

**Object: Working-Holiday Visa application cover letter**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm writing this letter to introduce myself and my application for a one-year Working-Holiday Visa.

After graduating as an agricultural engineer, specializing in wine markets and viticulture, I have worked as a counsellor to financially failing farms for the last 4 years.

I have always been interested in foreign cultures and languages, Japanese being one of the more important ones. I was introduced to Japanese culture at a young age, since I started practicing Judo during my childhood. This first foray into this culture progressed as I developed an interest in Japanese pop culture, and started to learn the language in high school for three years, as an elective subject. I also have long enjoyed learning about different aspects of the Japanese arts and crafts, for example by sewing a Hakama from scratch.

I have been considering travelling to Japan for several years now, to try and experience this culture at the source. I was fortunate enough to finally achieve this goal in part in 2024. I planned and went on a 3 weeks trip to Japan as a solo traveller in late January 2024. During this trip I visited Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka and Kinokuni Onsen. I learned and experienced a lot during this trip, from amazing foods to Shibori and Kyo-Uzen dyeing, or visiting a Sake brewery near Mount Fuji, as well as enjoying baths in onsens and experiencing Japanese hospitality.

This trip confirmed my desire to see much more of Japan, which is why I'm applying to a Working Holiday Visa. I would like to take advantage of this visa to experience more of rural Japan, as well as learning different arts and crafts, and improving my knowledge of the Japanese language.

As I want to visit and experience as much of Japan as I can, as well as experience the day to day life, the Working-Holiday Visa seems like the best fit for me, as it would allow sufficient time and the possibility to work. I plan to stay between 8 to 10 months.

Having lived as an international student in Spain for 6 months, I have a first experience living abroad, and I plan on making the most of my experiences in restaurants, as a farm hand as well as in wine and marketing in order to find employment. I can also speak French as my mother tongue, English fluently, Spanish at a conversational level, and have recently passed the JLPT N5 (however my Japanese level is between N5 and N4).

I plan to work a bit so as to cover some of the costs and to experience some aspects of the Japanese way of life, but I also plan to have enough funds set aside to allow me to not work most of the time if I so chose.

I hope you will consider my application kindly and with interest,

Best Regards

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