A Quick Guide to...

WORKING ABROAD

Ever considered working abroad? It's an exciting prospect and something which a career in greenkeeping does present the opportunity of doing, but how do you make sure that you gain the most from the experience?

Mike O’Keeffe, who runs the Ohio State University Internship programme offers some tips...

Get a criminal record?

• If you have a criminal/driving/drug record, forget about applying to go overseas.

Do a research

• Management jobs are difficult to get in the first paragraph. No one cares about your O level or A levels, keep it brief and to the point. Adding a clear cut photo is not necessary but it helps a lot. Use proper English, no text speak, and make sure you double check your spelling.

In a relationship?

• Don't blame the host country, as right now, hundreds of British and Irish and other nationalities are flocking to countries with easy visas. It's a big money maker for those countries, as they change higher 'emergency taxes' and many students don't 'bother' to do their taxes, which is a shame. Do your taxes and you may get quite a sum of money back.

Get references

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Get free assistance

• If you go on a structured programme, many of these issues can be taken care of. For example, in America, the Ohio Program provides free software to help you do your taxes online, on time and you are advised on how to prevent overtaxation.

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Set your sights

• It's easy to get an internship, but not easy to get a management job in most countries.

Student/Backpacker?

• Be careful if you're a student, as some countries now regard you as a 'backpacker' and they treat you like a backpacker. If you have experience, don't expect that experience to be respected. You will be like grunt labour and given whatever job is needed to be done.

Know the visa rules and tax laws

• First of all, make sure you know the visa rules and tax laws for the particular country you're entering.

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Time

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Extra:

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Bonuses

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Puzzles

Our monthly puzzle page to keep you entertained when you're forced indoors.

CROSSWORD

QUICK ‘NINE HOLE’ QUIZ - Seve Ballesteros

1. Where was Seve born?
2. Seve produced a stunning chip shot on the 72nd hole of the 1976 Open Championship at Royal Birkdale to secure a tie for second place with Jack Nicklaus, but who won?
3. 1976 also saw his first Tour win. What was it?
4. Seve won four Ryder Cup points against Colin Montgomerie. True or False?
5. Who was Seve’s first ever Ryder Cup partner?

6. In which year was Seve’s last top 10 finish in a Major?
7. Who was the US Captain at the 97 Ryder Cup at Valderrama?
8. What was Seve’s last main Tour victory?
9. Seve had 10 holes-in-one throughout his career. True or false?

MONSTER SUDOKU
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 4x4 box contains the numbers 0 to 9 and the letters A to E.

SUDOKU
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 9 box shape contains the numbers 1 to 9.

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