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AUSTRALIA



ANIMAL CONSERVATION IN A WILDLIFE PARK, BUNBURY

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH WILD DOLPHINS! Contribute to the well-being of dolphins in an idyllic setting at a non-profit Centre committed to dolphin research, education, conservation and tourism. The Centre enables people to interact with Bottlenose dolphins in a variety of ways. There are up to 100 dolphins living in the Bay.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering on this Project. Below is a description of what you can do and what you can expect. On our Programmes you can volunteer whether you're taking a gap year, on a career break, retired, or on a holiday with a purpose. No matter what your age or experience, we look forward to welcoming you to the team!

WHAT DO YOU GET?

SELF-DEVELOPMENT:

- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Your safety is our top priority. We risk-assess all destination countries, projects, accommodation and more to ensure that they are stable and safe.
- We have experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who are there to assist you and look after you, starting with an in-depth induction on your arrival.

AN ADVENTURE!

- An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into Australian life and culture, and best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**

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Prices: From £1,695, excluding flights. See our [Full Price List Online](#)

Duration: From 4 weeks to 12 weeks, subject to visa requirements

Start Dates: The project runs from 1 October to 31 May every year. Projects start every Thursday, from beginning of October to the end of May – you can choose your start and finish dates within this period.

Requirements: Minimum age 18. No qualifications required, just lots of enthusiasm and a reasonable level of English. You should also enjoy talking to people. Open to all nationalities.

What's Included:

- ▶ Arranging your Programme,
- ▶ Payment Protection insurance
- ▶ Meeting you at the nearest Airport
- ▶ Local in-country team support and backup
- ▶ 24-hr emergency support.
- ▶ Full pre-departure support and assistance,
- ▶ Accommodation
- ▶ Transfer to your accommodation
- ▶ Certificate of Completion
- ▶ **FREE Weekend in Perth, including accommodation**

What Not Included: Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas, Food, daily transport to and from your project, Return transfer to airport.

SUMMARY

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Your project is based at a non-profit Centre committed to **dolphin research, education, conservation and tourism** based in the South West Coast of Australia. The Centre enables people to interact with Bottlenose dolphins in a variety of ways. There are up to 100 dolphins living in the Bay and groups of them regularly visit the shallow waters in front of the Centre. The Centre was opened in 1994, and is the first Centre in Australia dedicated entirely to dolphin research.

Being a volunteer at the Centre can be a wonderful experience, you meet people from all around the world, not to mention the dolphins! However, your time as a volunteer will involve a lot more than being in the water with the dolphins. Talking and answering questions is a very important part of your role. Eighty percent of your day will involve talking to people who come down to the beach to see the dolphins, thus educating them about their characteristics and making them aware of how crucial it is to conserve these wonderful animals.

Here are some of the tasks you may be involved with:

- Talking to visitors on the beach - explaining what the Dolphin Centre does.
- Assisting to coordinate the Interaction Zone when dolphins visit.
- Managing the front entrance and Dolphin Room area.
- Participating in "Coastcare" activities and assist with current research projects.
- Assisting with the research program, recording observations in the bay and monitoring dolphin visits to the zone.
- Inputting the research data into databases for analysis
- General maintenance and cleaning.
- Tour guiding through the Interpretive Centre for the general public, tour groups and school students.

The work that you'll be involved in depends on what is available at the time of your placement.

TRAINING

You'll learn a great deal through the training course which covers a wide range of issues and skills and includes presentations from a selection of guest speakers relevant to the operation of the Centre. Regular volunteer meetings are held to ensure you are kept up-to-date with the latest issues regarding marine mammal management and the operations of the Centre.



After having completed a minimum of 20 hours training, you'll receive an official Volunteer T-Shirt which will identify you to the public as a trained representative of the Centre.

The Centre relies on the assistance of volunteers to advise visitors on the operations and ethos of the Centre, help manage the dolphin interaction program, actively participate in their research program and act as a guide. Staff members attend monthly meetings, as well as regular video and BBQ nights, which you'll be invited to attend. By volunteering, you will achieve a great sense of satisfaction knowing that you are assisting in a worthwhile project to increase public awareness about dolphins and other marine life.

This project is a minimum of 6 weeks and a maximum of 12 weeks. You'll work between 20-40 hours a week, with weekends off.

This placement is definitely for animal loving enthusiasts who are willing to work hard and aren't afraid of getting their hands dirty - the rewards are well worth it! Whilst volunteering is rewarding in itself, time spent at a project such as this is an excellent springboard for traveling around Australia. Meeting other volunteers from around the world, and listening to their stories and recommendations can give you the confidence to travel and experience more.

REQUIREMENTS:

- You should be a hands-on person who loves the outdoors.
- You should be in good health and reasonably fit and able to work in a team.
- You should be prepared for some hard physical work, especially during the summer time when it can get extremely hot.
- You should be willing to get stuck in and get your hands dirty.
- Also flexible and be prepared to move around the City and go wherever you're needed.
- You should also be fluent in English and enjoy talking to people.
- Very Important - you will need to use your initiative and be very proactive, be patient and determined.
- Like most conservation work, there are spiders and snakes in some locations, so you should reconsider this project if you have a fear of these.
- Lastly, self-reliance and independence will help you make the most of this wonderful opportunity!

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you for helping me arrange my project in Perth. I had such an amazing time and left with an unforgettable experience. I'll definitely advise 'Travellers' to anybody hoping for a similar opportunity and experience! I'm already planning my return to Australia after I finish University! Thank you again!"

Keira Rowsome



FREE WEEKEND IN PERTH DURING YOUR PLACEMENT:

Explore this delightful city! You'll stay in a Backpackers in the heart of Perth, on the doorstep of vibrant North Bridge, famous for its bars, clubs and restaurants. You'll be met at the coach station and taken to the Backpackers, then you're free to explore the city. You'll return to Bunbury by coach on Sunday afternoon, ready for work on Monday.



ACCOMMODATION

You'll live in a backpackers conveniently located in the heart of the city. We team up with two different hostels that are very similar in the facilities they provide and in their excellent location that is close to everything! You'll have the beach, the City Centre and lots of other attractions all within two minutes walk and you'll be able to explore the nearby forests, national parks, beautiful waterways, historic towns, many vineyards and the incredibly beautiful coast-line on your days off.

In the town there is a colourful street of sidewalk cafes called the "Cappuccino Strip" that buzzes all day. There are lots of sidewalk cafes and a variety of waterside dining options offer numerous opportunities to taste the wonders of the local produce. These cafes and the award-winning restaurants, as well as atmospheric historic pubs, ensure the town hums. The city also offers plenty of Entertainment Centres, Art Galleries and cinemas.

You'll stay in a dorm room with access to many facilities in the Backpackers. There is a kitchen where you can cook and an excellent BBQ and outdoor area that is very popular. Other facilities that you'll have free use of include a pool table, table tennis, board games, sporting equipment and off-street parking. you'll also be given a unique City Visitor's Guide and you'll have free access to tea and coffee.

There are fast-speed internet facilities at the Backpackers which you can use for a nominal charge, so you'll be able to keep up with emails with friends and family back home.

FOOD:

Food is not included in this project so you should budget for meals. We feel that a good guide would be a weekly budget of around AUD\$70



WHY TRAVELLERS WORLDWIDE?

- Over 20 years' experience of sending thousands of participants overseas, plus the largest variety of flexible projects that are value for money!
- Accredited projects helps appeal to future employers
- Excellent support!
- Your own dedicated Project Co-ordinator to answer all questions before, during and after your trip of a lifetime!
- Detailed information on your project and country and suggestions, safety guide, tips and checklists, via our EXTRANET, available from anywhere, 24/7.
- 24/7 emergency helpline for you and your family
- Free pick up from the nearest airport.

"Working with dolphins was a great experience, once in a life time opportunity and I'm so glad I chose to do it! I have learned so much and created so many memories and friends I will keep forever.

It really helped to boost my confidence and gave me great experience for the future. I want to become a Marine Biologist and this project helped confirm to myself that this is definitely what I want to do!!"

Victoria Smith

HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

Donations to **Bridge The Gap Foundation**. This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.

Make a Difference – Get Involved!

The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Food (excluding lunch)
- ✓ Meeting you at the airport
- ✓ Transport to and from your project
- ✓ Local in-country team support and backup
- ✓ 24hr emergency helpline
- ✓ Full pre-departure support
- ✓ UK administration
- ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations)
- ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection
- ✓ Staff Training/Equipment
- ✓ Donations to worthwhile project



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

You will fly into Perth airport (Perth is the capital city of Western Australia) where you will be welcomed by our Australian Volunteer Liaison Officer or another one of our staff. They will then transport you to a city backpackers where you will stay for one night to give you time to catch your breath and relax after your flight.

You will be met by us again the following day and given an orientation. After the orientation you will be taken to the Esplanade bus station, located in the Central Business District, where you will be transferred onto a South West coach. The drive down to your project location takes 2-3 hours, mostly along the coastal road and you'll be driving through some beautiful land- and seascapes. When you arrive, a staff member from the Backpackers will meet you at the bus station and take you back to the hostel.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BOOK YOUR PLACEMENT:

Once you have applied for a placement, we'll contact you and send you our Welcome Pack. You'll also receive Log-on details and password for our Volunteer Extranet where you'll have access to all the documentation and information which we've put together to facilitate preparations for your adventure!

Your Project Co-ordinator for your country will liaise with you throughout the arrangements process, as well as while you're on your placement and on your return home.

The documents you'll have access to also include a Country Factfile, Safety Guide and any manuals that may assist you on your particular programme (for example, Teaching Guide, Sports Manuals, Enrichment Suggestions for Animal Care, etc.). We do all we can to make your stay one that you'll never forget.

As with all our destinations, the culture and heritage is different to what you're used to ... which, although one of the most exciting aspects of travelling, should be borne in mind. Self-reliance and independence are highly appreciated in all our destinations and will help you to make the most of this wonderful opportunity! This is a truly awesome, elegant and beautiful country.

Got any questions? Please email us: info@travellersworldwide.com



My major role was to pass on information to the visitors about the dolphins and their environment and to ensure every level of dolphin – human interaction was managed in a safe and appropriate way. This was particularly important during the dolphin swim tours where I was assigned the position of swim tour guide and was responsible for the safety of all visitors while snorkelling with dolphins out in the ocean.

In addition to these regular volunteer duties, I also participated as a research volunteer. Working alongside researchers from Murdoch University, part of my role was to collect survey and photographic data along with various other geographical and weather related details. This information provides a solid baseline source of information on the dolphin's general group densities, movements and site preferences and how they vary over time.

It was a tremendous experience for me to work with the Dolphin Discovery Center, I will take the skills I've learned into my next endeavours and the joyful memories will stay with me always!"

- Danielle

THINGS TO DO IN AUSTRALIA

The Lonely Planet guide named Western Australia's South West region as one of the **TOP TEN most desirable holiday destinations in the world for 2010** saying, "it offers variety in spades!"

PROJECT LOCATION - SOUTH WEST COAST

This programme is located in the stunning south west coast in Bunbury, the third largest city in Western Australia. The city is small but a major commercial centre in Western Australia and acts as a hub to the local area about 2½ hrs drive south of Perth.

Described as the real Australia. It lies on a spectacular peninsular surrounded by blue waters of the Indian Ocean, a bay and an inlet. A vibrant port city with a strong maritime history, the area is renowned for its quality lifestyle and unique blend of nature, and top quality facilities.

The area's other features include mangroves, rare basaltic rock and nearby Tuart Forest. A colourful "cappuccino strip" of sidewalk cafes and a variety of waterside dining options. The award-winning restaurants and historic pubs ensure the atmosphere hums! The city is surrounded by forests, national parks, waterways, historic towns and hundreds of vineyards, not to mention the incredible coast-line.

CLIMATE

The area has a Mediterranean climate with warm to hot summers and cool winters. Rainfall is during winter but the weather is rather pleasant for the rest of the year. In summer (December to February), the average maximum temperature is 28°C with an average minimum temperature of 14°C. In winter (June to August), it's 19°C with an average minimum of 9°C.



HOW TO BOOK

TWO EASY WAYS ...

Complete a [booking form](#) online.

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We hope you'll join us!

Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

We're happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!

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