

Dear Mr/Mrs

I hereby submit my application for a Working-Holiday Visa (WHV) for Japan.

I'm 25 years old and after studying Law (Master degree), I'd like to experience living abroad for 12 months, and it's in Japan that I'd like to realize this project.

I've had several interests in my life, but my interest in Japan is one of my very first interests. I became interested in Japan as a child because I've always had a passion for History. I had a strong interest in Japanese mythology and history, and my thirst for knowledge led me to learn Japanese on my own at the age of 11.

I've had the opportunity to travel a lot on my own to different countries with my savings (Italy, Brazil, Greece, Senegal...) because traveling around the world is also one of my passions.

In May 2019, I made my first 2-week trip to Japan, in Tokyo. During my stay, I appreciated the peacefulness of the country and its people, as well as the poetry of its landscapes, but my trip was too short for this country.

So from May to July 2023 I made a second trip, alone with my savings, to discover Japan and its regions in more depth. I visited the prefectures of Osaka, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Okinawa. It was an incredible experience for me, during which I was able to discover such great places as Shuri Castle, Genbaku Dome and Fushimi Inari Taisha, attend wonderful traditional festivals (Sanja Matsuri, Tanabata...) and taste all kinds of gastronomic specialties.

This trip confirmed my desire to return to Japan with a WHV, to visit many more regions/prefectures and discover the country in all its seasons. To explore more unique places in Japan and attend more traditional festivals. I'd also like to learn Japanese art during my stay. I'd like to learn Koto or Shamisen, as well as the art of the tea ceremony.

The Working Holiday Visa represents a great opportunity for me, it will enable me to finance my trip with a part-time job, while giving me the opportunity to improve my Japanese, and learn more about Japanese customs and habits in a more concrete way.

Travelling is always a great source of inspiration for me, and I'm convinced that this experience will be a great asset for my professional life and personal enrichment.

Thank you for your consideration of my application, and I hope you will respond positively.

Yours sincerely.