

Permitted to Stay: How YOU Can Work and Travel Anywhere in 2024/25

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Permitted to Stay is a travel reference book that explores multiple pathways to extended international adventures.

Andrew Sloane's *Permitted to Stay* is a comprehensive, accessible guide to living and working abroad.

Inspired by Sloane's global work experiences, this resource aims to contain all of the relevant information about traveling for work in another country. It is organized into seven sections based on international work and living categories. Beginning with the most accessible—working holiday visas—it takes a progressive approach to addressing opportunities for digital nomads, global volunteering, aid agency work, exchange and scholarship programs, internships and fellowships, and permanent pathways to life abroad. Organized and thoughtful, the book includes clear reference points on each subject: the chapter on working holidays, for example, includes extensive tables showing which countries offer working holiday visas and covering their specific requirements, alongside advice on the types of work to pursue, how to find it, and what's needed to maintain a legal work status. Elsewhere, a robust overview of potential employers for those hoping to work with development and aid agencies opens up the global sector, regardless of one's prior experience. And the book also includes resources for expats and emigrants.

This resource also piques interest by presenting international work as a path toward greater work-life balance: "This lifestyle choice allows you to take control of where you live, where you go, and what you do while seeking fulfillment in every aspect of the routines of your daily life." Narrative sidebars and occasional philosophical thoughts further flesh it out. Still, while its pages are a useful and engaging starting point, veteran global workers are likely to find its information basic.

Sloane's own anecdotes punctuate most chapters to illustrate the book's principles in action. Indeed, it benefits from his experience with the types of work discussed, as when he recalls the freedom he felt during his stint as a digital nomad in the Philippines. His passionate global traveler's perspective infuses the book with pervasive optimism; its position that there's universal value to working and living abroad may give fledgling international job seekers a rosy view that obscures specific challenges. Still, the book does discuss the potential pitfalls of working abroad in brief, including with its coverage of common scams. Used in concert with individual research to cover changing landscapes, its work will prove quite valuable to those who are motivated to secure opportunities and thrive abroad.

Blending personal experience with meticulous insights for others, *Permitted to Stay* is an encouraging guide to personal fulfillment realized through working and living abroad.

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