



Travellers Worldwide is a leading International Provider of
Volunteering Programmes, Work Experience Internships
and Cultural Courses Abroad

SOUTH AFRICA



MAINTENANCE / HANDYMAN / DIY PROJECT IN KWAZULU-NATAL

If you have any maintenance / handyman / DIY skills, this project would love to have you! The project is truly unique ... you'll be assisting an Animal Rehabilitation Centre that would appreciate any help it can get - and you'll be benefiting the animals at the same time!

The location is very unusual and conservationists are lovely people to work with! On this placement you'll use lots of energy and your own initiative to improve and expand the facilities in the Sanctuary. You'll leave with a great sense of achievement and satisfaction. Situated in the beautiful subtropical city of Durban, it's an experience that you'll never, ever forget.

Thank you for your interest in this Project. Below is a description of what you can do and expect. 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.
- The enormous satisfaction of helping a Centre that helps animals and leaving a legacy behind.
- 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 Africa and the many diverse cultures in South Africa! And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**

2A Caravelle House, 17/19 Goring Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN12 4AP, UK
Tel: UK +44 (0)1903 502595, USA: 1-603-574-4935. Email: info@travellersworldwide.com

TravelQuest Ltd t/a Travellers, registered in England & Wales, Registered Office: 7 Mulberry Close, Ferring, West Sussex, BN12 5HY, Reg. No. 3072191, VAT Registration: 786540201

SUMMARY

Prices: From **£995**, excluding flights.

Please see Full [Price List Online](#).

Duration: From 2 weeks to 1 year, subject to visa requirements

Start Dates: All year round - you choose your start and finish dates.

Requirements: No qualifications required, but you should have some maintenance, handyman or DIY skills, plus the confidence to use your own initiative. Minimum age 17.

What's Included:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| ▶ Arranging your Programme, | ▶ Full pre-departure support and assistance, |
| ▶ Payment Protection insurance | ▶ Accommodation |
| ▶ Certificate of Completion | ▶ Transfer to your on-site accommodation |
| ▶ Meeting you at the nearest airport | ▶ Local in-country team support and backup |
| ▶ 24-hr emergency support. | ▶ Food |

What Not Included: Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required), Return transfer to airport.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

WORK CONTENT:

This project is located in an Animal Rehabilitation Centre which does wonderful work with abandoned and abused animals. Where animals can be rehabilitated, they're released back into the wild, but where they are too vulnerable owing to injuries or other factors, they're given a home in the sanctuary for the rest of their lives. They also operate as an education centre for local children and others, to inform them of the need for conservation. The Centre does unbelievably good work.

The Centre has been very fortunate in receiving a grant from the National Lottery. This means that they are now able to embark on a schedule of much-needed improvements and expansion for the entire Sanctuary. This includes:

- A total remake of the Education Centre,
- Repairing, paving and improving the pathways to make them wheelchair-friendly,
- Improving the reception area,
- Building a tea garden facility (which will help to bring in income which can be used to house and rehabilitate more needy animals),
- Building two staff houses
- Upgrading the ablution facilities.
- Two new offices need to be built
- Repairs to the roofs of the Education Centre and staff houses (which really need it!)
- A lot of fencing is also needed.
- Upgrading the Clinic
- Extending and electrifying the baboon enclosure
- Extending the baby bird room.
- Clearing of alien vegetation and creating a boundary around the electric fence which gets set off by overgrown vegetation.
- Upgrading the Vervet monkey enclosure
- Upgrading the aviaries and goose pans
- Building two new volunteer cabins
- Plumbing water to the new antelope enclosure and putting up a shelter

The Centre needs electricians, plumbers, builders, carpenters, welders, painters and general handymen/women who would like to get their hands dirty. This work is all in the pipeline for this year and will be available at various stages.



ABOUT THE CENTRE:

The centre for rehabilitation of wildlife is situated KwaZulu-Natal. It is a wildlife hospital that cares for the injured and orphaned wild animals and birds and the only centre of its kind in the Province.

VISION: To be an independent, pioneering force in the protection and rehabilitation of orphaned and injured wildlife, while promoting the preservation of their natural habitat.

MISSION STATEMENT: The centre is committed to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of orphaned and injured wildlife, and believes in action and education with regard to the protection of all natural resources

The centre has a few depots in and around the Province and is considered to be one of the leading rehabilitation Centres in South Africa.

The centre is committed to conservation and strives to return all rescued and rehabilitated wildlife to their natural habitat. Any wild animal, (not domestic or agricultural), that has been injured, rescued or abandoned, is admitted free of charge. Almost 90% of animals admitted to the centre, have sustained injuries due to human negligence.

These animals are tended to by staff and volunteers whose love, care and dedication is unconditional, around the clock.

It takes time and dedication; and a lot of donor funding, to rehabilitate these animals and to prepare them to be re-introduced in their natural environment. Some animals' injuries are so severe that they cannot be rehabilitated and therefore become permanent residents at the centre.

As the Centre is a non-profit organisation with no financial aid from the government or any large concern, they are solely reliant on our fundraising initiatives and the generosity and goodwill of the public.

As the running costs are approximately £ 11 000 or more a month, there is very little funding that can be applied to appointing full time staff. The active volunteer programme is the lifeblood of this organisation, especially during the spring and summer months when lots of orphan baby animals are brought to the centre for care.



ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION:

There is a fully furnished volunteer house that accommodates up to 8 volunteers at a time. It's surrounded by garden and lots of greenery. There are four bedrooms and two bathrooms and volunteers share rooms. The house is within the security of the Rehabilitation Centre and surrounded by an electric fence.

Your food and accommodation are included on this project. Sufficient food is purchased for the house on a weekly basis to provide 3 meals per day.

We will ascertain whether you have any special dietary requirements, such as if you are a vegetarian, and these will be met by the volunteer co-ordinator within reason.

Volunteers cook their own meals out of the food provided. In addition to the stove in the house, there is also a braai (barbeque) area to cook outdoor meals. There is a Spar (general grocer) within 10 minutes' walk of the house. The shopping complex also has a post office and internet café.

The house is serviced once a week by a cleaner but you'll keep your accommodation clean and tidy during your stay. A washing machine is available and you can do your laundry on the premises.

A safe is available at the main office. Mobile phones do operate with full reception on-site and it is a requirement that you bring one with you.



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! And 24/7 emergency helpline for you and your family
- 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.
- Free pick up from the nearest airport.

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.

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

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

“Travellers is an amazing organization that offers life changing experiences to people of all ages, I will highly recommend it to everyone, and I will be planning another volunteer experience for myself as well as for my sons.

Thank you so much for the experience of a life time!”

Deanne Peterson

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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 Fact file, 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.

On Arrival, your Introduction to the Country:

When you arrive you will be welcomed by a member of our South African staff who will take you to your accommodation and introduce you to everyone. During your first few days you'll be given an induction so that you can learn about the country and its culture, as well as other useful information, like how to use the transport system, banks, safety issues, tipping, and lots more.

THINGS TO DO IN SOUTH AFRICA

LOCATION, EXPLORING AND SIGHTSEEING:

The best advice you'll get from us is to try to see some of the country while you're in South Africa. It's big (huge!) and each different region is exciting and very, very beautiful. **Cape Town** is probably the most beautiful city in the world (I can say that, I grew up there :-)

KwaZulu-Natal comes a very close second, albeit very different.

Knysna is where South Africans go on holiday, which gives you some idea of how lovely the region is.

LOCATION: Yellowwood Park, Durban, South Africa

The Rehabilitation Centre is located on the east coast in a suburb of Durban, called Yellowwood Park (between The Bluff and Queensburg on the map). It lies close to a small protected reserve of 253 hectares which offers coastal forest and grassland habitats and includes species such as zebra, bushbuck, reedbuck, impala, blue, red and grey duiker, vervet monkeys, rock hyrax, slender mongoose, bush baby, Egyptian mongoose, banded mongoose, water monitor and genet. The reserve also has an interesting variety of indigenous flora and over 200 bird species.

Because the Centre is close to the Reserve and the fact that food is always available at the Centre, you'll see lots of birdlife scavenging food from the enclosures - and wild Monkeys are also regular visitors. The Bluff is a gigantic headland that forms the southeastern 'arm' of Durban Harbour and has a string of safe and protected beaches. Brighton Beach, Cave Rock Beach, Anstey's Beach and Garvies Beach are all very popular, with interesting walks through coastal bush that end almost at the water's edge.



EXPLORING AND SIGHTSEEING:

KwaZulu Natal is renowned for its Game Reserves and traditional Zulu Culture: The attractions in KwaZulu Natal (KZN) range from vibrant cities to the gorgeous Land of a Thousand Hills, from tranquil beaches to outstanding Game Parks and Nature Reserves. These are just some of the sites you shouldn't miss:

- Big Five Game Reserves (elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino - and lots more, of course) and Travellers volunteers are able to work in many of them, including Tembe and Mkhuze.
- Beautiful St Lucia Wetlands with its Crocodile Centre and Wetlands
- Numerous nature parks,
- Fantastic beaches for swimming and diving. The beaches are truly golden.
- Lively Durban where South Africans go to have fun,
- The San Art Park for a collection of astounding rock paintings,
- ... And much, much more!

Durban (Tekweni in Zulu) is the ancestral home of the Nguni people. Africa's bewitching seaside playground in the sun with radiant golden sands and lush sub-tropical greenery. The city has balmy weather all year round, making it a perfect holiday paradise.

Durban International Airport is only a 10 minute drive from the City.

Sophisticated and cosmopolitan, Durban Metro after dark buzzes with elegant lounges, funky taverns and cosy inns, distinctive local theatre and live music, and trendy clubs, pubs and discos. This is nightlife in a modern, authentic African metropolis!

HOW TO BOOK

TWO EASY WAYS ...

Complete a [booking form](#) online.

Telephone
01903 502595 (UK)
or
1-603-574-4935 (USA)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR PROGRAMME!

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!

www.travellersworldwide.com

| www.travelersworldwide.org