

Planning your Australian Working Holiday Checklist

18 months before departing

- Open up a savings account and get saving!
Savings goal: min AUD \$6,000 (before you apply for your visa)

8-10 months before departing

- Ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after you intend to return from Australia
- Apply for your working holiday visa

4-6 months before departing

- Research the places in Australia that you want to see and create a bucket list of destinations
- Decide which Australian city you want to start in
- Book your flights
- Check visa and vaccination requirements for any countries you will stopover in on the way to Australia

2 months before departing

- Order a new bank card if yours will expire while you are overseas
- Do a dental checkup
- Get any vaccinations or prescriptions you will need to cover you while you are away
- If you are renting, inform your landlord of your departure
- Get an translation of your driver's licence (if you are from a non-english speaking country)

1 month before departing

- Purchase travel insurance
- Purchase a carry on bag and suitcase or backpack for your trip
- Make a packing list (or use ours) and start to gather everything together. Purchase anything extra you need
- Book your first few nights accommodation in your arrival city
- Book a shuttle to your arrival accommodation (you will be exhausted after your long-haul flight!)

2 weeks before departing

- Cancel any recurring payments (monthly gym or phone plans etc)
- Organise storage for your belongings at home if necessary
- Give your family and friends a copy of your travel itinerary
- Make a backup of all your digital files and important documents in your cloud drive (passport, licence, ID etc)
- Download** the Sven Jobs app so you can easily find work in Australia
- Contact your bank to inform them you are travelling overseas
- Contact your mobile provider to unlock your phone from your home network (so you can use it with an Australian sim card)

1 week before departing

- Try your very best to not explode with excitement
- Do a practice run of packing your gear to ensure that everything fits and is within the weight limits of your airline
- Organise transport to the airport
- Say your goodbyes to your family and friends
- Have all your belongings packed and ready to go
- Download podcasts, movies and playlists for the flight
- Fully charge devices and pack a neck pillow for the long trip to Australia



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