

Profile: Tina Horn



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

I lived in Ajax, which is 40min East of Toronto on the Lake. Its a really cute developing area with a great town centre, upgraded lake front walk way and clean beaches. Since staying here Im promoting an art show displaying my paintings of Canada and NewZealand. Being international it has caught some attention and I hope to have a good turnout. I have also taken a part time job at Tim Hortons pouring coffee and joined a local pool league up the road where I have meet lots of new friends and had some fantastic nights out!

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

I experienced going to an NHL game seeing the Toronto maple leaves (actually) win. I also had a fox walk past me one night and saw a cougar in the wild from the train going to Ottawa. The wild life over here is so beautiful.

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

Tipping is something that takes time to get used too. If you forget to tip sometimes the wait staff get angry. Also in Ontario you can only buy Alcohol from the LCBO and Beer Store and only at certain times of the day. Very annoying if you forgot to get your 6pack early!!

Your Top 3 memories?

- 1) Seeing the Olympic games in BC and experiencing the epic Canadian support and the friendliness of everyone. BC has the most amazing scenery!
- 2) Visiting the Sandbanks beaches in Prince Edward County and experiencing some of the local vineyards, eg. Huff and Classon Chase.
- 3) Shopping!! The clothes in Canada are cheap and there's so many styles which you can't get back home its fantastic.

Type of job?

Part time Artist from and Tim Horton's Coffee barista.

How did you find employment?

Well I did know the manager but Tim Horton's has a high turnover so you could always get a job there. For me it was perfect with my schedule and everyone loves Tim Horton's.

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

Anytime of year is perfect weather you love Snow or Humid heat. I would recommend trying to get a place downtown for part of your trip and experiencing the nightlife and markets. Also having a car is necessary to getting anywhere!

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

Yes IEP was fantastic at arranging my VISA and they answered so many of my questions. SWAP in Canada is super friendly as well and have a relaxed office environment with free internet and lots of activities for everyone.

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

The chance to spend a year was great. 3 months on holiday just isn't enough if you want to see the sights. IEP is a trusted program and there isn't really any trouble once you arrive in Canada. If I hadn't had used IEP I wouldn't had known were to have a beer one night or who I could ask about a rafting adventure... etc

