



AUSTRALIA: ANIMAL CARE IN A WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTRE

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!

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



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

Start Dates	All year round - you choose your start and finish dates!
Duration	From 4 weeks to 1 year, subject to visa restrictions
Requirements	No qualifications or experience required, but you must be adaptable, enthusiastic and have lots of initiative
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+

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

Australia is one of the most biologically diverse countries in the world, with a large portion of species endemic to Australia. Preserving this wealth of biodiversity is important for future generations. Thought of by many as one of the world's last wildernesses, Australia is home to a unique and fragile ecosystem that needs our help and protection.

The elements of work you'll assist with are diverse - something to suit everyone. You'll work with an organisation that is totally run by volunteers who are dedicated to conserving Australia's threatened wildlife and ecosystems - it's an immensely worthwhile project which has a very high level of personal satisfaction. You'll assist in taking care of a variety of different types of animals that need your help, as well as working with plants and trees, habitat restoration and heritage protection - in one of the most beautiful parts of Australia!



Flexibility: Another attraction of this multi-faceted project is that if you decide that there is one particular project that you would prefer to work on, rather than devoting time to many different projects, we can arrange for you to do so, if it is feasible at the time you're there.

They have many animal species on site, such as pelicans, kangaroos and even at times penguins - during the day the place is active with animal movement, making it a very interesting environment!

This project will enable you to contribute your time and skills to help the environment, broaden your life experience and work with others who share your love of nature!

The TV Rehabilitation Programme

Your main focus will be at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. You'll work with an organisation that is totally run by volunteers who are dedicated to conserving Australia's threatened wildlife and ecosystems - it's an immensely worthwhile project which has a very high level of personal satisfaction. You'll also assist in taking care of a variety of different types of animals that need your help, in one of the most beautiful parts of Australia!

Work Content.

Volunteers tend to do a variety of tasks which need to be carried out every day. You may find the work challenging but it is truly rewarding and you'll receive training on-site. You should be prepared to be working in a basic environment. You are likely to gain a lot of practical experience and learn a tremendous amount. At the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre the type of work is very varied, depending on the time of year. A range of activities you may undertake include,

- Caring for the animals and birds, including cleaning enclosures and cages.
- Preparing food and water for the animals.
- Filling the duck and swan pond.
- Assisting with compiling medical records for all new animals that are brought to the Centre.
- Checking the animal diet board to ensure that the sick or injured animals are receiving the meals that have been specified for them.
- Cleaning the hospital boxes and tanks.
- You may be able to assist with animal captures, but this will depend on a number of factors, such as whether the animal is dangerous, what type of terrain it is stranded in, and whether there are captures while you're there.
- Surveys and monitoring
- *Ground maintenance.* This includes tasks such as: checking the upkeep of the animal enclosures; checking the hoses and fixing them if required; checking the various pieces of equipment and reporting which need replacing or repairing, in order to ensure things are kept to the best standard possible



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- Gardening and Laundry
- Help in the office with some administration
- *Animal welfare*: the Centre has the policy that the feelings and mental wellbeing of the animals, not the people, comes first! The centre brings in wild animals that are in desperate need of help, so you should be prepared for the fact that some of these injured or abused animals die and some have to be put to sleep.
- You may also be able to assist with the various school groups that come to the Centre on educational outings. They usually have at least one group a week.

Staff - The Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre is run by volunteers. A lot of the volunteers are from the local community who give up their free time to help the animals and give them fighting chance to survive. Without the people it is likely that many of the animals there wouldn't live. Everyone there has the same agenda to help the animals. You are going to be part of this environment and helping to achieve the same goals.

LOCATION:

Western Australia is 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!

Our programs are based in Perth, the gateway and capital city of Western Australia (WA). Of the almost two million people that live in Western Australia, the vast majority reside in the state's capital. Perth was settled on the banks of the Swan River in the 1800s and leaves a lasting impression on all of its visitors.

Perth's brilliant blue skies and warm sunny climate must be experienced to be believed. Perth is said to have the most days of sunshine of any capital city in Australia. There is always plenty to do in this sophisticated and scenic city – enjoy water sports on the Swan River, sample local wine or explore the 400 hectares of natural bush land in central Kings Park.

Perth is also the home of the world's oldest operating mint (where gold and silver production can be seen), numerous museums and art galleries, historic buildings full of character, a five-star resort and casino and a great variety of shopping - all of which are only minutes from the Central Business District. Perth boasts over 80 kilometres of white sandy beaches to sunbathe on – the most popular being Cottesloe and Scarborough, both within easy reach of the city.

Northbridge is Perth's cultural and entertainment area, just a few minute's walk north of Perth City the other side of the train station. Northbridge is home to a number of pubs, nightclubs, bars, cafes, shops, galleries and oh so many restaurants.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

You'll be accommodated in a centrally located lodge that is friendly and relaxing, making it ideal for long term stays. Your accommodation is located in the CBD (Central Business District) of Perth, Western Australia. Therefore you are very central, close to the main train station and shopping district. You'll have your own room, but will share a bathroom with others on your floor.

There is an excellent kitchen and storage area for cooking meals and plenty of space to relax. Entertainment at your accommodation includes a pool table, cheap internet access, arcade machines and cable TV (Foxtel), to name a few. But with all the sunshine Perth has – you'll be out and about enjoying the many outdoor activities! You are literally a stroll from the Swan River and free CBD transport.

At weekends you will find markets, entertainment and plenty of alfresco style cafes to laze in. Perth has restaurants to suit all tastes - the most popular cuisine is of course the great Australian BBQ. Barbeque facilities are abundant in local parks - take your own food and cook up a feast, Australian style.



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GETTING TO YOUR PROJECT:

Transport budget is not included in your placement. You'll travel to your project using public transport. On your first day, you'll usually be accompanied by a Travellers team member who will show you how to use public transport to get to your placement. If you have any questions regarding the transport routes please ask your organiser who will be happy to help you.

VISAS:

Visas are required for Australia, but don't worry we will liaise with you about specific 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 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 Perth 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'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



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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!

Perth's weather and climate is best described as Mediterranean, with long dry summers and mild rainy winters. It is because of these long hot summers that many Perth activities revolve around the water. So if you enjoy water sports such as swimming and surfing or lazing on clean sandy beaches, Perth is the perfect destination.

The hottest months are January and February, and temperatures can frequently reach the mid to high 30's Celsius (95-100F). Occasionally the weather can reach 38 degrees Celsius or more (100+ Fahrenheit), and when it does, it is colloquially referred to as "a scorcher".

The mild Perth winter begins at the start of June and finishes in September. It is generally a rainy season, interspersed with chilly yet sunny days. A typical Perth winter day may fall between 16-18 degrees Celsius (60-65 degrees Fahrenheit).



THINGS TO DO IN: AUSTRALIA

- **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 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!
- **Byron Bay** and **Noosa**, located further north and close to Brisbane, are very popular for surfing and are good for professionals and amateurs!
- **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.
- **Uluru** is a must see (also known as Ayres Rock). 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.
- **Endless Sandy Beaches**. 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



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sports are plentiful - so much so that Australian Dollar Notes are waterproof, just in case you should leave them in your shorts by accident.

WHY GO WITH TRAVELLERS WORLDWIDE?

- Profesional work experience placements
- 15 years' experience sending thousands of participants overseas, plus the largest variety of **flexible projects** that are **value for money!**
- Excellent support - second to none in the industry
- Accredited projects helps **appeal to future employers**
- Your own dedicated Project Co-ordinator to answer all questions prior to, during and after your **trip of a lifetime!**
- 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.

VOLUNTEER 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 Bowler (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!

Make a Difference – Get Involved!

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