

# VOLUNTEER SOUTH AFRICA Wildlife Care Program



## About the project:

It is a self-funding and non-profit Wildlife Care & Guest program situated 20km from Bela Bela [Warmbaths] in the Malaria-free Bushveld of Limpopo, South Africa's northernmost province. The project raises orphaned and injured African animals to be rehabilitated back into the wild and are also working on being officially recognized as a Vervet Monkey Sanctuary. Together with a committed work force and international volunteers they work together with nature conservation towards the survival of African Wildlife.

Birdwatchers will be able to see many different species such as Verreaux Eagle, Kingfishers, Hornbills, Kites, Fish Eagle, Paradise Flycatcher, Spotted Eagle Owls, Burchell's Coucal, Weaver's, Sunbird [4 different species], and African Drake etc. Over a 100 different species has been recorded here at Bamelela with its stream Groot Nylsoog River and Vlei.

The unspoiled bushveld offers a variety of fauna and flora. Antelopes such as Kudu, Bushbuck, Duiker, Klipspringer, Mountain Reedbuck, Nyalas, Common Reedbuck, Red Hartebeest, Eland, Steenbok and more. Zebra, Porcupine, Bushpigs, Serval Cat, Warthogs, Civet, Mongooses, Lesser Bushbaby, Baboons and Vervet Monkeys and so much more can be seen here.

The climate is dry and comfortable. The summer months [September to April] are very warm. The average rainfall is +/- 550mm/year. The rainy season is in summer.

Bela Bela [Warmbaths] is known as the "Sunshine Town" and locally very popular in the winter months, May to August, because of its mild winters.

## **Duties at the project:**

No two days are the same at the project however the following is a guide line of a schedule volunteers can expect to experience at our program:

[months Sept-May. Start one hour earlier: 7h00]

Before 8:00: Coffee + tea + biscuits in kitchen/clinics

8:00-10:00:           Preparation of food bowls according to feeding list  
Presentation of all cut/made food to supervisor  
Feeding of the animals  
Fresh water in all buckets, cleaning with sand  
Cleaning of camps (take old food out)  
Counting of all animals in the camp  
Checking their physical condition and behaviour for a few minutes  
Cleaning the feeding bowls + drying  
Cleaning of the kitchen (see other list)  
Laundry

09:00:                Team of 2 people preparing brunch

10:00:                Brunch

10:30-13:00:        Projects/ time to spend with the animals

13:00:                Break time, swimming, chill out, etc.

### ***Snacks offered in kitchen between 12h00-14h00***

14:00-15:00:        Feeding + checking of the animals + cleaning

15:00-16:30:        Time for study, lessons, projects, swimming-pool, leisure time, walking, hiking trails etc.

16:30-17h15:        Dinner + wash the dishes (rotate)

17:30:                Nappy Time for Monkeys / Prepare sleep-outs

18:00:                Last feedings: cats, owls, nocturnal animals

19:00:                Time off. 24h standby for emergencies and call outs

Volunteers work a six-day week.



#### **4 - Week Program Includes:**

##### **Cape Town orientation included:**

Airport transfer from Airport to accommodation in CPT  
5 nights dormitory accommodation in the SASTS House in Cape Town.  
Orientation week, which includes four tours:  
City Walking Orientation  
Township Tour  
Robben Island Tour  
Winelands tour  
Transfer flight from Cape Town to Johannesburg ONLY  
No meals during orientation week

Price includes, transfers to/from Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg.  
Breakfast and dinner.  
Shared accommodation with linen, electric blankets and towels.  
Periodic trips to the nearby town centre to shop.  
A trip to a crocodile farm.  
A guided wildlife tour at the project  
A tour hour hiking trip into the mountains

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