

Siteseeing FOCUS ON ... Working abroad

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From pulling beers in foreign pubs to scoring a dream job that allows you to travel — there's plenty of sites focused on working abroad

LIVE WORK PLAY www.liveworkplay.com

THIS website has clocked up six years online and to celebrate has relaunched with a new look and more working holiday info than ever.

There's a regularly updated working holiday visa section offering the latest on all the known working holiday destinations. Included are links to embassies, consulates and high commissions. Also peruse loads of LiveWork&Play guide books to order online. Site creator Sharyn McCullum says her aim is to have an e-book available for every country in which a working holiday visa is available, as well as specific publications for working in ski fields, on cruise liners and teaching English. Budding writers should also check the travel writing course details.

WORLDLY WRITERS www.thisisthelife.com

WOULDN'T it be a dream come true if someone paid you to travel the world? Chivas Life Guides has done just that, giving American Bill Faries and his partner Dana Peterson the trip of a lifetime — a few weeks ago they stopped in Australia as part of their adventure.

Find out all about their journey, which the couple is recording regularly at the website. It began in Scotland in January, the home of a well known

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www.ozbedandbreakfast.com

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whisky, and takes in 20 countries throughout their three-month trip.

Also test out one of the best interactive world maps in cyberspace to discover many fascinating hotspots, world events and travel routes.

VISA ESSENTIALS www.backpackeressentials.com.au/ working—visas.cfm

THIS link is found at the home of Backpacker Essentials and explains how people under 30 with a passport can work their way around the world by using the Working Holiday Maker Visa Program — there are 21 countries to choose from.

It covers such things as visa requirements, length of visas and their costs in various countries, age limits and expected processing time.

YOUNG & ADVENTUROUS www.owh.com.au

OVERSEAS Working Holidays is one of the best known and most popular websites for young Australian travellers looking for work experiences throughout the world. Find out about info nights held in capital cities throughout Australia and loads of info on volunteering in the wilds of South Africa, pulling beers in Britain and teaching English in China.

Also sign up for an e-newsletter for updates of what's available and new programs.

GLOBAL ROAM www.goinglobal.com

GOINGLOBAL.com comprises people of several nationalities who have lived and worked outside their home countries.

These individuals are set up in different places throughout the world, according to the website, to "monitor and update the career information and resources that we deliver".

Check out the Hot Topics page for some interesting articles on such things as: the hidden job market, landing a job in Italy, hot interview tips for Germany and several US employment options.

SOUTHERN EXPOSURE www.volunteersouthamerica.net

AUSSIES are renowned for making up a big percentage of the backpacker community in South America — backpackers intending to go there should not ignore this site.

It lists the free and low cost volunteer opportunities throughout South America. London-based website creator Steve McElhinney says he set up the site for two reasons: "Firstly, to promote the genuine grass-roots volunteer programs that exist in South America. And secondly to show the backpacker and independent traveller that free volunteering does exist in the region — many travellers think that only 'big money' paid programs exist."

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