



# Talkabout Tours

## ***Demi Pair in Australia with Talkabout Tours Australia***

### **General Information**

By becoming a Demi Pair you can combine your English studies with accommodation and work in a very practical and economical way: You will study full-time, experience Australian family life, and have free accommodation plus some pocket money in return for helping the family that employs you with the children and some light house duties.

As a Demi Pair you are treated as a member of the family, but you have to assist the family with childcare and household duties. These are light household and general childcare duties (not a replacement parent). At no time should you feel like hired help.

### **Eligibility**

*(Tick box provided for your convenience)*

- Visa regulations require that a Demi Pair be enrolled at an Education Institution in Australia, unless they come on a Working Holiday Visa. In most cases this means being enrolled for an English course at an International College.
- You should have enrolled in an English language course of at least 10 weeks.
- You should be 20 years or older and in good health.  
(Exceptions will be made for 18 and 19 year olds if applicants hold a recognised nanny qualification)
- You should be prepared to accept a Demi Pair Placement for a minimum of 3 months.  
(Maximum 1 year)
- You should have a reasonable level of English, enough to communicate adequately with your host family. (Pre intermediate /TOEFL 400)
- You should provide two letters of recommendation from two people who can comment on your suitability as a Demi Pair, but they should not be members of your own family.
- You should provide a letter in English addressed to an Australian host family, together with some photographs of you and your family and friends.

When you write your letter, you should keep in mind that you are presenting yourself to prospective Australian host families who will also be reading applications from other students. You should write your letter in such a way that the family here in Australia can understand your background and the way you live in your home country. Please provide a commentary with the photographs.

- You should ideally have an International Driver's Licence and be a competent driver.
- You should be able to swim
- You will need to provide Academic Records and certificates of achievement

## **Visas and Insurance**

You must have a Student Visa or a Working Holiday Visa. If you come to Australia on a Student Visa you are covered by medical insurance, because you are required to pay the Overseas Students Health Cover (OSHC) fee.

If you come out on a Working Holiday Visa you must arrange adequate insurance yourself, including health, accident, theft and loss of property, repatriation and third party civil liability cover.

Upon arrival in Australia a Work Rights Visa will be procured for you.

## **How to Apply**

You should complete a written Application Form, available as a PDF on this website which must be returned by post or fax along with an introduction letter, two references, family pictures and records of your experience and academic history. After your application has been received and you have been potentially accepted into the Talkabout Tours Demi Pair program you will be sent a Contract to be signed. Your application and accompanying letters must be received by Talkabout Tours Australia at least three months prior to your arrival.

## **Mail to:**

**Talkabout Tours Australia**  
**Attention:**  
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Or

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