

SWAP Work South Africa



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SWAP PROGRAM? SWAP Work South Africa

WHY SWAP? I had always planned on going on an extended overseas jaunt once I'd finished school. I had also always planned on working while I was away – I like the idea of being able to stay for a longer time in a city of my choice, as a resident getting to know the people and the environment of a foreign city and culture rather than as a passing traveller. The SA program was, in my opinion, the farthest away and most exotic choice SWAP offered and, in the end, SWAP's services helping to get a working visa in the country sold me on their program. I wanted to go to Africa anyway and to work there seemed like a pretty rare and exciting

opportunity so I signed up with SWAP and I chose the SA program.

MUST DO'S: Go to Kruger Park, climb Table Mountain, rent a car and drive along the coast from Cape Town to Johannesburg, stop in Oudtshorn and ride ostriches through the wilderness and stay in the hostel at the top of a giant hill. Go to Zimbabwe – Victoria Falls and beyond!

TYPE OF JOB & PAY: I worked full time in a hostel in Cape Town and made R17/hr. I worked part-time as an assistant and made R20/hr.

JOB HUNTING TIME: I found the hostel job immediately. The admin job came about two weeks later.

ACCOMMODATION: I stayed in a hostel for a few weeks. Later, I moved into a flat and shared it with a South African writer. It was great!

RENT: R2,000/month. It was right on Long Street in an amazing flat.

AT A GLANCE

WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA

PACKAGE INCLUDES: VISA, ACCOMMODATION, SUPPORT, RESOURCE MATERIALS.
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ELIGIBILITY: Canadians aged 18–30. Full-time post-secondary students and/or 2010 grads. Part-time and high school students are not eligible

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Bi-weekly year round fixed departure dates, register 10 weeks prior to departure

VISA DURATION: Any period up to 1 year

SUPPORT FUNDS: \$2,000

REGISTRATION FEE: **\$1,080**

SWAP Japan

Although some knowledge of Japanese is helpful, it is not required as employment opportunities for English speakers are readily available. Your resume must be submitted in English. The minimum age limit is 18 for SWAP Japan; however, we recommend that you wait until you are 20 before applying. Japanese employers prefer to hire employees who are at least 20; the likelihood of finding work is better once you have reached Japan's age of majority.



Chris Cutler used SWAP to further explore Japan and it's amazing culture

"I had participated in a peace tour with my choir a couple years back and this sparked my interest in Japanese culture so I wanted to go back and see what everyday living was like. SWAP made the move easy! For the first 2 months I worked as a waiter and porter at Sierra Resort Hakuba in Nagano. It was nice to see another side of Japan other than the busy city! It was so peaceful and the mountains we're breathtaking! You have to be prepared to really stick it out and keep trying if you have trouble finding work at first, you have to consider bar jobs for the time being until something better comes up."

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ELIGIBILITY: Canadians aged 18–30. No student status required

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Apply 5 weeks prior to departure

VISA DURATION: 6 months (you may extend up to 1 year)

SUPPORT FUNDS: \$2,500

REGISTRATION FEE: **\$395**