

South Africa Primate Sanctuary

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Work closely with rare & endangered primates
- Discover the Rainbow Nation
- Make lifelong friends

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age of 18 years
- CV

FAST FACTS

Location	South Africa
Activities	Feeding the primates Helping clean the facilities Giving tours to visitors Educating visitors on the problems facing primates in South Africa Helping out at reception & in the gift shop
Transport	Airport pick-up
Accommodation	Shared volunteer house

WHAT DOES THE PROJECT DO?

One of the sad consequences of population growth and industrial development in Africa is that animals have increasingly been under threat from habitat destruction and hunting. As a result many orphaned or injured animals can no longer live in the wild and need care and support. The demand for bush meat is the most significant threat to wildlife populations in South Africa, comprising an

unsustainable over utilisation of the wildlife resources of this part of the world, as a result of which natural habitats are being denuded of their indigenous wildlife. Primates in particular are hunted for their meat, as pets and for medicine, and their habitats are being destroyed at an alarming rate.

Wildlife refuges and rehabilitation centres are a crucial means of providing the necessary support and, wherever possible, reintroducing animals into the wild. They're also an important means of educating the public about human wildlife conflict.

You will be helping with all activities at the centre – maintaining the animal's living quarters, helping with game reserve maintenance, caring for the orphaned animals and helping maintain the reserve in general. The work will be hard but extremely rewarding and being so close to some of the world's most fascinating primates is sure to be an experience that you'll never forget.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

Whilst working in the primate reserve you will be indispensable to the park rangers, helping them with all the daily tasks necessary to keep the monkeys healthy and happy. You will carry out tasks which may include feeding the primates, helping clean the facilities, giving tours to visitors and educating visitors on the problems facing primates in South Africa, such as the bush meat trade and other conservation issues. You may also be helping out at reception and in the gift shop. As you can see there are a great variety of activities to enjoy and get involved in and, in addition to this, you will be able to see a multitude of different types of monkeys interacting and living in their natural surroundings. These include common marmosets, black lemurs, white-handed gibbons, brown howlers and grey necked owl monkeys amongst many more.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?

You will fly into Cape Town where you may like to spend a few days sightseeing before taking the 500 km bus journey to Plettenberg Bay. You will be met there by one of the friendly project representatives and taken to your project accommodation, which will be a short 1 km walk from work.

WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?

Whilst participating on this project you will be sharing accommodation with your fellow volunteers, which is a great opportunity to make friends and build a great team spirit. Volunteers stay in clean, comfortable houses and individual mobile housing units. There is also a cafe and post office 2 km from the project location.

WHAT WILL I BE EATING?

This project is self catered, giving you a great opportunity to enjoy communal cooking with your fellow volunteers. You will have access to cooking facilities which you will share with your housemates and there are plenty of farms, markets, restaurants and shops nearby to buy food. The local people's farms and supermarkets are very inexpensive and you should not expect to pay more than around US\$26 each week for food. You'll have great fun cooking with your new friends, as it is a great way to bond, so make sure you have a look at some cookbooks before you head out!

COSTS

8 weeks	US\$ 2,295
Extra month	US\$ 1,195

DEPARTURE DATES

Please check availability for 2019 start dates.

DURATION

2 month minimum stay. Shorter term placements may be available, please enquire beforehand.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Before you go

- Pre-departure support & documentation
- Travel & medical advice & documentation
- Advice on visas & equipment
- Discounted medical kit
- Free Frontier t-shirt

In-country

- Accommodation
- Project orientation
- In-country emergency support
- 24-hour international HQ back-up

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Nearest airport(s): Cape Town (CPT)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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