



AFRICAN VET CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER

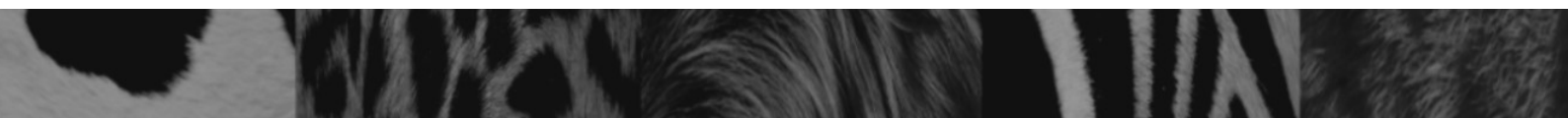
South Africa





PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend your days working with wildlife vets and game capture teams
- Participate in darting, surgery, game capture and internal medicine for wildlife
- Combine lectures, practicals and clinical work to excel your knowledge
- Our most hands on course, so you can improve your clinical skills
- Perfect for people interested in zoo, wildlife or exotics vet medicine
- Work with iconic species such as rhino, elephant, buffalo, leopard and lions
- Stay in a beautiful safari reserve as you live, breathe and work in the African bush
- Meet like minded vet/students and make friends for life





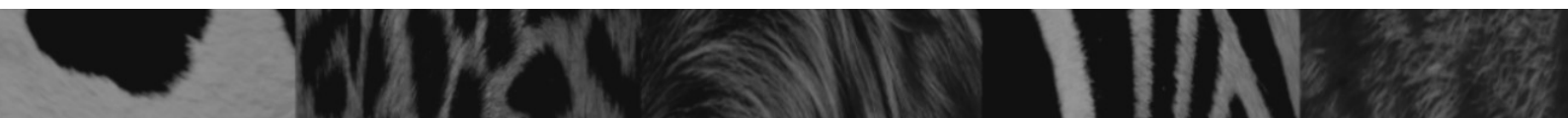
ABOUT THE PROJECT

The program takes place in the Western Cape of South Africa, on game reserves around the beautiful 'Garden Route'. It is designed for people with a passion for wildlife and an interest in veterinary medicine. The course is ideal as work experience for vet or nurse students, or to cover professional development requirements for vets. Other applicants are welcomed to apply and will be considered on a case by case basis via Skype interview. The course is designed to be a hands-on experience where you will be involved in all facets of wildlife capture and veterinary procedures. You won't be sitting and watching, you will be actively participating, planning and assisting.

This course is intensive, and aims to send you home confident with planning, carrying out and understanding the logistics surrounding wildlife work. This is of great benefit if you wish to peruse a career in exotics, wildlife or zoo work. Your project coordinator, Hein Schoeman, is a wildlife professional with 14 years of experience. Hein and the vet team are enthusiastic and patient teachers that make the experience even more exciting and fun. You will join us as a friend, and leave as family.

Students work Monday to Friday and have weekends off. During the week you will enjoy both lecture and practical based teaching in the following areas:

- Legal and ethical considerations when doing wildlife work in South Africa
- Wildlife physiology and pharmacology
- Stress and captured related death
- Safety and first aid in the field
- Principles of chemical and physical restraint of wild animals
- Helicopter use in wildlife work
- Chemical immobilization and methods of injecting and darting
- Ballistics and projectile darting systems





The project is based on the south eastern coast of South Africa, known as the Garden Route. Named after the rolling hills and picturesque landscapes that are sandwiched between the Outeniqua Mountains and the Indian Ocean, this is a malaria free area supports a huge amount of wildlife, so our vet and capture teams are busy throughout the year.

As you arrive at 'George' airport, you will step off the plane to meet your team, including Hein Schoeman, your project co-ordinator, and your fellow students. The project is based on Goedmoed Reserve and when work requires us elsewhere, we may spend nights at different game parks, lodges, and rescue sanctuaries.

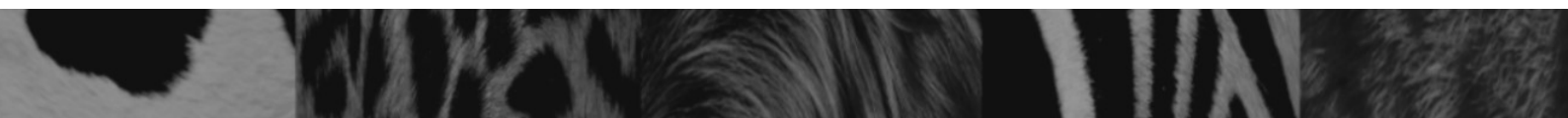


ACCOMMODATION

Our large comfy farmhouse is in the Goedmoed reserve, set amid rolling hills and farm land. There is a kitchen, where you can store extra snacks and food (if our 3 large meals a day don't quite fill you up!) and a living room with comfy sofas and a TV for movie nights. Outside the house there is a communal area with a fire pit, an honesty bar (alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages) and a long dinner table to sit at and enjoy evenings under the stars. Volunteers either sleep in single sex dormitory style rooms in the farmhouse, or in large comfortable safari tents on the lawn outside the house. Tents have two single beds, tables and lamps. Regardless of where you sleep, bedding and towels are provided. There are numerous bathrooms with hot running water and you may even want to try our outdoor eco showers, which are made of local materials with a natural drain away. If we need to stay away from home for a night to complete work, all accommodation will be in comfortable farmhouses or lodges.



Three hearty meals a day will be provided for you in your course fee. You help yourself to breakfast and choose from cereals, breads, juice and fruit. Lunches are prepared for you (unless we take a packed lunch) and dinner will be cooked and served for you at the farmhouse. We do regular Braais (BBQ's) to enjoy African steak, boerewors (sausage), stews, bolognaises, burgers and pastas. We can cater for most dietary requirements so just ask us at time of booking. No matter what we eat, it is always at the end of a good day's work, under the stars, enjoying the dancing light of the campfire. Once a week you will be taken to town for any extra snacks or supplies you may need, plus there is a small tuck shop at the bar. Don't forget the marshmallows to toast on the fire!





STUDENT ACTIVITIES

You will be living in one of the most renowned and well managed wildlife areas on the planet. The management, rescue and care of wildlife is as varied as it is exciting. From routine work, to fast paced emergencies, some of the procedures you may be involved in include:

- DNA sampling. Species could include antelope like Bontebok, Impala, Sable and Roan Antelope.
- Zebra, impala and giraffe movement between game reserves.
- Rhino de-horning to fight the illegal poaching trade.
- Darting lions or elephants for medical treatment such as snare or fight wounds.
- Immobilising buffalo and antelope to measure horn size for animals for sale.
- TB testing in buffalo.
- Microchip implant insertion for carnivores.
- Fitting collars to animals that will be tracked for research.
- Transmitter darting for animals in thick bush or at night.
- Mineral and vitamin injections delivered by darting.
- Deworming herbivores and other routine husbandry care, like hoof trimming and dipping.



During your stay, you will have weekends off to really make the most of your time in South Africa. Some students enjoy relaxing by the pool with a good book, whilst others head out to do extra activities. Whilst they are at your own cost, we will help you with planning and booking.

SHARK CAGE DIVING

Experience the exhilaration of cage diving with great-white sharks. Lower yourself off the edge of the boat into the protective cage, to witness these amazing creatures wild and free. You do not need any diving qualifications as you simply lower your head under the surface of the water.



HORSE RIDING

Rides venture out from the beautiful Black Horse Ranch heading along winding trails through the breathtaking indigenous forests of the Outeniqua mountains. Many of their horses are rescued and are they have a horse for the most beginner to the most advanced rider. This is a chance to see South Africa from a whole new perspective.



ELEPHANT INTERACTION

Visit Knysna Elephant Park to get up close and personal to these giants, whilst promoting ethical tourism and animal welfare. The elephants are not ever ridden and are all rescued. They live free in a herd and you will walk alongside them at their pace, as they interact, eat and dust bathe, enjoying great photo opportunities.



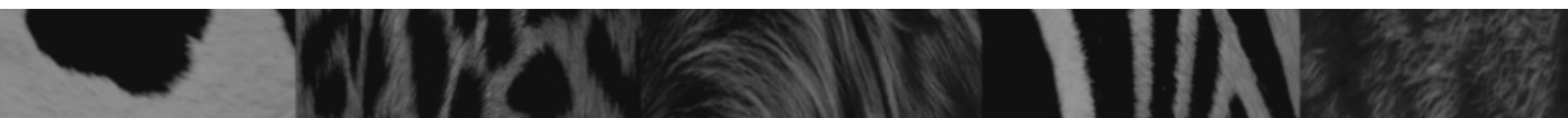
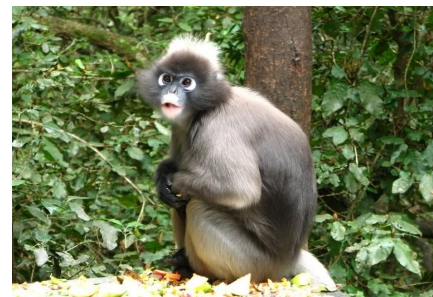
BUNGEE JUMP

For those who love a bit of adrenalin, you can do a bungee jump (and even get it filmed!) to commemorate your time on the best continent in the world. Fall forward, backwards, or dare to do a handstand off the edge! Remember, just don't look down!



MONKEYLAND

Visit one of the largest monkey sanctuaries in South Africa. They provide refuge for a wide range of different primate species, and also run rare species breeding programmes. Their massive jungle enclosures are multi species and free roaming, so it feels like walking through the jungle, but with amazing photo opportunities.





PROJECT COST AND DATES

DATES for 2020

The project has set start dates throughout the year. We can also run private courses if you have a group of 6 or more people for outside of these dates. Please email us to discuss this.

- 24th February to 13th March
- 26th of April to 8th May
- 10th May to 23rd May
- 21st June to 4th July
- 9th August to 28th August
- 31st August to 18th September

PROJECT COST

The cost of this 3 week course is £2,390.

Tight on time? Join us for the first two weeks of the course for £1740.

This is a three week course with lectures and work spaced over the duration of your stay. However, if you are short on time, we will accept volunteers to attend the first two weeks only. This is a great way to sample some wildlife work and get the basics under your belt. Do remember that we carry out a lot of game capture in the third week, which is very beneficial to concluding your knowledge and is one of the most adrenaline filled and hands on parts of the course.

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
- Transfers to and from the airport
- Project coordinator on the ground 24/7
- All entry in to national parks and reserves
- Ground transportation related to the project
- 3 meals a day
- Shared accommodation
- Laundry service

What is not included:

- Flights to/from South Africa
- Personal medical insurance
- Visa for South Africa (free to many nationalities)
- Any 'extra activities' you wish to do. (we suggest budgeting 5,000 to 10,000 Rand)

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+ people to 10 + countries across 3 continents. Basically, we know what travelers 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.

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

Your time 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 PROJECT FEE GOES

Your fee goes in to a kitty that allows the vet team to cover all the expenses related to your stay on the course. It covers the cost of your accommodation, meals, chef, housekeeping and project coordinator and the vet and game capture teams who spend their time teaching you.

When we head out of camp, it covers the vehicle, fuel and of course the comprehensive insurance that safeguards you in the bush the whole time you are with us. We get through a lot of supplies for your training, such as darts, ammunition, and the use of the helicopter, which you get to ride in and practice darting from. Your fee allows us to cover these expenses too.

Lastly we reinvest some of your fee back to the website and marketing, so more people find out about the project in the future.



HOW TO BOOK

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

To book onto the project:

1. Choose your start date
2. Get in touch with us at info@worldwidevets.com
3. We will provide you with our bank details and ask for a 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 April of the year you are attending
6. Fly out to the adventure of a lifetime

What are you waiting for– get in touch!

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