



# **CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY**

**Zambia, Africa**







## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Be a part of the day-to-day life of one of the largest chimpanzee sanctuaries in the world
- ◆ Go on 'bush walks' and interact with chimpanzees on a personal level
- ◆ Play an important role in the rehabilitation of endangered chimpanzees
- ◆ Invent fun behavioural enrichment activities and create individual plans for specific chimpanzees
- ◆ Capture data on chimpanzee interaction and behaviour to aid research
- ◆ Experience life in the African' bush - live in a beautiful rustic setting, in the heart of the Africa
- ◆ Immerse yourself in Zambian culture by working with the local community and school
- ◆ Enjoy sundowners, canoeing, picnics, barbeques, and some amazing stargazing on the banks of the Kafue River!
- ◆ Make friends for life with other international volunteers along the way!



## ABOUT THE PROJECT

### THE WILDLIFE ORPHANAGE - WHERE IT ALL STARTED

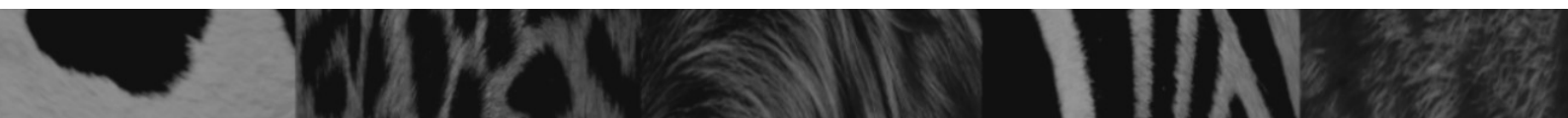
Chimfunshi started as a family-run wildlife orphanage in the north of Zambia. It was founded in 1983 when a badly wounded infant chimpanzee was brought to David and Sheila Siddle, a British couple who had lived in Zambia since the 1950s. The Siddles nursed that chimp – nicknamed "Pal" – back to health, thereby establishing a tradition of care and respect that forms the legacy of the sanctuary.

Many of the 120 chimpanzees at Chimfunshi have been rescued from poachers or terrible situations, where they have been kept as pets, in bars, or sold in local markets for bush meat. An equally large number are rescued from rundown zoos and circuses from all over Africa, Asia, Europe and South America and most of the babies that survive become orphans.

Chimfunshi is a safe haven and is home to the healthiest captive chimps in the world. The Chimpanzees live in 4 huge forested areas, as close to their natural environment as possible. With over a hundred chimpanzees, Chimfunshi is now one of the largest chimpanzee sanctuaries in the world.

The work of the Siddles and the current Chimfunshi staff has won them many honours and awards, including the Jane Goodall Award in 1995 and in 2001 the Siddles were granted MBEs by Queen Elizabeth II in a ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

Today the Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage is currently a home for 120 chimpanzees: six families live in six large enclosures that measure between 19 and 77 hectares each, and three additional groups live at the Orphanage, while their larger enclosures are being constructed.







# WALKING WITH CHIMPS

## WHY INTERACT WITH CHIMPS?

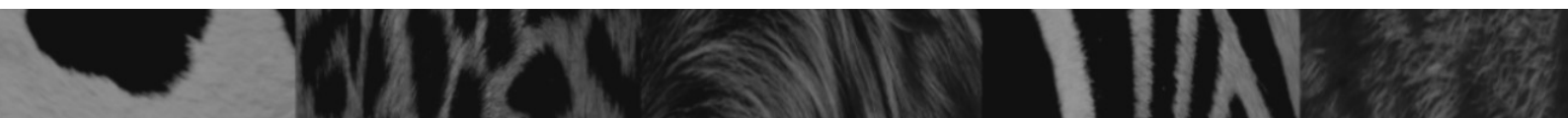
External stimulation, exploration and physical contact is an important part of the welfare of the chimps, who, for medical or behavioural reasons, will not be released back to the wild. No chimp here has been bred by the sanctuary for the purpose of interaction, however we feel those who have found refuge with us, deserve the best life possible.

To keep them safe from poachers and predators, the rescued chimps sleep in large bush enclosures, and the younger chimps in a nursery area. Wherever possible we aim to be able to take them out of these enclosures to explore, play and be free, because even the best enclosure becomes 'routine' and boring for such intelligent animals.

## VOLUNTEER BUSH WALKS

As a volunteer you will be honoured with the chance to take the young chimps on bush walks. As the enclosures doors are opened, the chimps will come ambling out. You, the chimps and your professional handler will wander off in the trees, so they can play, climb and jump around you. The chimps we walk with have all been raised by humans, and as such see us as a member of their family; they choose to stay in our company, a privilege earned through years of building up the trust of individual animals.

Young chimps love to play, and volunteers provide the man power to get them out and playing as often as possible. The chimps will climb up and sit on your shoulders, swing off your arms and even sit to be cuddled and 'groomed'. Whatever they get up to, it is at their own pace, for their own entertainment! Don't be surprised if they redo your hair, search for treats in your pockets or sit on your lap to find comfort.





# YOUR VOLUNTEER WORK

The days are long and varied on the project. You will undoubtedly try your hands at new challenges, whether it is farming, building play platforms or grooming a baby chimp.

**Bush Walks:** Go on bush walks with chimpanzees, interacting them in their natural habitat.

**Behavioural Enrichment:** Another important part of the work is behaviour enrichment activities, essential to keeping the chimps physically and mentally active. Be creative and make toys and puzzles for them to use and play with.

**Farming and Gardening:** You'll work in the gardens, since Chimfunshi has its own farm for growing crops, fruits, and vegetables to feed everyone at the sanctuary. You join in the fruit picking, harvesting, and even cattle work.

**Food Preparation:** In addition to helping with harvesting, you'll work in food preparation, delivering fruits and vegetables around the sanctuary, and making 'nshima', a local staple diet that the chimps love to eat.

**Enclosure Cleaning and Maintenance:** Roll up your sleeves and help clean enclosures, keeping the chimpanzees' home clean and safe. You'll also help improve general infrastructure and repair fences.

**Veterinary Assistance:** You can assist the on-site veterinarian, who looks after the chimpanzees, as well as the cattle, dogs, cats, monkeys, baboons, parrots, and other animals around the complex. You'll clean lab equipment, sort supplies, and care for animals.

**Community Work:** In addition to volunteering at the sanctuary, you can lend a hand in the community as a teaching assistant at the primary school. You can facilitate kids' clubs that involve arts and crafts, reading, games, and sports.







# A WEEK IN THE LIFE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Am	Arrive at Ndola Airport. The Project Manager will be there to meet you and take you to Chimfunshi	Behavioural Enrichment  Food preparation and behaviour research	Farm work – fruit & veg picking  Picnic on the river	Visit to the Wildlife Orphanage and 'Chimp Bush Walk'  Enclosure cleaning  Meet Sheila Siddle  Canoe trip and picnic along the Kafue river	Optional town day in Chingola  Visit a traditional market for souvenir shopping  Internet café to catch up with friends and family  Lunch before heading back to camp
Pm	Settle in to your accommodation  Induction to Chimfunshi	Boundary patrol  Feeding and chimp observation	Culture and Sports day at the local primary school  Sundowner drinks at camp	Back to camp late afternoon to relax, enjoy the sunset and prepare dinner	Sundowners on the river Kafue & stargazing

	Saturday	Sunday
Am	Behavioural enrichment, food preparation & boundary patrol	Optional town day to Kitwe Traditional market/souvenir shopping  Head back to camp to relax and prepare dinner
Pm	Picnic at the farm followed by fruit & veg picking  BBQ night!	

This is an example of how your week as a volunteer could look.

Due to the nature of the project these activities may change on a daily basis and due to seasonal activity.



# WHERE YOU WILL STAY

## LOCATION

Zambia is one of the last true wildernesses left in Africa, teeming with incredible National Parks, like Kafue and South Luangwa. Chimfunshi is based right next to the Kafue River – a beautifully remote location. The nearest town is Chingola, where you will have the chance to do some souvenir shopping, catch up with wifi and absorb the local culture.

If you would like to travel on to Livingstone to go on safari, or to see the world famous Victoria Falls Waterfall – one of the 7 Natural Wonders of The World after your placement, we can help you arrange it. Just speak to your Destination Manager.



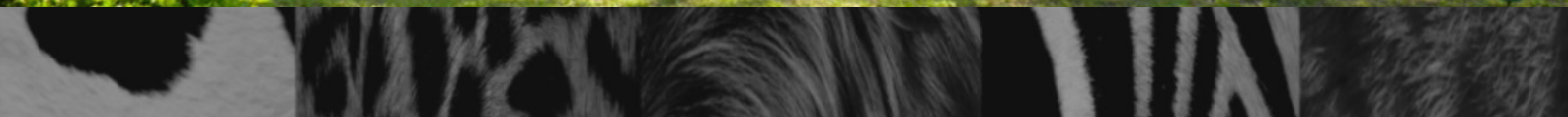
## ACCOMMODATION

You will be staying in a truly authentic African camp based in the middle of the bush! The rustic volunteer cottage is amid beautiful gardens and has a low carbon foot print, being run on solar power. Volunteers stay in dormitory style or twin rooms with hared toilets and hot showers. There is even a private veranda with a hammock to wind down for sunset! The camp is centred around an outdoor thatched gazebo where you will enjoy your meals and socialize with other volunteers. Don't forget to bring some marshmallows so you can sit under the start around the fire and make Smores!


## WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO

Chimfunshi is very remote and surrounded by beautiful wilderness. As a result you can really enjoy what Africa has to offer on on your days off:

- Canoeing and picnic trips down the Kafue River
- Sundowners, barbeques and stargazing on the floodplains
- Visit a curio market in Kitwe to buy paintings, carvings, bracelets and other souvenirs
- Take in the sights and smells of a local market in Chingola, they sell pretty much everything!
- Football and games on the floodplain with the locals
- Visit Muchinchi village to experience the local nightlife







*“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”*

*Jane Goodall*



## PROJECT COSTS AND DATES

### START DATES:

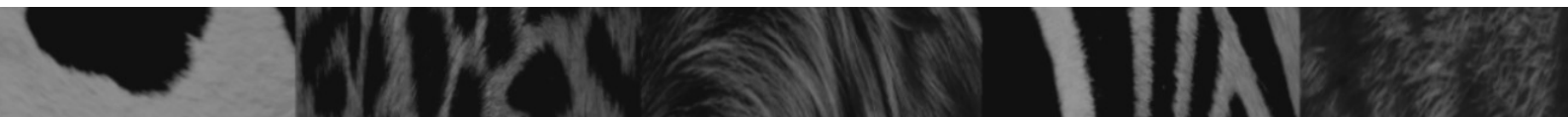
Volunteers fly in and out of Ndola Airport and are able to start every Sunday or Monday of the year. Please get in touch with your prospective start date so we can confirm we have availability.

### PROJECT COST

Duration (weeks)	2020 cost
2	£1329
3	£1687
4	£2045
5	£2403
6	£2761
7	£3119
8	£3477

### NOT YOUR 1ST TIME?

Returning volunteers get 5% off the cost of any project.







## WHAT IS INCLUDED

Want to know what's included in the project cost? Great news, it is pretty much everything! Including:

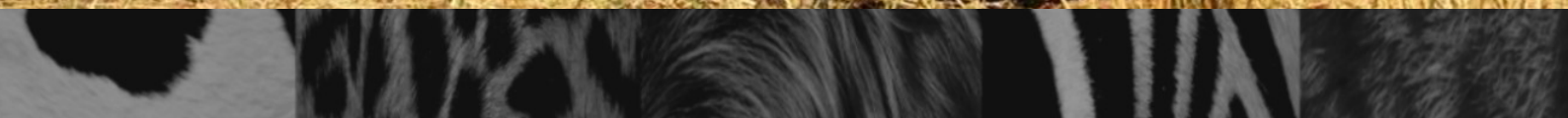
- Pre departure assistance with planning and flights from one of our destination specialists
- Twin room or shared accommodation, shared bathroom and toilets
- Airport pick-up and drop-off from Ndola - Simon Mwansa Kapwepwe International Airport
- 3 meals a day prepared by yourselves
- snacks and refreshments throughout the day.
- Daily housekeeping service
- 24-hour onsite support



Our team stay with you and offer guidance and advice whenever you need it. We help plan your day so you get as much out of your work as possible. They are also there to make sure you have fun.

What is not included in the cost:

- International or domestic flights to and away from the project
- Visas
- Personal medical Insurance



# WHY CHOOSE WORLDWIDE VETS

Choosing the right project can seem like a daunting task and getting the right one is an important part of your next adventure. We have all the experience, support and cover you need– the facts speak for themselves:

## BEEN THERE, GOT THE T-SHIRTS!

Since 2009 we have sent out 1,500+ volunteers to 10 + countries across 3 continents. Basically, we know what volunteers want and how to provide a life changing experience.

## EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

From the moment you contact us, we will help you with every step of your trip. We are always here to help. From giving flight advice, to talking to nervous parents!

## SAFETY FIRST

We hold full international employers liability insurance which covers you abroad. We also hold public liability and professional indemnity cover, so you can concentrate on what matters– having a fantastic time abroad.

## WE MAKE A REAL IMPACT

We provide ongoing support to our projects, and have done for many years. From ongoing advice, through to funded vets and equipment. This ensures Worldwide Vets makes long term commitments to every project and benefits the local community and animals.

## THE BEST PROJECTS

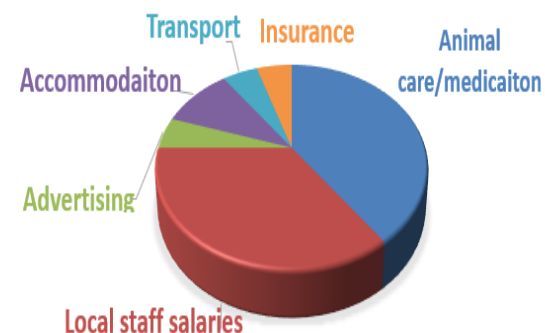
Volunteering with us may allow you to work with animals you could only dream of working with at home, or be part of your career development, studies or just for fun. Either way, we guarantee our projects will blow your socks off.

## WHERE YOUR VOLUNTEER FEE GOES

We take volunteers all year round, assisting the projects and receiving animal management or veterinary related training. To sustain this, we need to cover the cost of volunteer accommodation & food (5%) and transport(5%). Check the pie chart.

Volunteer fees are the main source of funding for most of our projects, so by joining us, 75% of your fee goes directly to the charities we work with (check out the 'Local staff salaries' and 'Animal care/medication' slices on the chart!). That's right, you get an amazing experience, AND support the work of the team who host you. Win Win!!!

On top of this it allows us to hold thorough insurance (5%) to safeguard yourself and our staff, as well as putting funds back in to marketing (5%) , so more volunteers find out about the projects, and help fund them in the future.







## HOW TO BOOK

Thank you for taking an interest in our Chimpanzee & Wildlife orphan care project. We hope this leaflet has sparked your interest in joining our work in Africa.

To book onto the project you

1. Choose your start date and duration
2. Email [info@worldwidevets.com](mailto:info@worldwidevets.com)
3. We will provide you with our bank details. We ask for a £200 non-refundable deposit to confirm your place
4. Once your deposit is in, our team will send you a pre-departure document with all the information you need to prepare for your trip. We are always on hand to help you with anything you need between booking and departure
5. Pay the remainder of the fee by 2 months before you depart
6. Fly out to the adventure of a lifetime

*What are you waiting for – get in touch!*

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