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ZIMBABWE



HIV / AIDS ORPHAN CARE AND TEACHING ASSISTANCE IN GWERU

Assist with loving and caring for as well as mentoring orphans and physically disabled, from the very young to high school age. Despite the difficulties they have faced, these children are still so full of warmth and joy and are sure to be an inspiration to anyone who works alongside them.

You'll be accommodated on a stunning private reserve and have the opportunity to experience hands on interaction with lion cubs, elephant rides, canoeing & fishing, and horse riding, to name a few exciting activities you can enjoy in your time off.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering on 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 disadvantaged children and knowing that you made a difference to them.
- 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 Zimbabwe culture! And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience.**

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Prices: From **£1,575**, for 4 weeks, excluding flights.

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

Duration: This is a 4-week programme

Start Dates: All year round - you choose your start and finish dates. Projects start every other Monday. Please see [Start Dates](#) on our website.

Requirements: No qualifications required, just lots of enthusiasm. Minimum age 17.

What's Included:

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

What Not Included: Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visa

SUMMARY

PROJECT OVERVIEW

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- The upliftment of orphanages and care homes.
- Adding value through services and practical help.
- Changing the living conditions for disadvantaged children and making a positive impact on their future
- Interaction with underprivileged children and babies, enriching their lives
- Encouraging and mentoring the young people of Zimbabwe
- Assisting in preparations and execution of school lessons
- Assisting with marking and assessing Children's Progress
- Making teaching aids
- General counselling and support to students
- Assisting in sports days with the children
- Help the teachers with arts and crafts, games, storytelling, drama and singing
- Experiencing the way of life in a third world country, immersed in the culture, rather than as a tourist.
- Seeing the beauty of Africa with many new experiences
- Being a part of the revival and renewal of an amazing country, and her people
- Make friends for life with other international volunteers on the programme



WORK CONTENT - HIV/AIDS ORPHAN CARE

Make an impact on the lives of underprivileged and disabled children! Act as a mentor, and a guiding and helping friend to the youths at the homes. The need is so great; there are many different activities volunteers can get involved in, depending on their expertise and passion.

Activities include Teaching assistance, study programmes, workshop hosting, sports coaching, repairs and maintenance at the homes, painting, gardening, youth camps and life skills training are just a few areas in which you will have to opportunity to impact on these young people's lives.

Your help in caring for babies and younger children will involve changing and feeding as well as assisting with planned activities and games at the homes. Maintenance of the orphanages is a major problem, and despite the lack of funding, there is also a need for manpower to assist with things such as painting and general repairs, as well as the maintenance of vegetable gardens, depending on what the current need is.

This is a chance to make a difference in someone's life, as well as spending some time living in a third-world country with different cultural norms. Take advantage of the beauty of an African country, which offers many new experiences.

WORK CONTENT - TEACHING ASSISTANCE

Teaching is leading a child to responsible adulthood through imparting academic and life-skills. The children that you will come into contact with on this project are keen to be taught and moulded.

Through the academic support you will give them and their teachers, you have a chance to address the issues of oversubscribed classes and poor teacher-student ratios. With approximately 2184 students at Mkoba 4 Primary School, the average class size is 55 students with one teacher, with around 312 students per grade. Classes are hot seated as there are not enough classrooms and resources such as text books and teaching aids are also grossly inadequate. Here you have the chance to make teaching aids that can assist the teaching and learning process.

Although Somabula Primary School, with a total of about 280 children, is much smaller than Mkoba 4, they also need volunteers to assist. With student – teacher ratios being about 40:1, you can offer valuable support to the students who lack sufficient individual attention. The teachers also find themselves overwhelmed at times and welcome fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

This school also has a significant number of boarders. These children are desperate for extra 'homely' attention assisting with their studies and social skills, but also caring for and making them feel special and important. Your presence on this project can make a meaningful difference to the lives of the children you come into contact with.

You will also have the opportunity to assist the teachers in two Pre-Schools. Mickey Mouse and Hopeful Life Orphan Care Centre have 160 and 60 children respectively. They both aid in the development of younger children before they enter Primary School and you will be able to play a vital role in that.



“I had an amazing time on my project and met some really great people who made my stay so much more special. Thanks for getting me out there and giving me an experience I'll never forget!”

Iain Robertson

“Everything is great, food, accommodation, laundry, with mostly comfortable temperatures. It is hot for a couple of hours a day but that is easy to bear. Everyone is waiting for rain, so that will be interesting.”

Neil Munro

ACCOMMODATION

Gweru: The setting of your accommodation is not only very beautiful (with almost all the buildings thatched and very African), it's also very conveniently located just yards away from where you work, eat, swim and play.

- You will be staying in comfortable twin or quad room thatched accommodation at the main reserve camp.
- Other facilities include swimming pool and internet access (access can be sporadic due to our remote location)
- Volunteers have separate clean shower & toilet facilities located adjacent to the sleeping area
- Your room will be cleaned daily by the housekeeping staff, and free use of the laundry service is available to all volunteers
- You will receive three meals a day, breakfast and dinner is served at the main camp of the reserve, and you will be given a packed lunch for your working day.



There are plenty of opportunities to socialise with other volunteers and tourists.

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:

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

"I would definitely recommend this placement. The staff here are very supportive and helpful. Volunteers worked well as a team and made new volunteers feel very welcome"

Janice Imrie

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'll be met at the airport and taken to the accommodation, where you'll be introduced to everyone. You'll be made to feel very welcome by all!

Your adventure has begun :-)

THINGS TO DO IN ZIMBABWE

LOCATION, EXPLORING AND SIGHTSEEING:

TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

During your stay at the Park, you'll be able to enjoy an excursion to some of the other spectacular spots that Zimbabwe has to offer. Day trips are offered to the Great Zimbabwe Ruins as well as Granite Ridge in the beautiful Matobo National Park, and once a month a trip to the Victoria Falls is organised for those volunteers who are interested. These trips are also a great time for volunteers to interact and get to know each other better.

The expedition such as the one outlined below (to Victoria Falls) will cost you approximately US\$475 (this includes National Parks fees, transport, meals (excluding meals in Victoria Falls), and accommodation).

- Day 1: Leave after breakfast from Antelope Park for Miombo Safari Lodge (Hwange National Park); the largest national park in Zimbabwe. Enjoy a game drive in Big 5 territory where you could get up close and personal with a herd of elephant, buffalo, a pride of lion and many more.
- Day 2-4: Leave after breakfast from Miombo for Victoria Falls, adrenalin capital of Africa! You have the option to bungee jump, white water raft, visit the Falls, gorge swing across the Batoka Gorge below the Falls or just enjoy the great social atmosphere at this tourist hot-spot! Dinner at the amazing "Boma" Restaurant is included whilst at the Falls.
- Day 5: Depart early morning from Victoria Falls to return to Antelope Park

Please note: This trip only operates with sufficient volunteer interest and is only available to volunteers joining the project for a minimum of 3 weeks.

There is also the option of a day trip to Great Zimbabwe – the ancient founding city of modern day Zimbabwe or to Matopos – a National Park to go on a wild Rhino tracking safari. The costs of these trips are dependent on the number of people going. +/-USD125



HOW TO BOOK

TWO EASY WAYS ...

Complete a [booking form](#) online.

Telephone
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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!

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