



Pre-Departure Information

This email contains important information about your upcoming **AusJob Work and Travel** experience. We will advise on the following to ensure your journey Down Under goes as smoothly as possible:

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Please read through this information carefully and don't forget, you can call or email us with any questions if there is anything you are unsure about.

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To-Do Checklist

By now you should have completed the following. If you haven't please get organised ASAP!



Personal Details

Please ensure you have submitted your passport number, home address and date of birth to us.



Flights

Be sure to send your flight itinerary to Info@AusJob.co.uk. Without this information, we will not be able to confirm bookings in your name at the hostel in Sydney/Melbourne. Please also ensure you have the Hostel's address in hand upon arrival in Australia. This will help avoid any issues at the border. (You can find the address at the end of this document).



Insurance

Make sure you have obtained sufficient travel insurance for your trip. Please ensure you send a copy of your policy to info@AusJob.co.uk and print a copy to take with you. If you haven't done so already, you can do this now by clicking [HERE](#)



Visa

You should have now obtained your 417/462 Working Holiday Visa. Without this you will not be able to enter into the country. If it was successfully granted, you do not need to do anything else at this point as your visa status will have been automatically updated on the Australian Government Visa system and your visa will be activated on your day of arrival.



Programme Fees

Your final programme fee amount should now have been successfully submitted to us at HQ. If you haven't yet done this, you can do this now by clicking [HERE](#)



Passport

In case your passport is lost/stolen, ensure you have made two copies of it prior to departure for Camp. Leave one copy at home and take one copy with you. Your passport needs to be valid for a minimum of 6 months after your return from Australia. If it is not, please look to update it as soon as possible in order to avoid jeopardising your trip.



Health

Before your trip, we advise visiting your doctor to have an overall health check. If you need to see a doctor during your time in Australia, you will be required to pay for appointments & medication (this includes prescription medication). With this in mind, we strongly advise that you sign up to Medicare. With this, you will then be able to claim the majority of the money back that you have paid. Our team will advise you on this when you arrive.



Money/Living Costs

The currency in Australia is the Australian Dollar (AUD). Although most credit/debit cards are accepted in Australia, it is advisable to take a sufficient amount of local currency with you to avoid being charged for using your card abroad before your Australian bank account has been set up with the help of our team on the ground in Australia. It is also a good idea to let your bank know that you will be in Australia to avoid your card being blocked. Living costs in Australia can be quite high compared to other countries, so please accommodate for this when you are working out how much money you will need to support yourself. It is worth researching living costs and how much you will spend on accommodation before your first paycheck.

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Arrival Information

Be aware that your shuttle bus and hostel information will differ depending on whether you are arriving into Sydney or Melbourne - see below for more!



SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Once you have passed through immigration and collected your baggage, please proceed to 'Shuttle Bus Bay No.12' (this is located outside the international terminal. Look for the 'Coaches and Shuttles' sign). Produce your shuttle bus voucher to airport shuttle staff or Work and Travel Company staff to board your transfer shuttle to the hostel.



WAKE UP!

509 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000
+61 2 9288 7888



MELBOURNE TULLAMARINE AIRPORT



Once you have passed through immigration and collected your baggage, please proceed to the SkyBus shuttle pick-up area. Produce your shuttle bus voucher to airport shuttle staff to board your transfer shuttle to the hostel. The buses run every 10 minutes, Monday to Sunday.



GREENHOUSE

228 Flinders Lane, Melbourne VIC 3000
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When you arrive at the hostel, please hand your passport over at check-in and tell them you are with the Work and Travel/AusJob programme. This will be your new home for the week! So get settled in and start socialising!

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Packing List



The following list is designed to help you select and prepare your personal equipment for your trip overseas. Essentially, the weather will be lovely and warm dependent on when you go, however it can surprisingly get quite cold in Australia (you can ski there in the Winter!) so you need to consider this when packing your bag. We advise packing light as you can always purchase new clothes after you arrive Down Under.

- Light clothing for hot weather
- A few items of warm clothing (light jumper, jeans, a pair of joggers)
- Swim and beachwear
- Sunscreen
- Light clothes to sleep in (for when in shared accommodation)
- A light water resistant jacket (packable, lightweight)
- Flip flops (called 'thongs' in Australia!)
- Shoes appropriate for work (smart, black)
- Work clothes (black pants and smart top)
- Trainers
- Toiletries for the first few weeks
- Australian plug adaptor
- Camera
- Sunglasses
- Padlock (will come in handy when staying in hostels)
- Journal (Document every memory. We have years of travel experience and can't recommend this enough!)
- Ear plugs (also handy for staying in a hostel)

Remember to check the baggage allowance for your flight to avoid getting charged!



Aussie Lingo

Australian English actually exists and it is more than just an accent! The term for Aussie slang and pronunciation is 'strine', and is often characterised by making words as short as possible. Story goes that it developed by speaking through clenched teeth to avoid blowies (blow flies) from getting into the mouth! So if you plan to visit the world's smallest continent, this list of some of the most commonly used slang expressions is for you!

Hints & Tips

Below are some extra hints & tips to help prepare you for your trip that you may have not thought about.

Unlock Your Phone

10 days prior to your departure for Australia, you will receive your brand new Australian phone number via email and your SIM card will be given to you after you land. So as this SIM will work for you, it is advisable to get your phone unlocked before you leave so that you can use this SIM in your current phone. Using this SIM, you will be able to purchase plans which give you data packs so you can access the internet throughout your time in Australia (and keep your social media updated so everybody knows what you are up to!)

Currency

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Sunburn

This is always something to be careful about when in a country with a hot climate & periods of intense sunshine. Dehydration, sunburn and heatstroke are all too common amongst 'over eager' travellers. However, you can avoid these problems with preventative measures such as:

- Avoiding direct sunlight when the sun is at its strongest (e.g. midday)
- Wearing sunglasses and a cap or hat
- Applying a high factor sunscreen
- Drinking lots of water throughout the day and always carry a full bottle of water
- Carrying re-hydration sachets (these can be kept with your travel first-aid kit)

Alcohol

To avoid safety issues, please adopt the same responsible approach to alcohol consumption as you would back home.

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Contact Information

While in Australia, your main point of contact for support and advice will be our dedicated in-country team members at **Work and Travel Company** who have many years of experience assisting foreigners from all over the world.

If you are in transit and are aware of flight delays then please contact **AusJob HQ** using the details found below.

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And that's it! You are about to embark on the adventure of a lifetime.

Australia is one of the best gap year destinations in the world! Make the most of every opportunity presented to you and you will enjoy every minute of your **AusJob** adventure. Don't forget to keep us updated with how your trip is going and send us all of your incredible pictures. You might even end up on our official Facebook page and website! Once again, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the team at HQ. Have a safe flight and we look forward to meeting you!

The AusJob Team x



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