



Community and Bush Adventure Program in South Africa



Your 2-week African adventure begins with 2 nights in the world-famous township of Soweto, where you'll immerse yourself in the local culture by exploring the community on foot or by bicycle. Enjoy traditional food, drinks, and music to get into the African spirit.

Next, you'll experience the thrill of the African wilderness at a Big Five Game Reserve near Johannesburg, combining Early Child Development (ECD) work with wildlife conservation.

Volunteers will support local day-care centres by enhancing children's motor skills and caring for infants at a Baby Safe House.

In the second week, you'll live as a game ranger, balancing thrilling safaris with conservation work. This immersive experience in the African bush allows you to learn from expert guides, contribute to conservation efforts, and enjoy the tranquillity of the wilderness.

Program

1. Soweto Experience

Soweto Cycling Tour: Explore Soweto's neighbourhoods and learn about its rich history

Traditional Beer Tasting Ceremony "The Circle of Unity":

- Learn about traditional jewellery, clothing
- Taste home-brewed drinks like Sorghum beer (Umqhomboti) and sweet Maize drink (Mageu).

2. Early Child Development (ECD) and Community Work

Support Day-Care Program: Train and work with 22 centers. Impact over 2,000 children through sports programs and basic motor skills development.

Childcare & Education:

- Engage with preschool children through singing, dancing, and playful activities to teach basic movement skills.
- Entertain, stimulate, and care for babies, including tasks such as feeding, nappy changing, bathing, and dressing.

Creative & Administrative Support:

- Assist teachers in creating teaching aids, preparing for creative activities, and organising special events.
- Sort and distribute donations, assist with recycling projects, and prepare food and materials for events.
- Maintain cleanliness in the daycare and playgrounds, including washing clothes, bedding, and cleaning facilities.

Baby Safe House:

- Care for babies, including changing, bathing, and feeding.
- Helping them engage in developmental activities.
- Contribute to gardening and maintenance tasks.

3. Big 5 in the Bush Experience

Morning Safari: Track the "Big Five" in open game viewer .

Bush Walk: Explore the flora and fauna with experienced nature guides .

Conservation Work:

- Participate in tree cutting, clearing roads
- Contribute to alien plant control

- Give environmental talks with local schools

Community Tour: Visit various local entities and artists

Evening Campfires: Sleep out under the stars, share stories and experiences around the campfire.

Your role

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- Gardening, and building vegetable tunnels and fruit trees.

Morning Safari & Bush Walks:

- Participate in a morning safari in game viewer vehicles, helping to track the "Big Five" and other wildlife.
- Engage in a guided bush walk to explore and learn about the local flora and fauna.

Conservation Work:

- Contribute to conservation efforts through animal tracking, habitat preservation, alien plant control, tree cutting and clearing roads
- Community tour, visiting local entities and local artists
- South Africa and home country environmental talk with local school

Evening Campfires:

- Bush dinner and sleep out in the bush under the stars
- Share stories and experiences with fellow adventurers, embracing the culture and environment.

Special Skills Required:

Adaptability: Ability to adapt to sudden changes in all areas and environments.

Childcare Abilities: Experience or comfort in working with young children and babies, including the ability to entertain with minimal resources.

Teamwork & Communication: Ability to work well in a group, communicate effectively in basic English with staff and children, and take instructions.

Cultural Sensitivity: Respect for different cultures and the environment, with an ability to embrace and adapt to diverse settings.

Self-Confidence & Discipline: Confidence in applying discipline where necessary, along with patience and problem-solving skills.

Dates and Duration:

- Arrivals every Thursday
- Project is open everyday
- Duration is a minimum of 2 weeks (exception can be made for families. 1 week and you can choose between childcare or big 5 project)

Destinations:

- Johannesburg
- Soweto
- Dinokeng Big 5 game reserve

Your accommodation

For accommodation, you can stay with a host family or at the hotel

What is included

- Airport transfers
- 3 meals a day- Breakfast and lunch. This includes a selection of local fruit, cereal, bread and cheese with various protein option
- 3 day Joburg Orientation - covers everything the volunteers need to know about staying in South Africa (from social skills to transport and safety)
- All paperwork, placement and liaising with staff at the Volunteer Program
- Appointed Supervisor for duration of program
- Accommodation in volunteer house
- Donation – contribution to the project
- Certificate & Report on individual Volunteer's Program, should this be required.

What is not included

- The cost of a visa in the case of your volunteer stay being longer than 90 days

- Medical Insurance- which must include work and emergency evacuation. Please make sure you understand how your medical insurance works in South Africa. We are unable to pay for any medical practitioner's accounts in lieu of being refunded by the medical scheme
- Weekend excursions
- Local Transport for social activities
- Towels and toiletries
- Accommodation if you arrive before the start date or after the end of the project
- Transport to accommodation if you arrive before start date or leave after the end of the project