



# **Wildlife orphan rescue**

## **Zimbabwe, Africa**







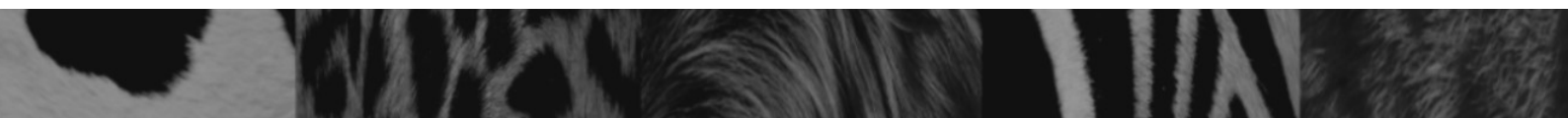
## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Join the day to day work at Zimbabwe's first animal sanctuary built to house and rehabilitate primates, as well as a variety of wildlife species. Work alongside the project's founder Baye Pigors (photo, previous page) awarded the 'Unsung Conservation Heroes Award' by Africa Geographic in 2016.



[Africa Geographic, unsung heroes of conservation](#)  
[The next generation of wildlife rehabilitation](#)

- Enjoy hands-on work with wildlife orphans
- Help raise baby monkeys, from bottle-feeding to bush walks
- Work with a range of species, from zebra to antelope, birds to bush babies
- Assist with feeding, husbandry and enrichment regimes
- Join the team when veterinary or rescue work is carried out
- Be part of the animal's release back into the wild
- Help monitor released animals
- Go horse riding in the release site
- Enjoy the stunning national parks, museums, markets and wildlife of Zimbabwe in your free time





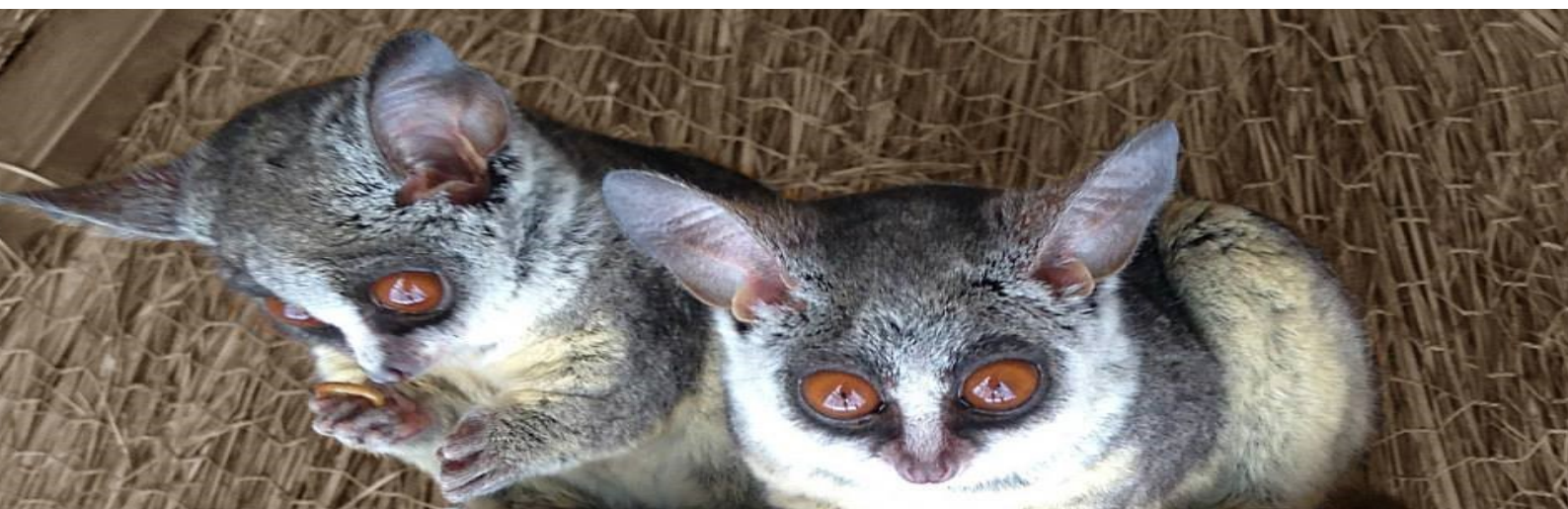
## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The story started in 2014, when Baye Pigors, a local Zimbabwean, was unable to find a rehabilitation facility for a baby baboon she had rescued. She decided to start her own sanctuary in her home town of Bulawayo, specialising in rescue and care for primates. Since those humble beginnings the centre has grown into a recognised wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and release centre, with an open door policy to all wildlife species. The project cares for a wide range of animals from humble hedgehogs and owls to the magnificent monkeys and pangolins.

This sanctuary is not open to the public and their aim is to save and release as many animals as funds allow. As a registered trust, volunteers play a big role in generating funds for the work of the sanctuary and every new volunteer allows numerous animals to be saved. Volunteers fit right in to the team at the sanctuary and enjoy working and socialising with staff and colleagues.

Many animals brought to the sanctuary are not suitable candidates even for a 'soft release' due to mental and physical issues relate to their past, but all those who can be are released into the trust's associated release sites when they are ready.

Dealing with traumatised animals can be emotionally hard, yet every day at the sanctuary is full of fun and joy brought about by working with these beautiful animals. Bringing innocent animals back from the brink of trauma, to become healthy and balanced individuals is something that stays with our volunteers for a lifetime, and they form close bonds to the animals in their care.







# YOUR VOLUNTEER WORK

You will assist Baye and her team caring for the animals, key activities can be broken down as follows.

## ANIMAL FEEDING

- Participate in the regular bottle feeding of orphaned animals
- Nutritional planning for variety of herbivores, omnivores and carnivores
- Daily food prep and feeding of all animals
- Sourcing hay for herbivores
- Adding nutritional supplements
- Giving oral medications

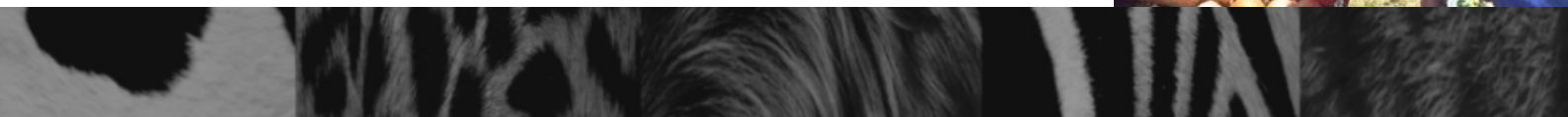
## BEHAVIOUR ENRICHMENT

- Bush walks with the orphans, stimulating them to explore their natural habitat
- Build toys, platforms and playgrounds
- Become part of the troop as you play with the young monkeys
- Hide food and treats for stimulation

## RESCUE AND RELEASE

- Help nurture and raise orphaned wildlife
- Undertake snare sweeps and boundary patrols of release site
- Horse riding in release site
- Care for the permanent residents who can not be released
- Monitor released animals as in their life of freedom

You may also be present to help with exciting rescue missions. From scooping suffocating fish out from a drying up lake, to driving across the country to pick up a traumatised little monkey, the days are variable and exciting.







# LIFE AT THE SANCTUARY

## LOCATION

The project is situated in southern Africa, in the country of Zimbabwe, just outside the beautiful colonial town of Bulawayo. Nestled among green leafy avenues, rumour has it that when the colonial groups first arrived from South Africa, they planned the streets of Bulawayo to be wide enough to turn their ox drawn waggons around in. Today the curving street lamps and green parks around town still hold a magic feel to them that draws travellers back over and over again.

Volunteers are embraced to join the team socially for evening dinners, day trips and nights out. This is a chance to really integrate with the local community, see the real Zimbabwe and work as a valued member of the team.



## ACCOMMODATION

Your accommodation will be on site at the sanctuary. The volunteers stay in brand new, purpose built bedrooms with two twin beds in each room. Each room has bedding, towels, mosquito nets and shelving. The ablutions are across a small lawn. Being on site allows you to remain close to the orphans all day and on-hand for any night time bottle feeds. In some cases you may even find yourself with a little orphan sleeping with you through the night.

A low impact house, your electricity comes from solar panels. You can charge phones but we ask you can send larger items (laptops etc) with Baye for charging overnight in town when needed. It also means hot water is limited so we ask volunteers to take short showers and be conscious to keep lights off when possible.

# A WEEK IN THE LIFE

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Am	Induction to the animals, and your duties	Bottle feed orphans Build new enrichment toys	Bottle feed orphans Monkey bush walk	Bottle feed orphans Horse ride in the release site	Bottle feed orphans Enclosure clean
Pm	Feed adult animals Enclosure maintenance	Feed adult animals Telemetry tracking of released animals	Collect new animals coming to sanctuary	Feed adult Animals Interacting with bush babies	Veterinary visit to check sick animals

	Sat	Sun
Am	Bottle feed orphans Monkey bush walk	Day OFF Go on safari Visit markets Explore town
Pm	OFF	



# COST AND DATES

## START DATES

This projects starts every Monday throughout the year, though alternative start dates can be accommodated, as can tailored periods of stay or multi-project trips. Just get in contact to find out more.

Stays extending over 3 months receive a reduced rate on accommodation, please contact us if you wish to stay for a longer period.

Duration (weeks)	Cost (2019 and 2020)
2 weeks	£1356
3 Weeks	£1824
4 weeks	£2292
5 weeks	£2736
6 weeks	£3180
7 weeks	£3588
8 weeks	£3996
10 weeks	£4740
12 weeks	£5412



## NOT YOUR FIRST TIME?

Returning volunteers get 5% off the cost of any project

## WHAT IS INCLUDED

Want to know what's included? Great news, it is pretty much everything! Including your:

- Induction and training on the project
- Accommodation
- Transport relating to the project
- 24 hour project coordinator available
- 3 meals a day
- Pre-departure booking representative to help with everything before departure

## NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR FEE

- Flights to and from the project
- Visas
- Personal travel insurance
- Wifi which can be purchased at 20 US Dollars for 2 weeks



## EXTRA INFORMATION



### ARRIVAL

You need to arrive into Bulawayo Airport on the Monday your project starts. Most people fly via Johannesburg airport and arrive early in the morning. A member of the team will meet you from the airport and transport you to your accommodation.

### WEATHER

From January to April, days and nights are hot, and there are regular but short lived beautiful rolling thunder storms, the rain from which cools the summer air. May-September there is very little rain, and long warm sunny days. Nights are cooler and can be very cold at times. October– December the temperatures start to climb before the rains start again.

### FOOD

Volunteers are provided with food to make their own breakfast and lunch. We tailor to your diet as much as possible by providing a range of rolls, breads, cereals and milk, cold meats, fruit and pastas. Just let us know what you like, and what you can't eat! For dinner volunteers cook at their house. Often the team goes out or dinner once a week.

### VISAS

Volunteers can apply for a tourist visa on arrival at the airport or apply before they depart their home country. The cost is between \$30 - \$70 depending on your nationality. This one month visa can be extended beyond 30 days at a cost of \$30 per month.





## Matopos National Park

### Rhinos– cave paintings– balancing rocks

Visit one of the most stunning national parks in Africa to see towering rock formations, ancient cave paintings and go for a bush walk with a 90% chance of getting close to rhino



## Natural History Museum

### History– war– culture

Described as one of the most fascinating museums in Southern Africa, come to understand the history of Zimbabwe and try the excellent café too!



## Open Air markets

### Food– clothes– locals

Visit one of the many bustling African markets, pick up fresh fruit, hand made crafts or grab a bargain in the fashion market.



## Victoria Falls

### Waterfall– adrenalin– safari

One of the 7 wonders of the world (pic below)– visit this huge thundering waterfall, go rafting, bungee jumping, sip cocktails in world renowned bars or take a safari to see the big 5.



# 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

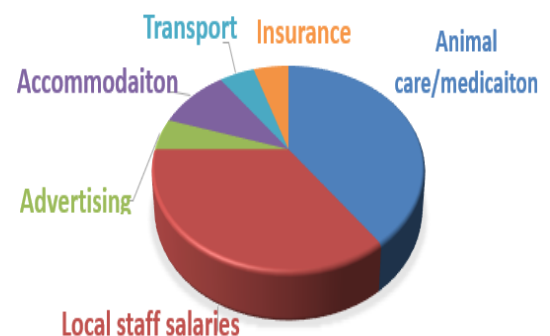
Volunteering with us may allow you to work with animals you could only dream of working with at home, or be part of your career development, studies or just for fun. Either way, we guarantee our projects will blow your socks off.

## 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 Wildlife Orphan Rescue project. We hope this leaflet has sparked your interest in joining our work in Africa.

To book on to 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

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