



AUSTRALIA: HANDS-ON ANIMAL CONSERVATION PROJECT IN ALBANY

Australia is a must see destination – the sheer size, amazing natural wealth, awesome scenery and huge variety of plant and animal life make this unique destination one of the most incredible places on earth!

Discover the beauty of Australia's native fauna and help ensure they will still be here for future generations. Learn valuable life skills and help the environment at the same time!

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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	Available all year round – you choose your start and finish dates!
Duration	From 2 weeks to 1 year, subject to visa restrictions
Requirements	No qualifications or experience required, but you should be 18 or over, adaptable, enthusiastic and have lots of initiative. You should also have a good knowledge of English and enjoy talking to people.
Price	For up-to-date prices, please check our website www.travellersworldwide.com
What's included	► Accommodation ► Meeting you at the Airport ► Transfer to your accommodation ► Full pre-departure support ► Local in-country team support and backup ► 24-hr emergency support ► Free T-Shirt.
What's not included	Flights, Food, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Transport to and from your project, 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 18 and 70+

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Albany Biodiversity Park is a new venture currently in the final stages of development by Whale World. Whale World is a successful heritage museum based at the old whaling station on Flinders Peninsula, and recently, 10 hectares of degraded land on site has been rehabilitated with an amphitheatre, local native flora display, wetlands and a captive fauna exhibit. The captive fauna exhibit is currently open to the public as part of their Whale World ticket to provide a 'sneak peek' of what is happening. The remainder of the park is expected to open in September of 2012. This type of development is new in the Great Southern area, and is capitalising on the area's unique environment (one of 17 global biodiversity hotspots) and history.



The aim of this volunteer project is to better promote and interpret the preservation of animal life at the centre, and to provide a consistent level of support for paid animal care staff over the busy summer period. The volunteer provides vital support to the daily operation of the Walk on the Wild Side exhibits and provides a 'face' of Discovery Bay. Volunteers who are skilled or semi-skilled to better interpret the exhibits will be greatly appreciated and will offer an enhanced experience for visitors.

Volunteers will also support the staff in daily animal care tasks. The animal care duties are needed throughout the year, while tour guiding duties are generally needed during times of peak visitation (such as during the holidays in December and January and around Easter). In general, the park is open to the public from 9am-5pm every day of the year except Christmas Day.

WORK CONTENT

DAILY DUTIES:

- Cleaning animal enclosures with a hose, and water troughs, refilling water troughs
- Preparing food for animals – chopping fruit, vegetables, meat etc for night feeds
- Replacing eucalyptus leaf for koalas
- Helping to feed animals – feeding currently being done on a 2-day rotation, involves putting out feed, filling up hay-nets etc.
- Writing behavioural and other observations in recording journals
- General cleanup, e.g. raking paths, sweeping up in food prep area

OTHER COMMON JOBS:

- Mulching enclosures – preparing mulch, bagging it and spreading in enclosures
- Other animal care jobs, such as replacing old eucalyptus / acacia browse, adding it to other enclosures
- Improving habitats in enclosures, e.g. planting, adding rocks and logs etc
- Cleaning out swans pond
- Forking (raking) wombat enclosures
- Assisting with maintenance jobs as required, according to skill level and type of job (No one is required to do anything they are uncomfortable with, such as using a chainsaw)



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GREETING / GENERAL INFORMATION:

As a greeter, you will be 'floating' around the wildlife park, greeting visitors as they come in and answering any questions they may have about the displays. You will also seek to be proactively engaging visitors in learning about the animals at the park and about conservation efforts in effect.

TOUR GUIDING:

Volunteers may undertake daily tours for visitors. Tours will be conducted on:

- **Kangaroo encounters** – visitors walk with the guide into the main kangaroo enclosure, where they will learn to tell the difference between a kangaroo, wallaby, and euro (also known as a wallaroo), learn about wildlife rehabilitation, what to do if you find a kangaroo run over etc, as well as Macropod biology (the marsupial family), and the chance to pat and feed the kangaroos, have pictures taken, etc.
- **Koala interaction / feeding** – koalas are fed mid-late morning every day. They are quite active during this time and visitors can interact with the keepers whilst they feed Frank and Bruce. At other times of the day a tour can be run giving more information while visitors are observing the koalas, and more often than not visitors will get a chance to pat a koala, although picking up koalas is not permitted.
- **Western Australia locals** – another tour which can focus on local Western Australia wildlife on display, mainly highlighting the plight of the woylie in the wild (Brush-tailed Bettong, *Bettongia penicillata*). Although woylies are nocturnal and therefore not that visible during the day, the park does have a few on display which are visible to the public.



All of these tours will be designed to be fun and interactive, rather than just an information session.

All of the activities listed above will be rotated around the different volunteers, in order that they are trained in everything and get a good chance to try every role. This will also allow volunteers to have some time off to explore, go shopping, etc.

Any volunteers who have special interests are welcome on any projects they would like to pursue, e.g. behavioural studies, working with the project organiser in designing a term time education program, designing a visitor satisfaction survey, designing and undertaking ecological monitoring etc.

REQUIREMENTS:

As with all our destinations, the Australian Culture and heritage must be borne in mind whilst you are on your placement. **Self-reliance and independence are highly appreciated in all our destinations and will help you to make the most of this wonderful opportunity!**

On this placement, you will need:

- Excellent level of spoken English is required for tour guiding, as are excellent communication skills to interact with visitors and staff.
- A good level of fitness, a love for the outdoors and animals, and a willingness to get dirty!
- A good level of enthusiasm is required. Volunteers must also be able to show initiative, and be the sort of person who will enjoy being based in a national park (i.e. the park is based out of town, volunteers need to be interested in the outdoors and mature enough to make the most out of their placement).
- Previous experience in environmental education / tour guiding / wildlife care will be highly regarded although is not essential as training will be provided.
- Minimum age of 18, no upward limit on age as long as the volunteer is physically fit and active.

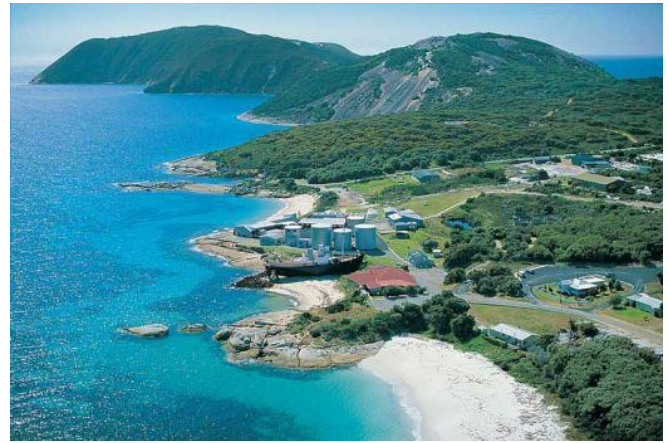
Once you have applied for your placement, we will send you detailed information about Australia, as well as an equally detailed Safety Guide - both of these will help to make your stay in Australia one that you will never forget!

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LOCATION:

Albany is 420 kilometres (260 miles) south of Perth, the Western Australia state capital, and is located on the very southern tip of Australia. As a maritime city, many beaches surround Albany, including Middleton Beach, Frenchman Bay and Muttonbird Island, great places to visit on weekends.

Agriculture (wine), fishing, and tourism currently make up much of the economy of Albany. Prior to the 1950s however, whaling employed much of the population. Since then, this is a great area to go whale watching! This is a beautiful coastal area with lots to do and see!



View of the project site, compliments of the City of Albany.

Climate - Albany has a Mediterranean climate with generally warm summers and cool, wet winters. The city is situated on what is promoted as the "Rainbow Coast", an appropriate title given the significant frequency of days with both sun and drizzle or showers. July is the wettest month, whilst rain occurs on two days out of every three during an average winter. The driest month is February and during the summer, it rains on average about one in every four days.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

Your accommodation on this project is a refurbished whaler's cottage. It is located in a small heritage-listed complex next to the Whale World Museum – inside Torndirrup National Park. The cottage is on-site and you need only walk to your work site!

Your accommodations are equipped with all of the amenities you will need, including a fully-supplied kitchen, laundry washing machine, barbecue on the back porch (it is Australia after all!), and bathroom, complete with a shower (with hot water!) and Western-style toilet. You will share a room with one other volunteer and the bathroom will be shared between all of the volunteers staying in the cottage. There is also an area where you will be able to hang out and watch TV and movies (DVD player) as well as play games and get to know your fellow volunteers.

This is a self-catering placement and food is not included on this project. You will be able to do a weekly shop at the local supermarket and kitchens are provided at the accommodation so that you can cook for yourself.

VISAS:

We will liaise with you about specific requirements, if any, 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 Australian Organiser, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction into the project and your duties, to include training on:

- Cleaning animal enclosures
- Preparing food for animals
- Basic daily health checks for the animals
- Tour guiding – this will include training on familiarisation with material, general tour delivery, and may will include a visit to a local ecotourism operation to receive instruction on guiding from a qualified professional.

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- Training and supervision in undertaking any specific projects you wish to pursue in ecological projects (Rosie is an Ecologist with around 10 years experience in the environmental field), or in other maintenance tasks in the fauna exhibit
- Other general assistance in the fauna exhibit as appropriate

COSTS:

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

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

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:

Australia is a must see destination – the sheer size, amazing natural wealth, awesome scenery and huge variety of plant and animal life make this unique destination one of the most incredible places on earth! Australia's most striking feature is its variety of landscapes, with endless miles of unspoilt beaches (over 7,000 beaches - more than any other nation), tropical rainforests, mountain ranges and huge areas of desert - the famous 'outback'. The natural scenery is unbeatable.

Australians are known for their love of life and enjoyment of the great outdoors. While Australians have a relatively short history they have quickly developed their own unique culture - with their love of the humble meat pie, the arts and music, sport (Australian Rules Football is the national game), the beach and BBQs.

Visitors maybe confused when first arriving in Australia. While it's common knowledge that Australians speak English, you may hear a unique colloquial language. You'll hear words such as 'G'day', 'fair dinkum', and 'cobber'. Don't worry, you'll get the hang of it and will be talking like an Aussie in no time.



THINGS TO DO IN: AUSTRALIA

- Although Australia is the **largest island** in the world with more beaches than any other country, it is also the **smallest continent**, as well as the **flattest, lowest and driest!** There are many unforgettable sights to see... exploring this incredible land will make you feel as though you have stepped into a postcard.
- Cities on the **East Coast** include Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Cairns. Sydney has one of the most instantly recognisable Skylines in the world, where sunset views of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge are unforgettable. If you're feeling brave you can arrange to climb the Harbour Bridge - a 52 tonne structure! Sydney also has excellent nightlife, cuisine from around the world, many parks and museums, and not far from the city some incredible mountainous scenery. Many people don't realise that Sydney is not actually the

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capital of Australia - it's nearby Canberra, the countries political centre. Manly beach and the famous **Bondi Beach**, two popular surfing spots, are both located near Sydney.

- **Melbourne** is the state capital of Victoria and is the second largest city in Australia. Melbourne is very much about lifestyle with its vibrant energy, staggering choice of restaurants, funky boutiques, café-filled laneways, cool bars, unbeatable galleries, luscious parks and village-like inner suburbs. New futuristic designs combined with the Melbourne of old create a fascinating mix of architecture and ensures the skyline is constantly changing. A standing joke in Australia is that Melbourne can experience four seasons in a day but this is really just another example of how they have it all!



- It truly is the city to have a cultural experience but don't just see the many galleries, experience the local passion of Australia Rules Football (AFL). Victorians are passionate about AFL, so head down the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) and enjoy a game – don't forget to grab a meat pie!
- **Byron Bay** and **Noosa**, located further north and close to Brisbane, are very popular for surfing and are good for professionals and amateurs! Further up the coast you'll reach **Fraser Island**, the largest sand island in the world. This protected region has over 100 freshwater lakes, ancient rainforests growing out of sand, and dunes stretching for miles.
- The **Great Barrier Reef**, located along the East Coast of Australia, is the largest coral reef in the world and wonderful place to learn to dive or simply snorkel. North of Cairns the region of **Cape Tribulation** has some spectacular beaches backed by rainforest.
- In **Central Australia**, **Uluru** is a must see. This sacred Aboriginal Meeting place, located in the middle of the outback, offers inspirational views, particularly at sunrise and sunset. Camping trips under the stars are popular. Nearby Kings Canyon, a less well known 'Grand Canyon' is another unforgettable site and something that everyone should see on a visit to Australia.
- On the **West Coast** of Australia, between Perth and Broome, there are miles and miles of perfect sandy beaches. Excellent wreck diving is abundant around Perth and this is also one of the best places to learn to dive in Australia. There are also plenty of snorkelling and other water sports on offer around Perth. As the majority of Australia's 20 millions residents live close to the coast, beaches are an important part of life, and there are certainly plenty to choose from.
- Surfing, Snorkelling, Diving, Sailing and all other water sports are plentiful - so much so that Australian Dollar Notes are waterproof, just in case you should leave them in your shorts by accident.



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VOLUNTEERS FEEDBACK:

“I first decided to do a volunteer placement because I had been in my office job for a while. I wanted a change and to take a career break for a few months to do something I would really enjoy and that I was passionate about. I have always loved animals, so I did a search on the internet and found the wildlife rehabilitation placement in Australia organised by Travellers. Having been to Australia before to the East Coast, I had always wanted to return to see Perth so this placement seemed perfect, combining my passion for animals in a location I was keen to explore. Working at the Wildlife Centre has been a great experience for me”

Catherine – Wildlife Rehabilitation volunteer

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