

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to submit my application for a Working Holiday Visa in order to stay in Japan starting from mid-April. This project represents for me the culmination of a long-standing interest in the country, as well as a unique opportunity to explore it in depth, throughout the seasons and across its most diverse regions.

Since my teenage years, I have been deeply interested in Japanese culture, its history, its language, its gastronomy, and its traditions. I had the opportunity to visit Tokyo for a week in February 2020, despite the particular context linked to the beginning of the pandemic, this trip was extremely enriching and strengthened my desire to return and discover Japan in a more serene and immersive way.

The Working Holiday Visa seems to me the ideal framework to bring this project to life. It would allow me to explore Japan as a whole, to fully experience each season, and to alternate between periods of travel, learning, and work, just as I have done during my previous Working Holiday experiences in New Zealand, Canada, and Chile. These experiences taught me to adapt quickly, to work in diverse environments, and to travel long-term in a responsible and independent manner.

Upon arriving in Japan, my goal is to temporarily settle in Tokyo in order to attend an intensive Japanese language course for about three weeks. I have already begun studying the language, and I hope to make rapid progress so that I can communicate more effectively, better understand my surroundings, and integrate more easily into daily life.

After this, I plan to gradually travel south through the country, taking the time to visit the regions along the way (Chūbu, Kansai, Chūgoku, and Kyūshū), until I reach Okinawa, where I would like to spend the end of the summer discovering its landscapes, its traditions, and its unique island culture.

After enjoying the autumn colours of *momijigari* in the Tōhoku region, I intend to continue my journey north in order to reach Hokkaidō for the winter season. I would like to work there in a ski resort, which would allow me to finance the remainder of my stay while experiencing a winter renowned for its exceptional landscapes and distinctive atmosphere.

At the end of this work period, I plan to travel back down through the archipelago to return to Tokyo in the spring, taking the time to explore the regions along the way. I particularly wish to experience *Hanami* before the end of my stay, an emblematic moment of Japanese culture that I would be delighted to witness in person to conclude my year in Japan before returning to France.

The Working Holiday Visa would be for me a valuable opportunity to deepen my discovery of Japan, to progress in learning the language, to work in a new environment, and to better understand the richness of the country in all its dimensions.

Thank you sincerely for considering my application. I remain at your disposal for any further information.

Yours faithfully.