



AGRIVENTURE
INTERNATIONAL
RURAL PLACEMENTS

AgriVenture Programme Guide 2010

Before Application	Please read the AgriVenture brochure carefully, especially pages 11-13.
Step 1.	Complete the enclosed Application Form and Agreement in full, in black pen. Write your autobiography clearly, or you may type this on a separate page
Step 2.	Get your passport photos. You will need 8 if you are applying for one country, 12 if applying for a two country programme. Note – if you are applying to go to USA at least one of your photos must be 50mm x 50mm (not normal passport photo dimensions)
Step 3.	Arrange for two work references from past or present employers, which should include all your work experience and arrange for someone who knows you very well to provide you with a character reference (this should not be a member of your family).
Step 4.	Check that your passport will be valid until at least 6 months after you are due to arrive home from your programme and that your driving licence is also valid. If you do not yet have a passport, apply for this as soon as possible.
Step 5.	Contact one of the Interviewers on the list we have sent you and arrange a meeting with them. All the documents you have gathered should preferably be sent to the Interviewer before the interview.
Deposit and Payment of balance	A deposit of \$800 is payable at your interview. The balance is due approx 60 days prior to the start of your programme or, if you have not received your placement at this stage, on receipt of your Placement Advice.

Programme Options

From New Zealand to Canada, USA, UK, Europe, Australia and Japan

(not all options are available in all countries – see guides below)

Option 1 - AgriVenture Traditional

This is our most popular option – with a wide variety of placements offered by a vast number of host families. Practical experience is an advantage but not essential. The most important thing is your motivation, interest and flexibility.

Option 2 - AgriVenture Plus

You will need at least 2 years full time relevant industry experience in the area you want to work in (e.g. livestock experience, or cropping experience). There is an extra page to be completed on the Application form and you will also need to provide contact details of a work reference so that a potential host family can make contact should they choose to. You are also likely to be telephoned by your potential hosts to go through an interview session with them.

Option 3 - AgriVenture Workabout

Your first placement of at least one month will be arranged for you before departure. You should let us know if you wish this placement to be for longer than 1 month. Once you are in your host country you will have access to a database or directory of other Workabout opportunities and hosts. It will be your own responsibility to contact these hosts and arrange any further placements.

The final decision on acceptance onto your chosen option will be made by the hosting country. If there are no placements available in your chosen option, or if you do not meet the required criteria, you will be offered an alternative option. If you are placed as an AgriVenture Plus trainee, and for whatever reason a movement to another placement is required, please be aware that this may be a Traditional rather than Plus placement.

For more information on the different options please see page 2 of the brochure.

Insurance Information

We use Europaeiske, our associate insurance company with over 70 years experience. There is NO LIMITATION on Illness and Repatriation cover. Accident leading to disablement is covered for up to approximately \$125,000 and for death up to approximately \$25,000. Baggage is covered for approximately \$2,500 (any single item only covered up to 50% of this amount). Supplementary cover can be arranged and is advisable if you are taking expensive items such as laptop or video camera. Please contact the office for details. Cover will only be provided for your programme length. This can be extended if you choose to stay longer – just contact the office in your hosting country.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">UK</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Programme Options 1, 2 & 3</h3>	
7 months, departure early April	Return early November, 3 weeks unpaid holiday. Price \$7175.00
10 months, departure late June	Return late April, 5 weeks unpaid holiday. Price \$7680.00
Essential Information will be provided on arrival, and if numbers warrant it there will be a seminar on arrival.	
Please note: You will be required to travel to Auckland, Wellington or Christchurch for fingerprint & eye scan as part of the visa application	

<h2 style="margin: 0;">CANADA</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Programme Options 1, 2 & 3</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">*****REDUCED PRICES*****</p> <p style="margin: 0;">To provide more trainees with the opportunity to experience this beautiful and exciting country, the Canadian association have agreed to reduce programme prices for all programmes with departure to Canada in 2010.</p>	
9 months, departure mid February	Return mid November. 4 weeks unpaid holiday. Price \$5460.00
7 months, departure early April	Return early November. 3 weeks unpaid holiday. Price \$5220.00
9 months, departure early April	Return mid/late December. 4 weeks unpaid holiday. Price \$5460.00
Seminar on arrival for April programme. If you arrive at any other time you can attend the next seminar, but travel to and from the seminar is at your own cost.	

<h2 style="margin: 0;">USA</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Programme Options 1 & 2</h3> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>No Home Management placements</i></p>	
9 months, departure mid February	Return early November. 4 weeks unpaid holiday. Price \$6995.00
7 months, departure early April	Return early November. 3 weeks unpaid holiday. Price \$6855.00
Seminar on arrival for April programme. If you arrive at any other time you can attend the next seminar, but travel to and from the seminar is at your own cost.	
Please note – You will be required to attend an interview at the US Embassy in Auckland in order for your visa to be issued. More details will be provided after application	

<h2 style="margin: 0;">JAPAN</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Programme Options 1 & 2</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>No Home Management placements</i></p>	
6 months, departure mid March	Return mid September. 3 weeks unpaid holiday. Price \$6375.00
There is a 10 day orientation seminar on arrival .	

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Europe</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Programme Options 1, 2 & 3</p>	
7 months, departure early April	Return early November. 3 weeks unpaid holiday. Price \$6795.00
10 months, departure late June	Return late April, 5 weeks unpaid holiday. Price \$6785.00
6 months, departure early November	Return early May. 3 weeks unpaid holiday. Price \$6785.00
There is NO seminar in Europe, but essential information will be provided to you on your arrival in your host country.	

<h2 style="margin: 0;">AROUND THE WORLD</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">2 country programmes</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Programme Options 1 & 2</p>	
14 ½ months to Canada & Europe departure early April to Canada Seminar on arrival in Canada NO seminar in Europe but essential information will be provided on arrival.	Transfer to Europe early November Return mid June 3 weeks unpaid holiday in Canada and 3 weeks unpaid holiday during first 6 months, and 6 weeks unpaid holiday at end of stay in Europe. Price \$9580.00
14 ½ months to Canada & UK departure early April to Canada Seminar on arrival in Canada. Essential information provided in UK and if numbers warrant it a seminar will be held	Transfer to UK early November Return mid June 3 weeks unpaid holiday in Canada and 3 weeks unpaid holiday during first 6 months, and 6 weeks unpaid holiday at end of stay in UK. Price \$9955.00
12 months to Canada & Europe departure early November to Canada No seminars included, but essential information will be provided on arrival in both countries	Transfer to Europe early April Return early November 3 weeks unpaid holiday in Canada and 3 weeks unpaid holiday in Europe. Price \$8735.00

Allowances and Working Hours

The tables on the following page give an indication of the **approximate monthly** allowances paid and deductions made in each country. These are a guide only.

More details will be provided on arrival in your host country

Allowances & Working Hours

Option 1 & 3 - AgriVenture Traditional & AgriVenture Workabout

To be taken as a guide only	Australia	Canada	USA ¹⁾	Japan ¹⁾	UK	Germany	Denmark	Sweden	Norway
CURRENCY	AUD \$	CAD \$	USD \$	JPY (Yen)	£	€	DKR	SKR	NKR
GROSS TRAINEE ALLOWANCE	2260.00	1500.00	1,300.00	70,000.00	932.00 – 1014.00	826	8667	-	4)
LESS BOARD & LODGING	900.00	max 350.00	550.00	-	368	403.00	2742	-	
TAX & OTHER DEDUCTIONS	280.00	2)	3)	-	148.00 – 173.00	173.00	1331 5)	-	
NET TRAINEE ALLOWANCE	1080.00	1000.00 2)	750.00 3)	70,000.00	416 - 473	250	APPROX 4594	3800	
WORKING HOURS WEEKLY	38	45	45	48	39	40	37		
OVERTIME RATE PER HOUR	13.75	9.50	6.35	750.00	8.28 – 9.00	7.80	79.68		

¹⁾ Agriventure Workabout (Option 3) Is Not An Option In USA And Japan.

²⁾ Depending On Your Income In Your Home Country And The Length Of Your Stay In Canada.

³⁾ Some states have local income tax. varies among states and counties.

⁴⁾ In Norway the Agriventure Allowance is to be negotiated between host family and trainee.

⁵⁾ Approx figures. Tax deduction varies between countries

Please be aware that during busy periods you must be prepared to work longer hours than stated. This will be compensated with overtime pay or time off. Trainees are entitled to two days off per week, except in Japan where there is only one day off per week. In some situations it may be necessary to accumulate days off and take them at a different time agreed between trainee and host family.

Allowances and Working Hours

Option 2 – AgriVenture Plus

To be taken as a guide only	Australia	Canada	USA	Japan	UK	Denmark	Sweden	Germany	Norway
CURRENCY	AUD \$	CAD \$	USD \$	JPY (Yen)	£	DKR	SKR	€	NKR
GROSS TRAINEE ALLOWANCE	2260.00	1,800.00	1,400.00	70,000.00	1064.00	12973	3)	3)	3)
LESS BOARD & LODGING	900.00	max 350.00	550.00	-	368	2542			
TAX & OTHER DEDUCTIONS	280.00	1)	2)	-	189	3264 4)			
NET TRAINEE ALLOWANCE	1080.00	1180.00 1)	850.00 2)	70,000.00	507	6532.00			
WORKING HOURS WEEKLY	38	45	45	48	39	37			
OVERTIME RATE PER HOUR	13.75	10.80	6.35	750.00	9.20	113			

¹⁾ Depending on your income in your home country and the length of your stay in Canada.

²⁾ Some states have local income tax. Varies among states and counties.

³⁾ In Sweden, Germany & Norway the Agriventure plus allowance will be negotiated between host family and trainee. It will be at least as much as the traditional allowance

⁴⁾ Approx figures. Tax deduction varies between countries

Please be aware that during busy periods you must be prepared to work longer hours than stated. This will be compensated with overtime pay or time off. Trainees are entitled to two days off per week, except in Japan where there is only one day off per week. In some situations it may be necessary to accumulate days off and take them at a different time agreed between trainee and host family.