internet access and fax machine
- College Council provides ongoing support and emergency services for the full duration of your stay
- Mail-drop and mail-forwarding services

RESOURCE MATERIALS

- Electronic Welcome Pack and Final Kit

to assist with trip preparation, job and accommodation searches

SWAP Austria

 **SWAP AUSTRIA**
PACKAGE INCLUDES:

VISA

- Six-month Austrian work visa (one year visa available, please contact your travel counsellor)

ACCOMMODATION

- Two nights' accommodation at a hostel in Vienna (optional)

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Arrival orientation in Vienna hosted by our partners, Supertramp
- Hosting centre is equipped with phones, fax machine, internet and computer access
- Supertramp provides ongoing support, guidance and emergency services of the hosting staff in Vienna
- Mail-drop services

RESOURCE MATERIALS

- Electronic Welcome Pack and Final Kit to assist with trip preparation, job and accommodation searches

SWAP Australia

 **SWAP AUSTRALIA**
PACKAGE INCLUDES:

VISA

- One-year Australian Working Holidaymaker visa