

Selina

International Boutique Hotel – Internship & Job Opportunities

I am currently working for a boutique hotel company called [Selina](#), which started in Panama by two Israeli men involved in property management in 2014. This company now has over 40 locations opened or in the process of opening in Central America, South America, North America, Europe, and will soon be opening in Israel.

Selina offers [internship programs](#) and volunteer opportunities which could lead to full-time jobs depending on the work ethic of the individual. I will name that the internship program costs money to be involved and sometimes global recruitment team takes an extended period of time to respond. For that reason, I chose to volunteer at the Antigua, Guatemala location for 4 months and the Atitlan, Guatemala location for 2 months. Due to my fantastic education, they saw my work ethic and my competency, which led to me obtaining a job in Maderas, Nicaragua.

I see a huge opportunity for fellow Aggies to be successful in this company because we are taught to be gritty in our work, which can be hard to find here. I also think that time is pertinent in this respect because the locations that are opening in the states are already recruiting the big wigs in the hotel industry for their future locations. We are in need of volunteers for event implementation and marketing in our Guatemala and Nicaragua locations, and see this as an opportunity for Aggies to get their foot in the door before the company grows too large.

If you have any leads on students or post graduates that you think would be interested, please feel free to send their contact my way. I would love to help out some Aggies. The volunteer program has different benefits depending on the location due to different general managers being present at each location. Generally, the benefits include dorm accommodation with other volunteers and 2 free meals and drinks a day in exchange for working 6 hours a day including 2 days off a week. Some locations provide 3 free meals and drinks in exchange for working 8 hours a day, 5 days a week.

This opportunity is suitable for anyone who is trying to get their feet wet in the hotel industry with a future big name company. (or someone who wants to travel and learn a little bit at the same time 😊)

Thank you for everything you have taught me! A mil gracias a todos!

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