

Profile: Maryke Benadé

Tell us about where you lived and what you got up to in Canada?

I worked at Asessippi Ski Area and Resort in Russell Manitoba

Type of job?

I worked as a receptionist.

What are some of the experiences that you had which made an impact on you?

Living in a small rural community and really being a part of the day to day life in Russell. Being able to learn how to ski, snowboard, snowbike and ice –fishing.

What is something unexpected/different/strange about Canada compared with other places you have lived?

The extreme cold and extreme hot temperatures I experienced. During winter, Manitoba gets down to -30 degrees and experiencing 30 degrees in the summer was bizarre!

What other places did you travel too?

Vancouver, Kelowna, Banff, Winnipeg, Edmonton, and Jasper

Do you have any advice for someone who wants a Canadian adventure?

Go with an open mind and be ready for anything! And layer, layer, layer!

Your Top 3 memories?

- 1) Seeing the Northern Lights in Manitoba
- 2) View of the Rockies from Mt Sulphur
- 3) Every day at the ski hill making some awesome friends



Must do's in Canada?

Definitely learn how to ski or snowboard if you can't already! Watch an ice-hockey game, even if it is just a local league. Embrace the local culture, Canada has so many different cultural influences which really adds to each province's uniqueness. If you are ever in Manitoba in July, check out the Dauphin Countryfest! Ice-fish!

Did you have a good experience going on Work Canada Job Fair with IEP and did you feel supported by them?

Yes, they supported me right from the beginning to end.

What did you find valuable in going to Canada on an IEP program?

IEP was really great at organizing the employers to come over and helping out with the paperwork side of things. It helped once we got there and things like our Social Insurance Number could be fast tracked.

What next or where to next for you?

I am currently in Wellington, but hoping to travel to the Trans-Siberian Highway. Hopefully get to go back to Canada for ski holiday!



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