



Namibia Education Assistant Project



Overview

Our Primary School opened in 2009 after a need arose for the education of San Bushmen children. Fewer than 1 in 5 San children attend primary school due to financial difficulties and social prejudices. Discrimination of the San prevents many children from receiving adequate education and extends so far into them not being accepted into mainstream schools. Many San children do not speak English and therefore are unable to learn effectively, and government schools frequently discriminate against San children and do not accept them to the school. The challenges are enormous.

Therefore, all the children who attend school with the support of the project are considered a huge success. Through providing quality education to the San people of Namibia, the project reduces poverty by increasing future earning potential for these children and young people. The School receives no government funding and is reliant on the generosity of donors and school volunteers to continue operating. The project is passionate that every child deserves the right to an education, and provides a positive learning environment for children to expand their knowledge and gain an understanding of the importance of education in their futures. The school is a place where passion is encouraged, and enthusiasm is fostered. It's a place where San Bushmen children can learn and become thoughtful students who take pride in their education.

Project Details

Arrival Day: Any day/ Sunday. Project starts on Mondays

Arrival Time: Any time

Airport: Windhoek Hosea Kutako Airport (WHK), Namibia.

Departure Day: Any day/ Sunday

Departure time: Between 11am and 1pm

Min Duration: 2 weeks for School Assistant/ 4 weeks Qualified teachers

Max Duration: N/A

Min Age: 18 years old

Max Age: N/A – Medium level of fitness and healthy

NOTE: This program is not available over school holidays, public holidays or mid-term breaks.

Project Highlights

- A unique opportunity to make a positive impact on the local San Bushman children
- You will be living close to many wild animals in the Namibian bush and nothing beats being surrounded by a pride of lions, leopards or cheetahs and being able to spend time observing their individual traits
- You will be accompanied by other people who are very passionate about teaching.
- Assist with education the San Bushman Children and providing them with a better future.

Volunteer Tasks

Category 01: - Class Assistant (No experience required)

School Volunteering Category 01: - (No experience required)

Full day at the school =

07:30 – 13:00

- School Curriculum lessons

- Volunteer providing assistance to teacher / volunteer not teaching

14:30 – 17:00

- volunteer participation with children – Supervised by a teacher on site.

- Children homework sessions – assisting children to complete their homework they received.
 - Arts/crafts/ - this will be anything from dancing to arts.
 - once a week the volunteer must give a presentation to the primary school kids – Fun, interesting, educational.
 - Country of Origin – nationality
 - culture
 - tourist attraction
 - Educational for the primary children – aged 06 years to 13 years
- Weekends: - if and when required, volunteers will be asked to assist.

Category 2- Qualified Teacher

Volunteering at the local school provides a unique opportunity to make a positive impact on the local San Bushman children, whilst surrounded by Namibia's beautiful landscapes and wildlife. Located at the Namibia Wildlife Sanctuary, the School co-exists with nature and is truly a place where wildlife and communities come together. All routine aspects of the program are carried out in a rotational group system to ensure that everybody gets exposed to the variety of experiences available. For the full experience and understanding of what the project does, it is highly recommended that you book at least three weeks on the project.

Volunteers will be expected to be involved in the daily activities of the school. Tasks may include:

- Assisting the teachers in preparations of lessons, develop/create teaching aids
- Classroom chores e.g. handing out of assignments, tidying up, preparing daily presentations
- Child management e.g. leading / assisting children with proper conduct when (for example) going to the bathroom, tying their shoes, washing hands after playtime etc.
- Helping in the playground and ensure the safety of the children
- Actively participating in school projects
- Quietly and respectfully listening to and observing the teacher's lessons, using this opportunity to learn
- Teaching the students new skills such as arts and crafts, music, dance, etc
- The teacher may or may not ask the volunteer to present a particular activity or classroom task, which will be in line with the curriculum. This opportunity is, however, not guaranteed
- Planning and take part in the extracurricular activities
- Assisting with homework and student school projects.

Example Itinerary

This project runs Monday to Friday.

School hours are from 7am to 12pm with two breaks in between.

Afternoon activities start at 2:30pm and continue till 5pm.

Saturdays and Sundays are your off days, unless a planned weekend school activity takes place. Volunteers are required to participate in the planning and implementation thereof.

Please note that from time to time there can be unavoidable changes to projects. These can be caused by weather, conservation priorities, materials supply, or because ongoing projects have progressed more quickly or slowly than originally planned. We ask you to accept the changes – we are sure that you will enjoy the replacement projects just as much.

Volunteer Requirements

- **CATEGORY 1 - School Assistant, No Experience Needed**
- **CATEGORY 2 - School Teacher - Qualification in teaching; in the process of completing a qualification in teaching; experience in the field of teaching**
- Completed application form
- High level of competency in English
- Police clearance certificate from your home country
- Copy of return flight itinerary
- Medium level of fitness

Code of conduct: Volunteers will sign the school's code of conduct, agreeing to adhere to all values, rules and regulations of the school.

What's Included

- Airport pick up from Windhoek International
- Accommodation
- Three meals a day
- Transport to and from the project
- 1 x green uniform sets (pants and shirts)
- 24 hour support and supervision
- Donation to the project
- Certificate of appreciation

Meals Volunteers will receive 3 meals a day

Breakfast consists of cereals, fruit, yoghurts, toast and spreads

Lunch varies from cold to hot meals for example: wraps, salads, pasta dishes, sandwiches

Dinner consists of a hot meal such as a traditional BBQ (braai), stews, chicken dishes, etc.

Accommodation

Volunteers will stay in tents (2 – 3 people per tent) at the sanctuary. (same gender, couples or family)

- The school is walking distance from the accommodation.
- All linen will be provided.
- Swimming pool is available.
- No visitors are permitted to enter the property unless permitted by the project leader

Optional Extra Uniform Costs

- Commencing January 1st, 2022, all volunteers must wear a Naankuse uniform upon arrival. The Uniform policy is to ensure that all adhere to a proper dress code and wear clothing that protects them in the Bush. The uniform should be worn while participating in activities at the Naankuse projects and remains the property of the volunteer.
- The volunteers will each receive one shirt and a pair of pants, however if they need more they will need to purchase extra.
- Uniform costs are as follows:
 - Shirt N\$230
 - Trousers N\$520
 - Jacket N\$570

Extra Information

Optional extras

- Wine tour & tasting with cheese platter: N\$220.00 per person
- Naukluft Mountain hike: N\$440.00 per person
- Sossusvlei day trip: N\$1,320.00 per person

Laundry Laundry services are available on selected days at the Wildlife Sanctuary

Internet Please do make sure you purchase a Namibia Sim card and load data on it, you can purchase this at the airport upon arrival or at the farm (project) or you can buy wifi coupons at the wildlife sanctuary.

Location The Wildlife Sanctuary is located just 45km out of Windhoek (Namibia's capital) and 35km from Windhoek International airport, in the Khomas region of Namibia.

Shops/Grocery Stores You can book a transfer to the city centre with your volunteer co-ordinator so that you can purchase essentials/souvenirs or food items at an additional cost of N\$250 per person

ATM's There is an ATM at the project (not always functional due to signal problems). It is suggested that you get cash at the ATM at the airport upon your arrival

Supervision/Co- Ordination:

As the nature of the work varies, volunteers are placed under the supervision of 2 of the teachers. The coordinators will facilitate the smooth operation of the volunteers work, stay and provide guidance where necessary.

PLEASE NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF COVID-19 AND SUDDEN CHANGES IN REGULATIONS YOUR ITINERARY MAY NEED TO BE ADJUSTED OR CHANGED UNEXPECTEDLY AND WITHOUT NOTICE.

Packing list

- Clothing: Please mark all clothing with your name prior to arrival. During working hours all volunteers need to wear the uniform tshirts. 3 tshirts are included in the volunteering fees. The type of clothing you should bring depends on time of year you visit. May to September is the winter period and can be very cold at night and in the early mornings and daytime temperatures can vary.
- A sleeping bag is recommended! October to April is the summer period and the rainy season is from November-February. Whilst during this time it is generally hot during the day it can rain and become chilly in the evenings so do pack a jumper or fleece and waterproof jacket
- Sleeping bag: for use at the Research Sites and useful for winter months at the Sanctuary, possible overnight sleep outs in the field, or if you plan to travel outside of your project.
- Silk or Cotton Linen: Ideal for hot nights or as an extra layer to your sleeping bag.
- Travel Guide, such as Lonely Planet or Rough Guide
- Water bottle at least 75cl
- Passport, insurance certificates and personal documentation
- Project Emergency contact number
- Photocopies of all the above to be left at home with your next of kin
- Spending money – bring Namibian Dollars or SA Rand, you can withdraw or transfer cash from the airport on arrival

- Proof of inoculations (please speak to your GP about necessary immunizations)
- Secure, waterproof bag for documents and money: sealable plastic bags will do
- Sunscreen and hat and sunglasses
- Swimsuit and towel
- Flashlight and batteries
- The evenings can be quiet so bring books, cards, iPod etc
- Day pack/rucksack for everyday use
- Sewing kit and pocket knife for general use
- Plug adaptor (3 large round pins)
- Alarm clock / Watch
- Diary and pens
- Toiletries – Please bring biodegradable products if possible. As the Wildlife Sanctuary uses recycled water for their sprinkling system as part of their environmental awareness, volunteers are asked to bring biodegradable products (i.e.shampoo, soap) for use from overseas to prevent the sprinkler system from malfunctioning.