

WORKING AND LIVING AT LONGITUDE 131



Longitude 131 offers a unique employment experience for those with a sense of adventure looking to experience the environmental and cultural diversity of the outback.

Getting there

Longitude 131 lies adjacent to Ayers Rock in the heart of Australia, 450km south west of Alice Springs. The resort lies at the gateway to Uluru–Kata Tjuta National Park in the Northern Territory. Whether arriving by bus, car or plane, a representative will meet you, take you on a tour of the resort and get you settled in your accommodation. Qantas flies to Ayers Rock Airport daily from most capital cities. We recommend arrival on a Tuesday to attend afternoon tea for new staff and then orientation on a Wednesday.

Climate

A "dry" atmosphere with temperatures across the year varying from a hot 45°C in summer months (December - March) to a cool 19°C in the winter months (and chilly nights down to as low as -2°C).

Guests

Longitude 131 attracts a large number of international guests. Guests stay for a minimum of two days and the resort does not cater for children under 15 years.

Peak season

All year but generally during milder months of March and April, later in September and October.

Working

There are approximately 30 employees working at Longitude 131. Voyages operate the nearby Ayers Rock Resort which consists of five hotels. In addition to recruiting for core hospitality positions such as chefs, food and beverage, front office and housekeeping there are opportunities for trades and technical staff, gardeners and drivers. Many staff take advantage of cross training programs to learn new skills and transfer to other roles. There is also the opportunity to earn extra money working in other departments.

Learn and grow

Voyages is committed to the ongoing training and development of employees. Regular training programs are conducted through our partnership with Charles Darwin University with staff taking advantage of accredited training across a large number of vocations.



Living

All employees of Longitude 131 live at the staff residence complex at nearby Ayers Rock Resort. A range of staff accommodation is available with the type dependant on position. Rooms are furnished and have air-conditioning.

Most front line staff accommodation is shared with kitchen and bathroom facilities between up to 3 people. Supervisors, Chefs, Trades, Assistant Managers and more senior positions receive single accommodation.

Rent ranges from \$81 - \$167 per week and may include gas and/or electricity with staff receiving rental reductions after a qualifying period. You will need to bring your own television, bedding, crockery and personal goods. There is mobile telephone coverage at the resort. A free shuttle bus is available for staff to get around and a bike can also be useful. Parking facilities are available throughout staff accommodation areas.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service operates a well-equipped medical centre with doctors and paramedics. Yulara also has a Fire Service and a Police Station.

Eating

Staff meals are provided whilst on duty and all accommodation types have their own cooking facilities. There is a well stocked supermarket open daily 8.30am to 9pm. Staff receive discounted dining in the resort restaurants and bars and there is a Residents Club with a bistro and garden overlooking Uluru. This opens daily from 12pm to 10pm with extended hours until 2am Wednesday and Friday nights.

Free time

Library (with internet room), recreation centre (including a gym and sporting facilities), swimming pool, resident's club with bottle shop, counter meals, nightclub nights, two bars, pool tables and internet. Discounted rates for tours throughout Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

A wide range of sporting and activity groups are available: Aussie rules, touch football, netball, indoor soccer, volleyball, swim club, darts club, cricket, yoga, Pilates and fitness classes. There are also regular events such as the Outback Ball, Starmaker, Billy Cart Bash and BBQs.

For more information on living at Yulara visit www.yac.com.au

Getting away

A Voyages staff and family discount is available for accommodation at Ayers Rock Resort, and staff will often receive industry rates at various properties in Alice Springs and the surrounding areas. Qantas flies to Cairns, Sydney, Perth and Alice Springs with onward connections. From August 2010, Virgin Blue will also fly daily to Sydney. An attractive vacation bonus for employees after 12 months service allows you to enjoy a holiday or to travel somewhere new.

Applying

You need to bring relevant hospitality skills and experience and have thought carefully about the realities of working and living in a remote environment. You'll be someone ready to provide outstanding guest service and enjoy an outdoor lifestyle.

You can apply to positions advertised on line after which we will contact suitable candidates and conduct initial interviews by telephone.

See employment opportunities at www.voyages.com.au/careers

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