



**Wildlife Volunteer Project
in South Africa**



Wildlife Cheetah Farm

Reference no.:	WV 08
Programme location:	Hoedspruit
Project requirements:	<p>This program is open for anyone who as an intern is interested and passionate in South African's Wildlife!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Basic English understanding- Medical & travel insurance- Dress code (natural colour clothing)- 3 weeks staying period.
Project start dates:	Set dates, please ask us
Project length:	3 weeks
Age restriction:	At least 18 years
Project fee:	<p>2008 3 weeks= 15 000 Rand (Airport transfer from Hoedspruit, accommodation, three meals a day, training included)</p> <p>2009 3 weeks= 16 500 Rand (Airport transfer from Hoedspruit, accommodation, three meals a day, training included)</p>



OPTIONAL

3-days orientation in Cape Town:

Euro 195/ R1999

Start on the Wednesday before project begins!

Meet and Greet

Airport transfer to accommodation

Accommodation (3 nights)

Township Tour

Robben Island

Cape Peninsula Mountain Bike Tour

Cape Town City Tour

Programme description

They offer persons in the age range 18-35 years, the opportunity to experience, first hand, the work of the Centre, during an intensive, 21-day programme.

The programme is divided into three main sections: Participation, Conservation, and Sight Seeing.

- ❖ The focus of the programme is on the cheetah and during the course; participants are involved with the everyday care of the cheetahs. This includes, cleaning, feeding, and where required, assisting with or observing any veterinary activities that may occur during their stay. The same activities apply to other species being cared for at the centre. The knowledge gained about the animals and work of this centre through this kind of participation is both specific and personal.
- ❖ The Conservation section of the programme involves daily lectures on all major aspects of conservation and includes specialist input on all animals, grasses, trees, and basic biodiversity.
- ❖ The Sight Seeing section of the programme is where participants get to put theory into practice either through directed observation in the wild or at other centres that specialise in other areas of research or conservation.
- ❖ The programme is largely based on the interactive involvement of participants, who in the process gain valuable knowledge of and experience in nature conservation.
- ❖ Students will also have the opportunity to visit numerous places of interest and attractions in the area, including the renowned Kruger National Park. Included in the programme is the unique and memorable experience of an elephant-back safari with the resident herd of

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Camp Jabulani (www.campjabulani.com) – the herd’s namesake also arrived at the Centre at the age of four months in a terrible state of dehydration and shock (he had been abandoned by his herd after getting stuck in a silt dam). It took a year to nurse him back to health under 24 hour-dedicated care.

YOU WILL ALSO BE OFFERED INFORMAL LECTURES ON:

- ❖ Conservation
- ❖ Animal identification
- ❖ Plants and ecology
- ❖ Astronomy
- ❖ Survival
- ❖ Firearm handling and safety
- ❖ Tracks and signs
- ❖ Reptiles
- ❖ Birds
- ❖ South African history and cultural diversity.
- ❖ Anti Poaching

Volunteer tasks and involvements

Their aim is to equip students with the aptitude to actively participate in conserving the wildlife of Southern Africa; to build awareness of conservation in a broader global scale; and to experience the beauty and rich diversity of South Africa.

The student must be:

Eager to learn and to participate.

Must be prepared to have some fun.

Must have a desire to make a difference while gaining invaluable experience and knowledge.

OTHER TASKS:

- Working with cheetah, wild dog, small spotted cats, African wildcats and more.
- Preparation of animal food and feeding the animals.
- Possibility of working with the wildlife vet (darting, capturing and operating on animals).
- Possibility of assisting in the hand rearing of animals.
- Local community involvement (e.g. visiting schools in rural areas).

Accommodation and Meals

*Students are accommodated in thatched huts (each can sleep 2 people), situated within the boundaries of the Game Reserve (Big 5). Separate facilities are available for male and female participants.

*Three meals per day are prepared in the camp – a valuable team building experience. There is a kitchen with fridges in the camp, as well as barbeque facilities.

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*The closest town is approximately 25km from the reserve. Regular town trips can be organized for supplies, banking or internet facilities. Telephone facilities are available (at participants' own expense). Laundry facilities are available in the camp.

*Sunday's are "off" days, and are spent at leisure.

*Adventurous activities are available in the area. Should volunteers decide to participate in such activities (such as hot air ballooning; paint ball war-games; river rafting in the Blyde River Canyon; horse rides) they can be arranged with the project leader at participants' own expense.

Your arrival

Choose between two arrival options:

1) Arrival in Cape Town

On arrival in Cape Town Kickstart will welcome you at the airport and transfer you to your accommodation.

You will be booked into a backpacker for three nights and experience Cape Town's most popular and famous spots like Table Mountain, Robben Island and Cape Point. You also get to explore Cape Town via a City Tour and experience a township tour. Your Cape Town orientation will begin the Wednesday before your placement starts! The weekend before your Wildlife Project begins; you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Hoedspruit. On arrival in Hoedspruit you will be greeted by a member of the Wildlife Farm.

2) Arrival in Hoedspruit

You will be welcomed by a staff member of the Wildlife Farm. They will give you a lift to the project and give you an introduction to the Farm and their members.

Programme fee includes:

- *Three meals per day prepared by participants in the camp
- *Shared accommodation
- *3 weeks course
- *Activities including an elephant excursions, game drives in open safari vehicles and guided bush walks, accompanied by experienced game rangers.
- *Return road transfers between the Centre and the Airport

Programme fee excludes

- *Hot air ballooning
- *Paint ball war-games
- *River rafting in the Blyde River Canyon
- *Horse riding

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Kickstart

International Work Experience

- *Bungi jumping
- *Telephone calls
- *Curio Shop purchases
- *Any flights
- * 3 days introduction in Cape Town + flight from Cape Town to Hoedspruit
- * Personal insurance (medical and travel) cover.
- * Toiletries, cigarettes, special diet-requirements other than Halaal + Vegetarians
- * Visas
- * Personal expenses

Volunteer must bring along:

- Good pair of hiking boots/ Walking shoes/ Trainers
- Leisure clothing [preferred colour: khaki/bush clothes]: shorts, shirts, flip-flops, swimming clothes, denim, track suit, sleeping clothes etc.
- Some old clothes for working with animals
- Sun cream, sun glasses

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