



BEING A RETURNEE ...

Dear **travelbee**-Returnee!

During your stay you have probably changed quite a bit – and for us, you have transformed from a hopee to a returnee, an experienced exchange student who has done it and now has a lot of knowledge about exchange. You can use this expertise to gather points, which can help you to continue travelling!

Below is a summary on different ways to earn points. If you have any questions let us know.

How to do a presentation in my school?

A presentation in your school is one good possibility to collect some points. First, you have to ask your school for permission. Then you tell us what and when and where you are doing the presentation and we can send you brochures, posters etc. This can be in a class or for the whole school. To give you an idea of what to expect, we have printed out a short summary of Julia, one of our Returnees, who did school presentations with great success!

Hallo **travelbee** - Team!

Heute habe ich den zweiten und damit letzten Informationsabend an unserer Schule gehalten. Im Grunde habe ich all das mündlich vorgetragen, was in der Broschüre steht, wie ich mich beworben habe und was mir das Jahr gebracht hat. Danach machte ich eine offene Fragerunde und zum Schluss war ich offen für persönliche Gespräche.

Die Fragen konzentrierten sich im Wesentlichen auf folgende Bereiche:

- Wie melde ich mich an und welche Voraussetzungen brauche ich
- Ablauf eines Vorstellungsgespräches
- Vorstellung des Staates, in dem man sich selbst aufgehalten hat
- Vorteile eines Austausches
- Kurze persönliche Eindrücke der Organisation und Betreuung der Hopees
- Persönliche Eindrücke: Konsequenzen und Veränderungen in der Persönlichkeit wie Selbständigkeit, Weltoffenheit, Freunde gewinnen, Einblick in eine andere Kultur, etc.

Trotz der „Schülermentalität“ haben wirklich alle gespannt zugehört und waren wirklich sehr interessiert. In den persönlichen Gesprächen stellte sich heraus, dass es viele Vorurteile (schlechte Organisation, „Abzockerei“, etc.) gegenüber Organisationen gab, die jedoch von mir geklärt wurden. Für weitere Fragen und Gespräche stehe ich natürlich jedem einzelnen zur Verfügung und habe deshalb meine Telefonnummer an Interessierte weitergegeben. Auch die Lehrer haben sich äußerst positiv über die Informationsveranstaltung geäußert.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
Julia Finnberger



THE RETURNEE POINT SYSTEM

With the help of our Returnee Point System you can have fun and lay the basis for your next trip overseas at the same time. The list below shows you how many points you get for which activity. So all you have to do is accumulate a certain amount of points, get in touch with us and let us know what destination you want in return for your points. If you want to get points for an airline ticket, you should start planning well in advance. Give us a destination and a date, and we will contact our travel agent. Prices vary extremely, so it is hard to say how many points you need exactly for all sorts of different destinations. The point system is explained in detail below.

For every student sent to travelbee through you **100 Points**
If someone applies to and goes with travelbee because of your efforts and information.

Newspaper article or book contribution **100 Points**
A number of students have told the local/ regional newspapers about their experience as an exchange student. Make it interesting and they may print it. Once they do, send us a copy of the newspaper.

"Erfahrungsbericht" **50 Points**
We are happy to post your convincing and expressive experience report on our website or at fairs. Send us your report per e- mail, we will then decide if we want to publish it. Be creative!
If your parents write a paragraph about their experience with travelbee, what they recommend, how they feel that you have benefited from the exchange, etc., you can receive an additional 50 points!

Presentation at your school **100 Points**
If you want to represent travelbee at your school, let us know, and we will provide information material/ brochures. In addition, we need a confirmation from your teacher, that you held the presentation.

Assisting a Pre – Departure - Seminar (Vorbereitungsseminar) **400 Points**
This is fun. Assisting at a seminar means learning a lot of new things about people and improves organisational skills. These seminars take place over a weekend in Vienna; these take place around June and November. (for Friday, Saturday & Sunday)
On Friday, the info evening for the parents takes place. It is always great to have returnees speak about their experience. On Saturday and Sunday, you will be coaching the new students. You may also only attend the parents evening on Friday. For this you will receive 100 points, or 150, if you bring your parents along! **450 Points**
(for Friday- with your parents- Saturday & Sunday)

Assisting the Welcome- Back- Seminar **100 Punkte**
Travelbee organizes this event for the fresh returnees. The aim of this seminar is to have fun and share experiences and difficulties that the student had to handle. This takes place on weekends.

Attending an travelbee-Info-Event/ Helping out at the office

20 Points/
Hour

Attend an open day or an "Info Abend" with other travelbee personal, explain how your stay abroad was and answer questions. These take place at the **travelbee** office in Vienna.

We always need people to help out in the office to do photocopying, packing, etc.

Before we take outsiders, we prefer to take our own Returnees!

Student Exchange Fair

20 Points/
Hour

Various student fairs take place all around Austria during the entire year, at which **travelbee** represents a booth. It is good to have a returnee there, who can answer questions to potential students. You need to be open and social for this.

Points can be accumulated and carried over into the next years if you wish. After two years of not having participated in any activities, you loose your points. However, points cannot be turned into cash, sorry! Flights have to be **booked by travelbee** so please call us to check your flights before you book on your own!

WHAT YOU GET FOR YOUR POINTS

ca. **900** points - Return ticket to countries within Europe

ca. **2400** points - Return ticket to the USA

ca. **2800** points - Return ticket to Canada

ca. **2800** points - Return ticket to Argentina or South Africa

ca. **3700** points - Return ticket to Australia

ca. **3900** points - Return ticket to New Zealand

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