



## AUSTRALIA: ANIMAL CONSERVATION IN A WILDLIFE PARK

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!

### Why Western Australia?

To experience the *real Australia*, head to WA! WA has earned its reputation as the '**State of Excitement**' – and you'll soon see why! WA is much less touristy, there's more left to be discovered and you will have lots more opportunities to mix with the locals.

WA is also home to some of the best and largest surfing waves in the world, white sandy beaches and a virtually untouched coral reef stretching for 260km!

### WHAT DO YOU GET?

- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market.
- Experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who'll meet you at the airport on your arrival - helps you **feel safe and never alone!**
- An in-depth Induction makes you **feel local straight away!**
- A unique insight into another culture – **see it from the inside** in a way you could never do as a tourist.
- An opportunity to **make lifelong friends from all over the world.**
- And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**



### ► SUMMARY FACTFILE

<b>Start Dates</b>	Available all year round - you can choose your start and finish dates within this period!
<b>Duration</b>	From 4 weeks to 12 weeks or longer, subject to visa restrictions
<b>Requirements</b>	No qualifications or experience required, but you should be 18 or over, adaptable, enthusiastic and have lots of initiative. You should also have at least a basic level of English and enjoy talking to people.
<b>Price</b>	For up-to-date prices, please check our website <a href="http://www.travellersworldwide.com">www.travellersworldwide.com</a>
<b>What's included</b>	► 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.
<b>What's not included</b>	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.
<b>Who can do this Project?</b>	All our projects are open to all nationalities. Unless otherwise stated, you need to be aged between 18 and 70+

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

Work in a Wildlife Park that has over 60 varieties of Australian native birds and marsupials, located in a beautiful town just south of Perth. Popular activities in the Park are hand-feeding the free range kangaroos that roam freely around the Park and entering into the large free-flight aviary (for the brave) to hand-feed the parrots!

The park is an asset to the local community and the south west as it is a great tourist attraction as well as benefiting the community and schools. The Lonely Planet guide named Western Australia's South West region as one of the TOP TEN most desirable holiday destinations in the world for 2010 saying, "*it offers variety in spades!*" And it does ... the sheer size, amazing natural wealth, awesome scenery and huge variety of plant and animal life make Australia an essential destination for anyone with a passion for nature and wildlife.

### The Conservation Programme

You'll work with an organisation that is dedicated to conserving Australia's threatened wildlife and ecosystems - it's an immensely worthwhile project which has a very high level of personal satisfaction! The mission of the Park is to provide a partnership with the community, promoting understanding of the animals and plant life of the South West and an integrated resource centre promoting environmental stewardship and sustainability.

The Wildlife Park is a community-based volunteer-run organisation offering a variety of experiences. They consist of Native Animal based experience, grounds keeping experience, retail/tourism experience, or a combination to suit individual requirements. The Park attracts visitors from all over the world, so by hosting international volunteers they hope to provide an opportunity to enhance their knowledge and awareness of cultural differences, exchange ideas and, in turn, make the place more culturally sensitive and an enjoyable environment in which to work and visit.



The Park also participates in a variety of structured workplace learning programmes including, disability services and other community work programmes.

### Work Content

This project has a great deal of variety and you'll have lots of opportunity to work hands-on with some of Australia's wonderfully unique and diverse native birds and mammal species. Other work activities that you can get involved with include Grounds-keeping, which involves the hands-on care and maintenance of hundreds of native trees and plants. You can also get involved in Retail & Tourism if you want to. This last activity is entirely optional, but is available if you'd like to get tourism experience.

The Wildlife Park is a very friendly place and some of their local volunteers have been involved with the Park for many years. They also offer work experience and community services for high school and primary school children.

Your main responsibility will fall into one or more of the following three areas at the Park:

- Native animal-based experience,
- Grounds-keeping experience,
- Retail / Tourism experience (optional).

### Native Animal based Experience:

This revolves around the daily care and maintenance of the animals and the enclosures they are housed in. This includes routine cleaning, feeding, feed preparation, enclosure maintenance, behaviour observation and environmental enhancement. The park is currently home to many different types of wildlife that are native to Australia such as a variety of birds, possums, kangaroos and wallabies.

The role of volunteer animal attendant is to assist the Wildlife carers employed by the Park with their daily tasks. On a typical day you could do cleaning and maintenance of the animal enclosures and surrounding grounds of the park in the mornings, then stop for lunch at around midday, In the afternoon you'll prepare the food for the animals by



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cutting up fruit and vegetables, and then you'll feed the animals.

### Grounds-keeping Experience:

This involves the maintenance of the Wildlife Park grounds and facilities, including planting, mulching, repairs and general grounds-keeping duties. Instructions are given to volunteers daily, depending on what is required for that day. This activity is ideal for you if you really like to get stuck into things.

### Retail / Tourism Experience (optional):

If you'd like to gain some experience in Retail & Tourism while on your project, you'll get the chance to improve communication skills; meet people and gain skills in retail sales as well as basic food preparation and service.

Although many volunteers choose to focus all their efforts on working with the animals, the Park is very happy when volunteers choose to get involved in all areas of running the park, because this not only helps them to sustain their work, it also gives you a broad spectrum of experience and knowledge in what it takes to manage the facility.

Thus you can also gain experience in dealing with retail sales, customer liaison, restocking of items, maintenance of the shop area, answering customer queries, answering the telephone and helping with a vast multitude of daily functions required to keep the Park functioning efficiently and well.

You'll be a part of the Park team and they are particularly keen to listen to and discuss any ideas you may have, especially if you have specific skills or experience that might help them, such as in marketing or education.



### LOCATION:

This programme is located in the stunning south west coast in the third largest city in Western Australia. The city is small but a major commercial centre in Western Australia and acts as a hub to the local area about 2½ hrs drive south of Perth. Described as the real Australia, it is located on a spectacular peninsular surrounded by blue waters of the Indian Ocean, a bay and an inlet. A vibrant port city with a strong maritime history, the area is renowned for its quality lifestyle and unique blend of nature surrounds and top quality facilities.

The area other features include Western Australia's southern-most mangroves, rare basaltic rock and nearby Tuart Forest. A colourful "cappuccino strip" of sidewalk cafes and a variety of waterside dining options offer numerous opportunities to taste the wonders of the local produce. These cafes and the award-winning restaurants and historic pubs ensure the atmosphere hums! The city is surrounded by forests, national parks, beautiful waterways, historic towns and hundreds of vineyards, not to mention the incredible coast-line.



**Climate** - The area has a Mediterranean climate with warm to hot summers and cool winters. Rainfall is received in the form of cold-fronts during winter but the weather is rather pleasant for the rest of the year. In summer (December to February), the average maximum temperature is 28°C with an average minimum temperature of 14°C. In winter (June to August), the average maximum temperature is 19°C with an average minimum temperature of 9°C.

### ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

You'll live in a backpackers conveniently located in the heart of Bunbury, within walking distance of your project site. You'll have the beach, the City Centre and lots of other attractions all within two minutes walk and you'll be able to explore the nearby forests, national parks, beautiful waterways, historic towns, many vineyards and the incredibly beautiful coast-line on your days off.

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You will stay in a dorm room with access to many facilities in the Backpackers, including a pool table, table tennis, board games, sporting equipment, use of the BBQ and outdoor area, off-street parking, a unique Bunbury visitor guide and tea and coffee (all for free)! Imagine chatting to the other guests about all the wonderful experiences you will be having! There are fast-speed internet facilities at the Backpackers which you can use for a nominal charge, so you'll be able to keep up with emails with friends and family back home.

### **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 so that you can learn about Australia and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.

### **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

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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 capital of Australia - it's nearby Canberra, the country's political centre. Manly beach and the famous **Bondi Beach**, two popular surfing spots, are both located near Sydney.
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- **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, lush 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 million 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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- Detailed information on your project and country and suggestions, safety guide, tips and checklists, via our *EXTRANET*, **available from anywhere, 24/7.**
- 24/7 emergency helpline for you and your family
- Free pick up from the nearest airport.

## 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)

## HOW TO BOOK:

Please complete a [booking form](#) online or you can send a postal booking from our free brochure. When we receive this, we'll telephone you to discuss the details and then start the exciting process of planning your trip!

**We do hope you'll join us and are confident that you'll find this an incredible experience. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions - we'll be happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!**

You may also be interested in other courses with Travellers, or do other projects in our other destinations – please visit our [website](#) for details of all our projects. In fact you can choose from over 300 projects in 19 countries!

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