

AuPairCare Fact Sheet

The AuPairCare Programme offers you a unique opportunity to get to know the United States, work with children and experience the “American way of life”. The main focus of your programme is caring for children within an American family.

AuPairCare Highlights

- Most host families live in suburbs on the West and East Coast. We also have a large number of families in the greater Chicago area, as well as in various larger cities in the Midwest.
- While in the United States, you will receive support from your AuPairCare coordinator, who will organise regular meetings with you and the other au pairs in your region.
- You and your host family decide on each other
- You can start your AuPairCare programme year-round (there are a minimum of 2 departure dates each month)

AuPairCare Programme Services included in our price: GBP 299.00	
You will only receive an invoice once you are placed with your host family!	
Insurance	- Complete insurance package for 12 months
Flight	- Free flight from a major UK airport to the United States, including all connecting flights to your host family - Free return flight from your host family or – if desired – from another large airport, upon successful completion of your AuPairCare programme
Orientation	- Extensive preparation, advice and support from AuPairCare - Personal interview - 4-day arrival orientation in the greater New York area (arrival on Monday, continued travel to host family on Thursday)
Benefits & Salary	- Your working hours (maximum of 45 hours per week) are established for your protection - You receive your own bedroom and full board - Weekly salary of \$195.75 - Up to \$500 in tuition money in order to attend college classes (you must complete 6 credits or 60 hours) - 2 weeks vacation (10 working days) - 1 1/2 free days per week - 1 completely free weekend per month - 13th travel month
Support	- Arrival orientation with your local AuPairCare Coordinator - Monthly meetings with your local AuPairCare Coordinator and other au pairs in your area - Support in choosing college classes - Contact with AuPairCare throughout your year in the USA
Visa	- Government authorized procurement and appropriation of the necessary documents (DS 2019) in order to apply for the visa - Sevis-fees (US Registration)
Programme Completion	- Certificate of completion for your participation in the AuPairCare programme, if you have completed your au pair year after 12 months and have accumulated 6 college credits
Programme Extension	- Optional AuPairCare programme extension of 6, 9 or 12 months - \$250 to \$500 tuition for additional college courses, in order to accumulate either 3 or 6 credits, depending on the length of extension

Additional Costs
- Visa charges (currently \$131, see: http://london.usembassy.gov/) as well as travel costs to and from your interview appointment at the US Embassy - Fees incurred for acquiring a police background check, a medical record (can vary from doctor to doctor), an international driving licence, passport and transportation costs for your personal interview

Step by step

1 - Get informed

We want to make sure that you receive all information available about our programme. Please read through our website as well as all written documents we send you. If you have any questions at all, feel free to give us a ring: 020 3026 0024.

2 - Sign up

If you feel that this is the right programme for you, just fill out our pre-application and return it to us. We will get in touch with you to discuss your application. You will then receive your personal access code for the online Au Pair Room. Au Pair Room allows you to create your own profile, track the progress of your application, and to ultimately get to know your perfect host family.

3 - Your Interview

Once you have completed your online application, an AuPairCare representative nearby will conduct a personal interview with you. Our main priority hereby is to get to know you, answer all of your remaining questions about the programme as well as to advise you about the next steps.

4 - Your host family

Once we have established that you meet all programme requirements, all of your application materials including the interview will be sent to AuPairCare in the US. AuPairCare then releases your application within Family Room, a web based platform where host families can view your profile. Interested families will then get in touch with you to get to know you better and possibly ask for a match. If a family is interested in your application you will be notified through your online Au Pair Room. No need to fret: We will give you lots of advice about how to clarify your questions with interested host families in order to ensure that you receive the best match possible. You will talk with a host family at least two or three times before reaching a decision. Once a match is agreed upon, you and your host family will choose your ideal departure date.

5 - Visa

Now that you have matched with a host family, we can really get down to business. You will receive an official confirmation of your participation in the AuPairCare programme. We will also send you all necessary documentation in order to apply for your visa. Now it is also time to get started on your Pre-Departure Orientation Project, showing how excited you are about your host family.

6 - Take off!

You will receive your flight ticket about a week before your departure date. Then it's time to pack your bags, say your "goodbyes" and get ready to take off! take off!!

7 - Orientation in New York

Welcome to the States! Your AuPairCare programme begins on a Monday when you will attend a four-day orientation seminar in the greater New York area. After the long journey you will be able to recuperate in a nice, modern and comfortable hotel, where you will meet other au pairs from all over the world. You will take your first steps as au pairs together and can discover the Big Apple!

8 - Au pair au pair au pair

On Thursday you will continue your journey and finally be greeted by the open arms of your host family. Quite soon you will be in touch with other au pairs in your area, and you will meet your AuPairCare representative. Now it's time to get involved in your community, attend college courses, celebrate birthdays, take care of the children, make new friends and experience the American way of life.

9 - End of Programme

The topic of returning home always comes up much too quickly! Your year as an au pair will fly by, and suddenly you will be contemplating what you would like to do during your 13th travel month. Our AuPairCare office in San Francisco will take care of booking your return flight home. As long as you have completed 6 college credits and have had a successful year, you will now receive your certificate of completion. If the year has been wonderful and you want to continue it, then you have the chance to extend your stay as an au pair for another 6, 9 or 12 months.

10 - Welcome back home!

Give us a call, drop us a line, and let us know how you are doing! We want to know all about your year, everything you experienced, the people you met, the places you saw. If you want to share your experiences with other former or even future au pairs, we will be more than happy to assist you.