

AU-PAIR IN GERMANY

What is an 'AU-PAIR' and what does the job of an 'AUPAIR' entail?

Would you like to spend some time living with a family in Germany? This could be either in a city such as Munich, Cologne, Hamburg or Nueremberg, or even in the countryside. Becoming an 'AU-Pair' offers this opportunity to young women over eighteen.

What does 'AU-PAIR' really mean?

Being an 'Au-Pair' means living at least six, but preferably twelve months with a German family. It enables a young woman to learn German and the German way of life. It also provides a general cultural background to the country and enhances later job prospects where knowledge of German is of importance.

What is expected of the 'Au-Pair'?

An 'Au-Pair' has to help the lady of the house with the daily chores and care of the children for five or six hours a day. She may also be asked to babysit twice a week.

What are the duties of the host family?

In return the host family provides board and lodging, welcomes her as a family member, makes the attendance of classes at a language school possible, gives monthly pocket money and pays for her health insurance.

What are the Conditions for the job?

- basic knowledge of German
- basic knowledge of housekeeping
- experience in dealing with children
- Age between 18 to 24 years
- the will to adapt to the mentality of the host family and the host country

Who are we?

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