



SOUTH AFRICA: CONSERVATION - WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTRE

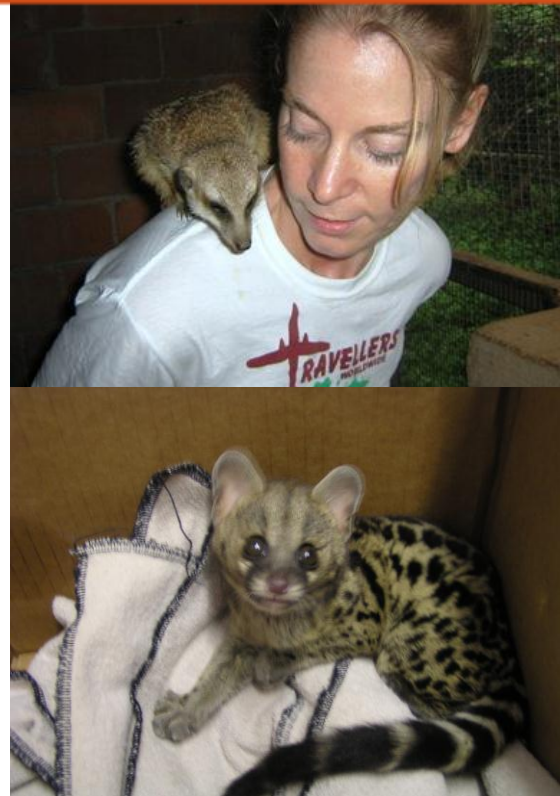
SOUTH AFRICA HAS EVERYTHING...

- Sun, sparkling warm and clear oceans, and the most beautiful golden beaches you will ever see ... stretching for miles.
- Mountain climbing, biking and hiking
- Outstanding Game Reserves where you can see wild animals in their natural habitat, and by contrast symmetric vineyards stretching to infinity
- Elegant restaurants, barbecues and beach parties
- And FRUIT everywhere!

But most of all, South Africans are the friendliest and most hospitable people in the world - without a doubt! If you're invited to dinner ... don't eat for a week beforehand because you'll be overfed, especially if it's a barbecue.

WHAT DO YOU GET?

- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
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- An opportunity to **make lifelong friends from all over the world.**
- And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**



► SUMMARY FACTFILE

Start Dates	All year round - you choose your start and finish dates!
Duration	From 2 weeks to 1 year, subject to visa requirements
Requirements	No qualifications needed, just a big heart and a love of animals and their conservation. Minimum age 17.
Price	For up-to-date prices, please check our website www.travellersworldwide.com
What's included	► Accommodation ► Food ► Meeting you at the Airport ► Transfer to your accommodation ► Transport to and from your project ► Full pre-departure support ► Local in-country team support and backup ► 24-hr emergency support ► Free t-shirt.
What's not included	Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Return transfer to airport.
Who can do this Project?	All our projects are open to all nationalities. Unless otherwise stated, you need to be aged between 17 and 70+

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

The best cage is an empty cage! You'll work with over 400 different animals and birds, and lots of monkeys! This excellent project is based in a beautiful Rehabilitation Centre in KwaZulu-Natal.

Much of your work on this project usually involves hands-on caring and nursing of injured or baby animals, for example bottle-feeding them or cleaning wounds. You'll mother it and care for it until it is recovered or old enough. Then you'll teach it to survive on its own so that it can be released back into the wild! An infinitely satisfying and very, very worthwhile project!!

The Rehabilitation Programme

The Centre is considered to be one of the leading rehabilitation Centers in South Africa. Any wild animal, (not domestic or agricultural), that has been injured, rescued or abandoned, is admitted free of charge.

Almost 90% of animals admitted to the Centre have sustained injuries due to human negligence. It takes time and dedication to rehabilitate these animals and to prepare them to be re-introduced in their natural environment. Animals that come into the Centre are cared for and helped to recover. During this recovery time they are given a lot of hands-on attention, but once they are better, time has to be spent de-humanising them so that they can be successfully reintroduced into their natural environment and fend for themselves.



The staff at the centre create enclosures that are similar to their natural environment to give them a "feel" of what their world is like. Orphaned antelope are often only released in Nature Reserves, where there are no predators, as they do not know what a predator is. These animals are tended to by staff and volunteers whose love, care and dedication is unconditional, around the clock. The team has extensive experience in the rehabilitation of wildlife and assists a number of wildlife agencies in drawing up release protocols for rehabilitated animals.

The Centre also has a public education programme that serves to spread awareness of these animals' plight.

Your responsibilities will be linked to the level of your experience and abilities, so there is something for everyone. Work can include feeding and caring for the animals, assisting nurses in the clinic, grounds work, cage enrichment and assisting in the construction and improvement of enclosures to raise the quality of the daily lives of the animals.

You'll also go out on rescues and releases and you'll monitor the released animals to ensure that they cope with their first week back in the bush.

Work Content.

This is a superb project. Here your work with the animals has the direct result of improving their quality of life, of "rescuing" them from death or a life of misery. You'll assist in preparing food and feeding, assisting the clinic staff with injuries and generally looking after the many species in the Centre, as well as assisting with the maintenance and improvement of the grounds and enclosures. There is also quite a lot of manual work that you will get involved with such as digging, building, cleaning

There are times of the year when your work could be hands-on and other times when you may not get hands-on contact with the animals. Working with the different types of animals varies throughout the year ... as with any Sanctuary and Rehabilitation Centre, no-one can predict when or if certain types of animals have been rescued and are in their care.

There are approximately 300 - 400 animals under the Centre's care at any given time, all of which are wildlife indigenous to KwaZulu Natal (called KZN for short). Animals range from birds and mammals to raptors and reptiles, and many many monkeys. They also have a very busy Educational Program, so if education 'is your thing', you will be able to assist with school tours and edutainment events at the education centre.

Whenever possible, animals who can survive in their natural habitat are released. This is a particularly satisfying time!

BABY ANIMAL SEASON

From around September to March every year the centre experiences a large influx of baby animals. these range from mongoose, antelope like little duikers, to newly hatched birds. some years, there seem to be a larger number of baby monkeys and other animals than others. you may or may not therefore be at the centre during a baby boom year.

The babies need to be fed frequently and, as with a human baby, all feeds are essential to ensure that these "children" are safe and don't go hungry.

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There may be times when we have more volunteers than babies, and in such situations please abide by the decision of your supervisor at the centre as to who gets to "mother" the baby, or whether one baby can have two volunteer "mothers". If you are not chosen to mother a baby, please accept it gracefully. In situations like this where we work with orphaned animals, we have to deal with the demand nature throws at us, which neither Travellers nor the centre can control. What we can say is that you will have some hands-on care of wild animals that need to be rehabilitated, and your efforts will be of direct benefit to the animals.

Autumn and Winter Months

South African autumn months are March, April and May which are still quite warm due to the subtropical climate of most of Natal. The winter is from June to August .

During the late summer and autumn those animals that have suitably recovered and been rehabilitated (weaned from their dependence on their human caregivers) are reintroduced to the wild. In addition to caring for those animals and babies that are not suitably recovered yet, you are likely to participate in the release and monitoring of animals that are being returned into the wild. This may involve going out to game reserves and farms where animals will be allowed to go back into the wild.

This is done specifically to give the animals a chance to adapt to their new homes, establish a territory, find the best food sources and water, etc before the cold winter months set in and adequate access to food and shelter become essential to their survival.

Those animals that are not ready to be released remain in the centre over the winter and require ongoing care throughout the winter. This is also the time that the centre readies itself for the next influx of babies.

Baby buck usually arrive in the early winter and will be in need of a lot of TLC.

Preparation of food, feeding and caring for those animals that have remained in the centre is ongoing, but there is also a strong focus at this time to repair and improve the grounds, clinic, education centre, enclosures, the cages and transport boxes.

Rescues are ongoing throughout the year and you may go out with the staff to help capture and secure injured animals that need to be brought back to the centre for medical attention and care.

Duties throughout the year may also include painting and construction, landscaping and removal of alien vegetation, as well as enriching the cages with structures and equipment to keep the monkeys entertained and stimulated.

Baby Animals

Due to the climate and vegetation of the Province, many of the cities and towns still have small populations of wildlife such as monkeys and mongoose roaming around. From around October to March every year the centre experiences a large influx of baby animals which range from little birds, mongoose, duiker and monkeys. There could be a wide variety of little ones that need a great deal of nurturing and you may be asked to assist with the feeding and offering loving care.

This is a very rewarding experience and you will be filled with joy when you see the baby develop as a direct result of your input.

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LOCATION:

The sanctuary is located on the east coast of South Africa, in the KwaZulu-Natal Province in a suburb of Durban, called Yellowwood Park. (Between The Bluff and Queensburgh on the adjacent map).

The centre lies close to a small protected reserve of 253 hectares, called Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve. The reserve offers fine examples of coastal forest and grassland habitats and include species such as zebra, bushbuck,

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reedbuck, impala, blue, red and grey duiker, vervet monkey, rock hyrax, slender mongoose, bush-baby, Egyptian mongoose, banded mongoose, water monitor and genet. The reserve has an interesting variety of indigenous flora and over 200 bird species on record. There are 13 km of nature walks and a pleasant picnic site is available.

Because of the proximity to the reserve and the fact that food is always available at the Centre, you will see an abundance of birdlife scavenging food from the enclosures.

The Bluff is a gigantic headland that forms the south-eastern 'arm' of Durban Harbour and enjoys a string of safe and protected beaches. Brighton Beach, Cave Rock Beach, Anstey's Beach and Garvies Beach are all highly popular, with interesting walks through coastal bush that ends almost at the water's edge.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

We have 2 types of accommodation:

We have a fully furnished volunteer house that accommodates up to 10 volunteers at a time. There are three bedrooms and two bathrooms. Volunteers share rooms. The house is within the security of the sanctuary and surrounded by an electric fence.

For couples or groups of volunteers who would like some extra privacy, we have a log cabin situated next to the main volunteer house, nestled under huge indigenous thorn and fig trees. It comfortably sleeps 4 volunteers in two bedrooms and has a verandah, small kitchenette and sitting room. Ablutions consist of a shower, toilet and hand basin. Meals will still be cooked with the rest of the volunteers in the main house. Allocation to this accommodation will be made at the discretion of the Project.

Sufficient food is purchased for the house on a weekly basis to provide 3 basic meals per day. Volunteers advise Sharon, the volunteer coordinator, of any special requirements i.e. vegetarian, and these are met within reason. Volunteers cook their own meals out of the food provided. In addition to the stove in the house, there is also a braai (barbeque) area to cook outdoor meals.

There is a Spar (general grocer) within 10 minutes walk from the house. The shopping complex also has a post office. To use the internet you will have to travel to a shopping centre like the Pavilion or Gateway to get a proper internet café or a postnet.

The house is serviced once a week by a cleaner but volunteers are expected to keep their accommodation clean and tidy during the course of their stay. A washing machine is available and volunteers can do their laundry on the premises but washing powder is not provided.

A safe is available at the main office should you wish to lock away your passport, money or any valuables. Mobile phones do operate with full reception on-site and it is recommended that you bring one with you

VISAS:

For most nationalities visas are not required for a stay of 90 days or less. If you do require a visa, we will liaise with you about your visa requirements, and make the visa process very easy.

FLIGHTS:

You have the option to arrange your own flights or we can assist you with your flight arrangements. If you would like us to do this for you, we will liaise with you regarding available flights and dates to suit you. All arrangements for your flight bookings/payments will be fulfilled by [Murray Rogers Travel Limited](#), ATOL No. 6856.

INDUCTION ON ARRIVAL:

When you arrive, you will be welcomed at the airport by our South African Organiser, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about Accra and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.



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COSTS:

Please see the prices pages of our website [Full Price List](#). The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

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| ✓ Accommodation | ✓ UK administration |
| ✓ Food | ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations) |
| ✓ Meeting you at the airport | ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection |
| ✓ Transport to and from your project | ✓ Staff Training/Equipment |
| ✓ Local in-country team support and backup | ✓ Donations to worthwhile projects |
| ✓ 24hr emergency helpline | |
| ✓ Full pre-departure support | |

HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

For every volunteer, a donation is made by Travellers on your behalf into the **Bridge The Gap Foundation**. This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.

COUNTRY PROFILE:

South Africa is a very modern country in most aspects. Anything that can be obtained in Europe can also be obtained in South Africa - and probably a lot cheaper! It is a very outdoors way of life in South Africa, with walks on the beach, outdoor cafes and restaurants, braais (barbecues), swimming and surfing, etc. Food is cheap, public transport is cheap and frequent, taxis are cheap, and entertainment is cheap! South Africa has all the usual satellite TV channels, English-speaking newspapers, Magazines, etc. South Africa is full of all kinds of culture, from Jazz, Folk, Rock and Country to Symphony Orchestras, Theatres and Ballets, and all of it is affordable. On a personal note, take good, comfortable sandals/shoes because you are surrounded by mountains and beaches and lots of places to hike, trek, ramble, climb, and generally enjoy on foot. But most of all, South Africans are the friendliest and most hospitable people in the world - without a doubt! If you're invited to dinner ... don't eat for a week beforehand because you'll be overfed, especially if it's a barbecue. Wine is cheap and good. The salads are to die for. And - of course - the fruit! From the exotic to the commonplace, it's everywhere.

Always speak to our local staff about your travel plans to get up to date advice and their assistance on bookings excursions for you.

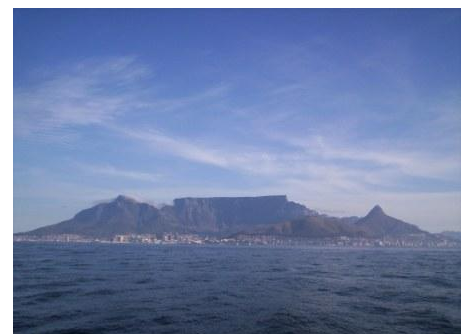
Port Elizabeth, set along the beautiful shores of Algoa Bay, is located on the south eastern coast of Africa, and is better known as the Friendly City! Greater Port Elizabeth is also referred to as the Gateway City to the Eastern Cape and the Sunshine Coast.

There are loads of attractions to this city including scenic nature trails and wildlife experiences, long golden beaches, historic heritage and a unique coastal climate. The calm waters of Algoa Bay, its shores lapped by the warm Indian Ocean, make Port Elizabeth popular for all beach and watersport activities including the famous Oceanarium where you can see dolphins and seals.

THINGS TO DO IN: SOUTH AFRICA

In **Cape Town** and surrounding regions, you're spoilt for choice! There are too many to mention, but here are just a few favourites:

- Climb or take the cable car up the majestic **Table Mountain** for panoramic views of the city
- Visit the **Cape Point Nature Reserve** and see the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet.
- **Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens**, home of unique flora and fauna. The 'Fynos Kingdom' here is endemic to this part of the



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world and South Africans are very proud of it!

- Take a ferry boat to the notorious **Robben Island**, where SA ex-president, **Nelson Mandela**, was imprisoned for 27 years.
- Spend a day - or a few - in the picturesque and vibrant **V&A Waterfront** and feel the atmosphere of the Cape with live music, numerous malls, restaurants and craft markets. This place really hums!
- Abseiling, sandboarding, scuba-diving and mountain biking, Cape Town has it all for the **adrenalin junkies**.
- Go wine tasting in **Stellenbosch**, home of South Africa's favourite and award winning vineyards. It's also outstandingly beautiful.

In the **Cape**, around the **Knysna area**, there's an amazing choice - these are just some of them:

- **The Garden Route**, possibly the most beautiful stretch of coastline in the world.
- **The worlds highest Bungee Jump!**
- **Elephant Sanctuary**
- Explore the coast on the apple express- a fascinating steam train journey -<http://www.apple-express.co.za>
- **The Congo Caves**, a truly awesome cave system and a must on your sightseeing list.
- [Whale-Watching](#) in Plettenberg Bay and the [Whale Crier of Hermanus](#)
- **Oudtshoorn**, home of the ostrich farms.
- **The Drostdy**, the graceful building that houses a museum
- **The George Museum**
- **The Old Slave Tree**, a 186 year old oak tree with a chain embedded in its trunk - a reminder of a history best forgotten.
- **The Crocodile breeding farm**
- **The Bado Kodogo Bird Farm** with 400 aviaries and 150 different species.
- **Victoria Bay** and **Herold's Bay**, renowned for surfing, bathing and fishing.
- **Two superb Golf Courses** and numerous other sports facilities, including flying, gliding, squash, horse riding, tennis, hiking and mountain biking.

In **KwaZulu-Natal** (known as KZN for short), you're surrounded by

- Big Five game parks (elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino) - Umfolozi-Hluhluwe, Phinda, Tembe, Pongola, Mkuzi
- Beautiful St Lucia with its Crocodile Centre and Wetlands
- Numerous nature parks,
- Fantastic beaches for swimming and diving,
- Lively Durban where South Africans go to have fun,
- The San Art park for a collection of astounding rock paintings,
- And much, much more!
- Roads in South Africa are generally very wide and long and a pleasure to drive on. It is very much quicker to cover distances than in, say, England. For example, many people drive from Cape Town to Johannesburg (virtually one end of the country to the other) for the weekend or just for a party.

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