



## INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERING

You don't have to be on a gap year or enjoying your retirement to take part in volunteering or a "helping holiday". Discover exciting destinations in South Africa where you can help out and experience a beautiful country at the same time.

Do you have a heart that cares for others? What is more rewarding than helping others that are in need? Be it with people, animals or the environment, you can make a difference.

- Become part of our South African family
- Live in the heart of a community
- Experience the diverse cultures of our 'Rainbow Nation'
- Share your heart as well as your skills
- Be more than just a tourist

### Choosing the right project

Choose from a list of projects. Once you have found your favourite project, we will send you the detailed project descriptions.

Placement availability may vary at any given time, depending on the experience, education, knowledge and interests of the volunteer. Our placement co-ordinator will ensure that volunteers are placed in suitable projects and that they are utilised appropriately to their needs.

### Volunteering Projects available

\*Animals

\*Education

\*Wildlife and Conservation

\*Environmental

\*Childcare

\*Social Welfare

### Why should you pay to help out?

Most projects have limited resources and are not able to support your housing, living and transport costs. They are dependent on donations and any help they can get.

### What You Need to Apply to Volunteer?

- An updated Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- A valid passport (validity of passport at least 30 days longer than the intended stay).
- A valid visa for the full duration of your stay.
- Health/medical and accident liability insurance for the length of your stay in South Africa.
- Fair to Good English skills.
- A police clearance certificate.
- A letter of motivation.

## **What we offer you?**

### **Initial contact**

- Comprehensive information regarding all aspects of life in South Africa including general information and the available South African volunteer projects.
- Communication with associations and organisations to ensure volunteering guidelines are being met.

### **Once you have signed up for a “Helping holiday”**

- In country support from our local office.
- Assistance with arrangements for accommodation, transportation and anything else you may need.

### **On arriving in Cape Town**

- Airport pick-up.
- Accommodation arrangements.
- Welcome pack including useful information about Cape Town and South Africa, local SIM card for a mobile phone, a list of important telephone numbers and maps.
- A “Hop on, Hop off City Sightseeing Red Bus” ticket to become acquainted with the city of Cape Town during your Orientation period.
- Transport to your accommodation on the first day and the first day’s transport to your volunteering project.

### **During your time volunteering**

- Assistance with events and trips.
- English lessons (if needed)

### **The programme fee also includes:**

- A 2-day orientation including 2 nights’ accommodation and breakfast at a Backpackers/Hostel in Cape Town.
- 2 half day tours in Cape Town (Walking City Tour & Cultural Tour)
- A donation to the chosen project

### **Not included:**

- Round-trip flight to South Africa
- Accommodation and meal costs – see below
- Vaccination and visa costs
- Health, medical and accident liability insurance
- Daily transport to the project
- English language classes

## Accommodation

You have a choice to be part of a South African family in a homestay or share a house with other students.

Certain projects offer accommodation on their premises, but this will be a separate charge.

Homestays include breakfast and dinner. Student housing is self-catering.

## Steps to applying for Volunteering in South Africa

The application needs to be completed **3 months** before arrival and in extreme cases, at least **6 weeks** before the required date of volunteering.

- **Step 1** - Complete the Initial Volunteering application form (VF1). Please note that this is for the **volunteer's** information. It has to be completed **in full** and returned to our office with their CV and police clearance certificate.
- **Step 2** – We will send an invoice for the Initial placement fee. Payment is due immediately. Once payment has been made, the process will continue.
- **Step 3** – We will forward the letter of proof of lodging as well as a placement confirmation from the project concerned, for the volunteer's visa application.
- **Step 4** – Complete the second information form (VF2) once they have received their visa and medical/travel insurance. This is **very important**. Once they have booked their flights, we will need a copy of the medical insurance.
- **Step 5** – We will send an invoice for the accommodation and the programme fee.
- **Step 6** – The volunteer will receive their orientation programme before arrival.