WORK & TRAVEL USA

Oso - Sales associate

HOST INFORMATION

Company Description:

Welcome to Martha's Vineyard! Imagine spending your summer on a beautiful island off the coast of Massachusetts, filled with gorgeous beaches, charming seaside towns, incredible sunsets, and people from around the world!

We own and operate two unique clothing boutiques, OSO and Cottage City Star, in the heart of downtown Oak Bluffs. Our family also owns Hotelito OSO, an intimate luxury hotel located directly above OSO Boutique. You can explore our boutique and a little of our island lifestyle on the hotel's website!

We've been welcoming J-1 students for over 20 years! As hands-on owners, we work alongside our employees and love creating a team that feels like family. We work hard, laugh a lot, and make sure everyone feels valued and included.We believe summer should be an adventure! Over the years, we've organized staff outings including kayaking, fishing trips, sunset beach dinners, and glow paddleboarding. The island also hosts amazing events like Pride, July 4th celebrations, Illumination Night, August fireworks, and the Agricultural Fair.

Affordable housing is available for our J-1 employees, and we're happy to help students settle into island life.

We're looking for friendly, energetic, reliable students who enjoy meeting people and working as a team. We hope you'll leave Martha's Vineyard with unforgettable memories, lifelong friendships, and an amazing American summer experience!

We can't wait to welcome you!

Host Website: http://www.hotelitomv.com

Site of Activity: Oso

Parent Account Name: Eastaway Inc

Host Address: 33 Circuit Avenue Oak Bluffs , Massachusetts , 02557

Nearest Major City: Boston , Massachusetts , Over 50 miles away

PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Job Description:

Come spend your summer working in beautiful Oak Bluffs on Martha’s Vineyard! OSO and Cottage City Star are two fun, stylish clothing boutiques where we love meeting new people, helping customers find something they love, and creating a welcoming shopping experience.

We are looking for friendly, outgoing, energetic team members who enjoy talking with people, working as part of

a team, and staying busy. Our stores are lively, social environments, and we want our employees to have fun while providing excellent customer service!

Responsibilities

• Warmly greet customers and make everyone feel welcome.
• Start conversations, interact with shoppers, and help customers find clothing, accessories, and gifts.
• Provide friendly, enthusiastic sales assistance without being pushy.
• Keep the stores looking beautiful! Fold clothing, organize racks, straighten displays, and maintain clean, tidy shopping areas throughout the day.
• Restock merchandise and help create attractive displays.
• Assist customers in fitting rooms and offer suggestions.
• Operate the cash register and process purchases.
• Work together to create a positive, upbeat, and fun atmosphere.
• Assist with opening, closing, and general daily store tasks.

What We're Looking For

We love employees who are friendly, talkative, hardworking, and positive! Previous retail experience is helpful but not required. You should enjoy interacting with people, feel comfortable starting conversations, and take pride in keeping the stores neat and organized.

We value dependable team members who take initiative, work well with others, and bring a great attitude to work every day.

Why Work With Us?

You'll meet customers from all over the world, work alongside a fun international team, improve your English and customer service skills, and experience summer in one of Martha's Vineyard's most popular seaside towns.

Our philosophy is simple: Be friendly, work hard, keep the stores looking great, and have fun!

Typical Schedule:

Variable. Usually 4 ten hour shifts 10-8.

Seasonal changes to job duties or available hours: Yes

Hours may be shorter in spring and fall so spread over more days versus summer with longer shifts and fewer days.

Drug Test required: No

COMPENSATION

Hourly Wage: $20

Eligible for Tips: No

Estimated weekly wages including tips: $800

Bonus: No

* All figures above are pre-tax

Estimated average number of hours per week: 40

Estimated minimum number of hours per week: 32

Estimated maximum number of hours per week: 40

Potential fluctuation in hours per week:

We will always have 40 hrs/week available. the only factor that changes that is flexibility with the other jobs.

Average number of hours per week reached by last year's seasonal employees: 40

Overtime Policy:

Yes, paid after 40 hours

Job-Specific Benefits:

20% employee discount

JOB REQUIREMENTS

English Level required:

★★★★★★ Advanced

Required to be 21+: No

Previous Experience required: No

Qualifications & Conditions

Need to wear uniform: No

Dress Code: Yes

Description:

As fashion retailers, we believe looking good is part of selling! Employees should arrive at work looking stylish, neat, and put together. Cottage City Star has a fashionable, casual dress code, while OSO has a slightly dressier, boutique-style look. Pajamas, beachwear, athletic clothing, and sportswear are not permitted. You don't need expensive clothes—just a great sense of style and an appearance that reflects the stores and inspires our customers!

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Types of Cultural Opportunities:

Will provide information about Events, Local Resources, Attractions/Sites, Local Community, Trips to Nearby/Major Attractions, Potlucks or Dinners, Holiday Events, kayak night or boat trip

Additional Details about Cultural Offerings:

The activities vary each year, but we have done kayaking, fishing trips, beach hikes, sunset beach dinners and glow SUP nights. There are also so many events that we are sure to give our staff the time to attend, such as July 4th fireworks, Grand Illumination Night and August fireworks.

Local Cultural Offering:

Pride weekend, Artisan Fair, Ag Fair, all beaches and trails are free, Summer concert series in Ocean Park, Thirsty Thursday Run group, Oak Bluffs Library free events

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Housing Provided: Yes. Employer Guarantees employer - owned or employer - arranged housing to all hired participants. May find own (can choose alternative).

Employer-owned or employer-arranged housing description:

Housing address is 77 Worcester Ave, Oak Bluffs This is a house near the lagoon in Oak Bluffs, and the owners (husband and wife) live on premises. They have rented to our J1 Students for 15 years. There are two bedrooms and two bathrooms (one bathroom in hallway and one ensuite), and we place two female students in each bedroom. Bedding is provided and there is a fully stocked kitchen. There is no air conditioning, but we generally only have a few very hot days since we are seaside. There is a very nice golden retriever dog in the house as well.

Lease Agreement: No

Onsite Amenities:

WiFi: Yes

Description:

wifi available in house

Phone Service: Yes

Description:

cell service and wifi

Kitchen facilities: Yes

Description:

full kitchen access

Laundry facilities: Yes

Description:

owner has designated days for laundry use at the house

Occupancy Requirements for Provided Housing:

Minimum Occupancy Per Room: 2

Maximum Occupancy Per Room: 2

Suggested Occupancy Per Room: 2

Rooming Arrangement Description:

Two rooms...one with an ensuite bathroom and the other with a hallway bathroom. Each room has two female students to share a room and bathroom.

Provided Housing Cost:

Required to Pay for Provided Housing: Yes

Cost per Week: $200

Housing Cost Deducted from Paychecks: No

Description:

directly to owner at start of week

Utilities Costs: No

Housing Deposit: No

Transportation to Worksite:

Walking Commute Time
Estimated commute time: 30 to 45 minutes

Description: 1.6 mile walk on sidewalk

Biking
Estimated commute time: Under 15 minutes

Bicycles are provided free of charge: Yes

Bicycles are not provided: No

Bicycles are available to rent: No

Estimated cost: $

Description: sidewalk and backroads not heavy traffic

Local Bus, Subway or Train
Estimated commute time: Under 15 minutes

Estimated cost: $0

Description: Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority bus stop is 5 minute walk from housing

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

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OSO & Cottage City StarArrival Dates & Times: Students are welcome to arrive any day of the week, at any time! We understand that international travel schedules vary and are happy to accommodate your arrival. Please coordinate your travel plans with us in advance so we know when to expect you.

Getting HereWe recommend flying into Boston Logan International Airport (BOS).

Step 1 — Boston to Woods Hole: Take the Peter Pan Bus or Plymouth & Brockton Bus from Logan Airport to the Woods Hole ferry terminal. The trip takes approximately 2–3 hours. Bus tickets generally cost around $35–$50, depending on availability and travel date.

Bus websites:www.peterpanbus.com

www.p-b.com

Step 2 — Ferry to Martha's Vineyard: From Woods Hole, take the Steamship Authority ferry to either Oak Bluffs or Vineyard Haven. The ferry takes approximately 45 minutes and costs approximately $11 one-way (2026 fare). You do not need a reservation...just a ticket.

Ferry website: www.steamshipauthority.com

Allow approximately 4–6 hours total from Boston Logan Airport to Martha's Vineyard, including connections and waiting times.

Please check bus and ferry schedules carefully when planning your trip.

Step 3 — Arrival on the Island: We will personally pick you up at the ferry terminal, whether you arrive in Oak Bluffs or Vineyard Haven, and drive you directly to your housing! There is no charge for this transportation. Just let us know your ferry arrival time so we can be there to welcome you.

Housing & Island Transportation

Affordable housing is available for our J-1 employees. We will provide your housing address, move-in instructions, and other important information before you travel.

Martha's Vineyard has a public bus system (VTA), and biking is also a popular way to get around the island. Visit www.vineyardtransit.com for schedules and current fares. We will also provide bicycles to students that want them.

Travel Plans & Contact Information

Please contact us with your travel itinerary, so we can coordinate your pickup.

Erin — Owner, OSO & Cottage City Star

Email: osoclothingmv@gmail.com

Erin — Phone / Text: 508-524-3999

John — Phone / Text: 508-207-2915

If your travel plans change or you experience delays, please contact us as soon as possible.

Suggested Arrival Airport:

Logan International Airport, BOS, Over 50 miles

Estimated cost of transportation to worksite from suggested airports: $50 to $75

If arriving after regular hours:

Suggested After-Hours Accommodation:

Hampton Inn Boston-Logan
230 Lee Burbank Hwy
Revere , Massachusetts 02151
7812865665
$100 to $150

TRAINING AND ONBOARDING

Pre-Arrival Onboarding: No

Social Security Number:

Require participants to apply for SSN before arrival at worksite: No

Details about how to apply for Social Security Number:

The Social Security office comes to our town twice a summer. They set up in the Oak Bluffs Library, which is a ten minute walk from our store. We provide a paid break to go an apply at the library. If students arrive inn July they will have to travel to the Falmouth office to apply for social security.

Nearest SSA Office: Oak Bluffs , Massachusetts , Less than 10 miles

Other:

Wage Payment Schedule:

weekly, direct deposit

Meal Plan: Not available

Provide Certificates/Performance Evaluations: Yes

Hire in Groups: Yes
Maximum Group Size:

Grooming Requirements:

Neat and clean for work, but no strict rules against tattoos/piercings/makeup/hair color

Second Job Availability: Yes, likely

Applicable Company Policies:

We expect our staff to arrive to work on time and ready on the sales floor at the start of the shift. Our stores are upscale, so we need our staff to show up looking good! No beach wear, pajamas, workout clothing, etc.

No smoking at the job site or housing.

No cell phones in front of customers.

Showing up for a shift is the bare minimum..and we expect more! We need our staff to be friendly, smiley and have fun with our customers. Not showing up for a shift is grounds for immediate termination.

Scheduling will vary occasionally, but will be mostly set. We expect our schedule to be the priority, and our staff has always had second jobs.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Walking Distance from Worksite:

Food Market, Post Office, Bank, Restaurants, Fitness Center, Public Library, Beach

Walking Distance from Housing:

Food Market, Post Office, Bank, Restaurants, Fitness Center, Public Library, Beach

In Town, Requires Transportation:

Food Market, Post Office, Bank, Restaurants, Fitness Center, Public Library, Beach

Unavailable:

Shopping Mall, Internet Cafe