

Ultimate Checklist: How to Choose the Perfect Workaway Host

1. Carefully read the host's profile:

Look for clear information about your tasks, working hours, days off, accommodation, and food. If the profile is too short or vague - ask questions!

2. Read recent reviews:

Prioritize hosts with recent, positive feedback from other volunteers. Pay attention to how the host replies to negative comments.

3. Check the host's activity:

When was the last login? Active and responsive hosts mean fewer surprises.

4. Analyze the photos:

Look for real, non-stock photos that show the property, room, and the host family or team.

5. Match expectations:

Do the tasks match your skills and preferences? Check if physical work, child care, or language exchange suits you.

6. Accommodation conditions:

Is it a shared room, private room, tent or camper? Hot water, internet access, laundry - check everything!

7. Location, transport & local amenities:

Is the place remote? How will you arrive? Is there public transport, shops, cafes, and hospitals nearby?

8. Host's communication style:

How fast and how clearly do they reply to your questions? Good communication is essential for a smooth stay.

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9. Work & leisure balance:

Are you expected to work 5 hours, 25 hours, or "as needed"? Is it fair? Make sure working time is clearly defined.

10. Safety & comfort:

Do you feel comfortable and safe when talking with the host? Trust your gut feeling.

11. Extra benefits:

Will you learn new skills, explore the local culture, or meet other travelers during your stay?

12. Have a backup plan:

Always have a plan B - sometimes things don't go as planned and it's okay to leave if necessary.