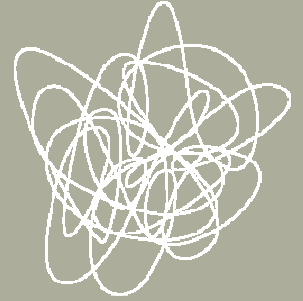




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Belgium

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## Belgium

Dutch is spoken in Belgium. English is widely spoken in Brussels and Antwerp but of course, you will want to hear and speak either French or Dutch. This is the country for chocolate and beautiful hand-made lace! Brussels is a beautiful olde-world city with much to offer by way of atmosphere, interesting places to visit and great restaurants. Antwerp is a bus ride from Brussels, with wonderful art galleries, lovely shops and eating places, very historical... Ghent and Brugge are lovely cities too. There are many museums and theatres.

Public transport is excellent. There are movies, restaurants, clubs and pubs. Belgium is not only a very cultured and cosmopolitan country but is also well placed for visiting other European countries.

**Age group:** 18 – 26 inclusive Single only. Males and Females.

**Education:** Completed year 12 or higher

**Childcare Experience:** Minimum 50 hours but 200 hours is preferred. This can be fairly regular interaction with children, not related to you, up to age 12.

**Period of Commitment:** 12 month placements all year round.

**Visa:** 12 month Aupair Visa [Preferred visa] 12 month Working Holiday Visa [This visa is for ages 18-30 inclusive but families will only consider ages 18-26 incl.]

Holders of a European Union passport are not subject to any visa conditions but do have to register with the Belgian authorities.

Applicants to Belgium must speak at least one of these languages **well**: English, French, Dutch or German. Many families wish their child/ren to learn to speak English.

All positions are live in. Salaries are quoted net of tax unless otherwise advised.

You pay your own return airfare. It is possible to request that the family assists towards the cost of the airfare and permits you to repay it over a period of time from what you are paid.

### AUPAIR

- Work 25 hours per week.
- Child care plus light housework, basic cooking and some ironing.
- Baby sit 1-2 evenings per week.
- Be a non smoker
- Preferably have a valid driving license
- Be willing to go to language classes to learn the mother tongue of the family

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- Be willing and able to adapt to another culture
- Have a strong sense of responsibility and a positive attitude.

### YOU GET

- Your own comfortable room, shared or own bathroom
- Full board and lodge
- Minimum of 1 free day per week with one full weekend per month.
- Earn minimum Euro 450 net per **MONTH.**
- 1 week paid holiday per 6 months
- Host family provides health insurance cover
- Full back up and support from JCR's associate in Belgium
- Telephone numbers of other aupairs

Conversational French or Dutch classes are available. Going to classes is a requirement of the aupair visa but is optional on the Working Holiday Visa.

Having some prior knowledge of French or Dutch is an advantage but not a requirement of the program. We suggest that all applicants have at least 200 words of basic French or Dutch before they leave. Knowing some vocabulary will help you to settle in. There are good books and internet sites to learn from.

The aupair visa requires that a medical, Serology and TB tests are done prior to issuance of the visa. The medical and tests have to be done by a doctor recommended by the Belgian Embassy. JCR will provide the necessary template that the doctor has to complete. This is done once the applicant has matched with a family. You should contact your nearest Belgium Consulate for the list of doctors.

These documents are sent to Belgium where the work permit is applied for. Once issued it is sent to the applicant who applies for the entry visa. Issuance of the Visa takes about 8-12 weeks from time of placing with the family.

Working Holiday Visa. The above medical and X-ray have to be done when applying for the WH Visa. The Consulate requires proof of AU\$5000 available to you before the working holiday visa will be issued. Issuance time is about 7 days.

You will have to provide your own health insurance cover with this visa.

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### WHAT ARE THE COSTS

**Commitment Fee:**

\$200 paid to RESTLESS when completing the pre-application form

**Placement Fee:**

\$950 on placement with a family, paid to JCR

If your complete application reaches JCR offices by the date JCR specifies when you start an application, you will be in line for the JCR "Early Bird" discount of \$100 off the placement fee and pay only \$850.

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