

Global Cook Career Roadmap

Comprehensive guide for aspiring cooks with IHM background.

■ India – Cook Roadmap

Language: English/Hindi

Salary (2 yrs experience): ■25k–■40k/month (CDP ■50k–60k)

Accommodation & Food: Staff canteens; some hotels provide hostel rooms

Visa Process: Not needed

Cost of Living: ■15k–25k/month (metro)

Career Growth: DCDP → CDP → Sous Chef → Executive Chef

Extra Note: Best for multi-cuisine experience

■ Australia – Cook Roadmap

Language: English (IELTS 6.0+)

Salary (2 yrs experience): AUD 55k–65k/year (~■30–35L)

Accommodation & Food: Rent AUD 700–1,200/month; meals self

Visa Process: TSS 482 or DAMA visa → PR

Cost of Living: AUD 1,800–2,500/month

Career Growth: High demand in regional areas; Skilled Occupation List

Extra Note: Best for long-term career + PR

■ USA – Cook Roadmap

Language: English

Salary (2 yrs experience): \$30k–40k/year (~■25–33L)

Accommodation & Food: Rarely included; resorts sometimes shared housing

Visa Process: H-2B (temporary), J-1 (trainee)

Cost of Living: \$1,500–2,500/month

Career Growth: Seasonal jobs easy; cruise line option better

Extra Note: High lifestyle but tough visa process

■ Switzerland – Cook Roadmap

Language: German/French/Italian (A2–B1)

Salary (2 yrs experience): CHF 4,500–5,500/month (~■4.2–5.1L)

Accommodation & Food: Luxury hotels offer staff housing + meals

Visa Process: Employer must prove no EU available; L or B permit

Cost of Living: CHF 2,000–3,000/month

Career Growth: Highest paid chefs globally

Extra Note: Excellent standard of living

■ Ireland – Cook Roadmap

Language: English

Salary (2 yrs experience): €28k–35k/year (~■25–31L)

Accommodation & Food: Staff meals often included; rent €700–1,200

Visa Process: General Employment Permit for chefs

Cost of Living: €1,500–2,000/month

Career Growth: High demand; path to permanent residency

Extra Note: Fast job opportunities for English speakers

■ Germany – Cook Roadmap

Language: German (B1 ideal, A2 minimum)

Salary (2 yrs experience): €2,200–2,800/month (~■2–2.4L)

Accommodation & Food: Staff housing often included; meals free/cheap

Visa Process: Skilled Worker Visa; qualification recognized (Anerkennung)

Cost of Living: €1,200–1,800/month

Career Growth: Strong hospitality industry; language is key

Extra Note: Best for EU access

■ Comparison – Best Country for Cooks

Highest Salary: Switzerland ■■

Easiest PR: Australia ■■

Fastest Job Opportunities: Ireland ■■

Best Training Ground: India ■■

High Lifestyle but Tough Visa: USA ■■

Best for EU Access: Germany ■■

Overall Best Choice: Australia for long-term career + PR; Switzerland for high salary & luxury experience; Ireland for fast English-speaking opportunities.