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South Africa Sanctuary & Rehab

"The sanctuary is amazing, I adored the animals there and genuinely felt I played my part!"
Rylee, VIC

Caring for African wildlife is beyond most people's wildest dreams. Yet this is your opportunity to do just that, by volunteering at this incredible sanctuary where injured and orphaned animals and birds find a safe home and time for rehabilitation.

With over 300 species of birds living alongside cats including cheetah, serval and caracal; and other African wildlife such as monkeys, meerkats and antelope there is a great variety of wildlife here ! With conservation at its heart, the sanctuary aims to return as many back to the wild as possible, but some cannot survive on their own due to their injuries so they become permanent guests of this beautiful place. The sanctuary also receives a large number of unwanted pets, mainly parrot species which it provides a lifetime home for in larger enclosures.

The sanctuary relies on the help of volunteers. With lots of creatures living in a large area you'll help prepare and deliver their food twice a day, maintain enclosures and assist with the day to day running of the sanctuary. You get to spend time with the resident servals, help feed the cheetahs and much more. Staying in the lodge on the adjoining game reserve, where giraffe, zebras and larger game run free, you'll wake up each day to the sounds of Africa, knowing that you are playing your part in essential conservation efforts.



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Snapshot

- **Start Dates :** Any weekday, all year round
- **Pricing:**
 - **2 weeks** \$1,545 **3 weeks** \$1,995
 - **4 weeks** \$2,445 **6 weeks** \$3,245
 - **8 weeks** \$3,995 **12 weeks** \$5,695
- **What's included:** Food (3 meals daily), accommodation, airport meet-and-greet, transfer to project, briefing, local 24/7 support
- **What's not included in cost:** Flights, travel insurance
- **Minimum Age :** 16 if unaccompanied, younger OK if travelling with family
- **Fly In/Out :** Port Elizabeth (PLZ)
- **Accommodation:** 2-4 sleeper rooms/cabins with shared bathrooms.
- **Food:** 3 delicious cooked meals are provided daily



Itinerary

Day 1 Arrive into Port Elizabeth Airport (airport code PLZ) before 4pm, where you will be met by the team and taken directly to the sanctuary, your home for the coming weeks. On arrival you'll receive your induction guide and orientation at which time you'll learn all about the sanctuary and what you'll be getting involved in during your stay.

Project work

Most birds and animals at the sanctuary have been brought in by the public or referred from local vets. There are those with injuries and others who have been orphaned – from small mammals such as meerkats to larger cats like caracal and cheetah and many different species of birds too.

Many animals and birds that come as infants, ex-pets or with serious injuries cannot ever return to the wild so will receive care and attention and a safe home to live their lives. However those that are able to survive in the wild are nursed back to health and released as soon as possible.

Volunteers assist the permanent project staff in four key areas: feeding the animals, cleaning their enclosures, maintaining and building new aviaries and enclosures and checking for damage to game park fences so that nothing can get in or out. You may even have a chance to assist in being a surrogate parent to a young, orphaned animal - one of the most special experiences in the world. Most of the long-term residents are friendly and volunteers are encouraged to interact and help provide enrichment as much as possible.



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The volunteer coordinator and permanent staff provide all the guidance and support you'll need. Most days your duties begin with the preparation and delivery of food for all the animals and birds. Then after breakfast any jobs that need doing to upkeep the beautiful and spacious enclosure for the resident birds and animals. This can be cleaning the enclosures, providing enrichment, spending time with some of the hand-reared animals or any general maintenance that may be required.

Volunteers work five days a week with 2 days off to relax, head to the beach or explore the wider area – there's loads to do here and the team will help book and organise any excursions.. Go for a surf at Jeffrey's Bay, visit Port Elizabeth city or take a safari in Addo Elephant Park or other private game reserves where you can see Africa's Big Five in the wild. For the more adventurous there's skydiving, bungee jumping, white water tubing, horse riding on the beach or swimming with wild seals!

Last day Having said goodbye and packed your bags, it's off to the airport. You'll take a shuttle bus or taxi to Port Elizabeth Airport.

Accommodation: You will be staying in a lodge on the beautiful and peaceful reserve grounds. Accommodation is basic but comfortable with a maximum of four people to a room. Bedding is provided and there are hot showers and modern toilets.

Meals: Three meals a day are included and you'll enjoy the luxury of having lunch and dinner prepared for you. You can look forward to some authentic South African braais (BBQ) as well as traditional international favourites like pastas and roasts. Breakfast is self serve toast, jam and cereal.



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