



2027 GAPPER INFORMATION

Your First Paid Step Into Travel

The Travel Gap is a paid program for young people who want to discover what working in travel is actually like.

You will join real teams, contribute to meaningful work and explore career paths across the industry.



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Thank you to the partners who made The Travel Gap possible in 2026.



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MORE THAN ONE KIND OF TRAVEL CAREER

There is more to working in travel than booking holidays.

Travel businesses and teams you could explore

- ✓ Corporate travel companies
- ✓ Leisure travel companies and agencies
- ✓ Tour operators and specialist travel businesses
- ✓ Sales and customer service teams
- ✓ Product, technology and operations teams
- ✓ Marketing, content and partnerships teams



Monty & Mya, 2026 Gappers, at the Platinum Travel Group Conference
Meeting the people and teams behind the industry was part of their placement.

“The travel gap is a great experience for those graduating school who don't know what they want to do just yet and have a drive and passion for travel.

It's a great opportunity to grow personally and professionally, and the growth you will see is something I never thought id experience. You learn networking skills, confidence, resilience, and allows you to gain hands on experience in the working world”

Mya 2026 Gapper

WHAT YOU'LL GET

What you gain from the experience



Paid experience, real responsibility and a clearer idea of where you could fit.

PAID EXPERIENCE

INCOME

Employed and paid for every hour you work

REAL WORK

PROJECTS

Meaningful tasks and something you can talk about in future applications

SEE WHATS POSSIBLE

CAREER EXPLORATION

See the teams and careers that make travel happen

WORKPLACE SUPPORT

HOST & BUDDY

Guidance at work, plus check-ins from My First Job

BUILD

SKILLS & CONFIDENCE

Learn how to contribute, communicate and work with others

FUTURE VALUE

NEXT STEP

Leave with experience, feedback and possible ongoing work

No previous travel experience is required. You do need to be ready to learn, contribute and try things that may be new.



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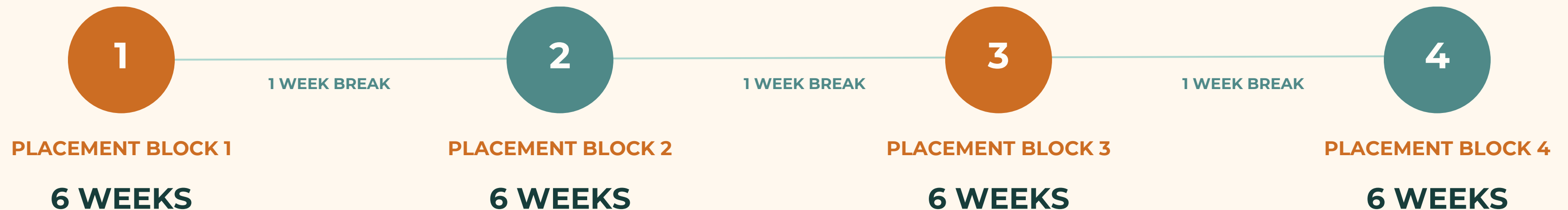
Four paid placements. Four different views of travel.

The program runs across four six-week placement blocks. You will move to a different host employer for each block, working four days per week.

Each placement builds on the last, so your knowledge, confidence and responsibility grow as you go.

INDICATIVE 2027 PROGRAM

STARTS FEB/MARCH 2027 • EXACT DATES TBC



WHO CAN APPLY

Completed Year 12 in 2026 or earlier and aged 18 by 1 February 2027.

WHAT A PLACEMENT LOOKS LIKE



You will learn by doing real work.

You are not expected to know everything on day one.
Your responsibilities build as you learn the business.

1

AT THE START

GET ORIENTED

- Complete onboarding
- Meet your team and buddy
- Understand the business
- Agree on your project

2

AS YOU BUILD

CONTRIBUTE & EXPLORE

- Work on meaningful tasks
- Develop your project
- Build workplace skills
- Explore other teams where possible

3

BY THE END

COMPLETE & REFLECT

- Complete your project
- Share what you learned
- Receive feedback
- Reflect on what comes next

YOU CAN EXPECT

A clear plan • a supervisor and buddy • meaningful tasks • defined project • regular feedback

Projects may include product research, customer journey mapping, content development or a contained process improvement.

You will be supported. You have a part to play.

YOUR HOST

- Employs and pays you for the hours worked
- Provides onboarding, a supervisor and a buddy
- Gives you meaningful work and a project
- Shares feedback on your progress

MY FIRST JOB

- Recruits, prepares and matches you
- Explains what to expect before you start
- Checks in during your placement
- Helps with questions, concerns and progress

YOUR PART

- Arrive on time and ready to learn
- Ask questions when you are unsure
- Complete your agreed work and project
- Listen to feedback and keep improving



Ready to apply for The Travel Gap?

› Who can apply

2026 school leavers and earlier graduates.

› Age requirement

You must be 18 by 1 February 2027.

› Apply

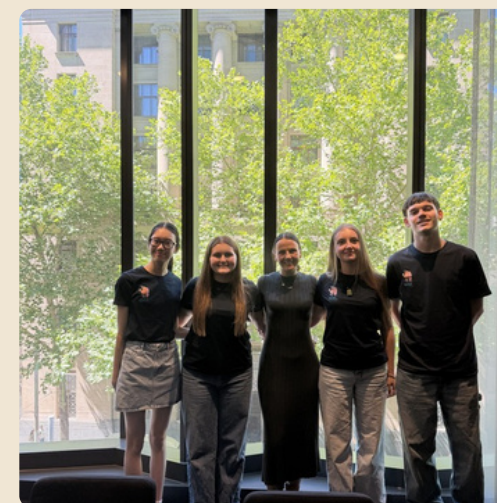
Tell us what interests you and what you would like to explore.

› We meet and match

If shortlisted, meet My First Job before employer matching.

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