



SOUTH AFRICA

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An immersion in cultures and communities, landscapes and wildlife that will captivate any visitor.

Over the past 20 years South Africa has gone through some remarkable changes - most notably the abolition of apartheid through Nobel peace prize winner Nelson Mandela.

Located at the southernmost tip of Africa, South Africa attracts more visitors than anywhere else in the continent, drawn to its exciting and diverse landscape and culture; Modern cosmopolitan cities like bustling Johannesburg, stunning natural scenery at Table Mountain National Park, the extremes of the Karoo Desert, the snow capped peaks of the Drakensberg Range, the fresh lush coast of KwaZulu-Natal and of course spotting the 'Big 5' at the world famous Kruger National Park.

Although South Africa has made great strides in recent times, the divide remains greater than ever between the rich and poor. There are many shanty towns with inadequate health facilities and poor education. Things do not seem to be getting any better in South Africa with 50% of the population still living below the poverty line and 31% living on less than \$2 a day. Kaya projects need your help in community and conservation initiatives to help this great nation.

Life outside of the project

Whether you are based in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Chintsa or St Lucia, you are never far away from a stunning beach, a source of adventure or a cultural community of indigenous people. Our volunteer houses provide a great location to relax and unwind after a hard day's work and the weekends offer adrenaline sports, the opportunity to spot Africa's magnificent wildlife, the chance to take part in community sports games or just enjoy a typical South African Braai.

South Africa



Weather

Autumn: March - May

Winter: June - August

Spring: September - November

Summer: December - February

The weather varies depending on where you are based as the Cape Town area has a much more Mediterranean climate. Summer temperatures vary from 15 - 33 degrees and winters from -2 to an amazing 26 degrees!

Communication and Digital Marketing Internship at an NGO in South Africa

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The project

Develop your CV/Resume and help raise awareness about greening and reforestation projects by taking a Communications and Digital Marketing Internship at an NGO in South Africa. The social enterprise is dedicated to urban greening, reforestation, and eco-education in Sub-Saharan Africa through planting trees, fighting deforestation, spreading environmental awareness, and inspiring a green movement. This award winning NGO runs initiatives that are centred around community participation.

The project has the need to emphasize on large audiences with its message and communicate with donors, stakeholders and beneficiaries. This is vital to the growth of the projects and participates in environmental awareness in the communities. The aim is to create a large awareness platform and encourage as many people as possible to get activity involved and become more green. The internship offers those with experience in and awareness of social media platforms the opportunity to participate in growing the online presence of a grassroots environmental NGO in South Africa.

The Internship

During your internship you will work alongside specialists. You will learn about or be involved in some of the following:

- Gain valuable work experience in digital marketing, from working on the social media marketing strategy and improving the content of social media sites
- Communications and community management through PR and copywriting activities such as press releases, newsletters, blogs etc.
- Research and approach media channels to promote the NGO and its values and assist with online fundraising.
- Improve your writing skills by writing blogs and social media posts
- Participate in some of the urban greening and reforestation projects when and as needed
- Developing educational materials about greening and reforestation

All the activities are variable and dependant on project needs and the technical level of interns but offer a great opportunity for you to develop your skills and experience in the communications and digital marketing field. You will be supported by the internship coordinator and a project member during your internship. You will attend weekly review sessions and you will be able to pose any questions and review your progress.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Help a grassroots conservation NGO in Cape town to promote their work and even raise funds.
- ✓ Get practical experience making your CV/resume stand out from others when applying for jobs / university.
- ✓ Learn how a local NGO operates in a limited resource environment.

Skills and experience required

Interns should have some experience in marketing, and a knowledge of social media platforms to ensure that you get the most out of this placement. An interest in environmental issues would also be useful as the NGO focuses on this and will be the basis of much of the articles and platforms on which you will be working. You must be well organised and able to meet deadlines. Interns are asked to bring a laptop with them, if this is possible. A full CV/resume will be requested upon application to assess your suitability for the programme. Documentation will be required to support your application including a letter of motivation. You will be asked of a telephone interview as there is a selection process for this exciting placement.

Project location

Staying in Cape Town means that you will have access to all that this interesting and diverse city has to offer. Activities range from wine tasting, skydiving, safaris and shark cage diving to lazing on the beaches, walking around museums and the historic town to relaxing in trendy neighbourhoods. A must is a visit to the world famous Table Mountain, which offers an incredible view of the city and its surroundings

Project facts

Duration: 8 -12 weeks

Requirements: age 19+

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Working hours: varied depending on the project needs but you will be asked to assist with weekend fundraising or promotional activities

Project availability: All year round, except 2 weeks at Christmas. RECRUITING FOR 2022

Arrival day: Every 1st or 3rd Monday of the month

What's included

Accommodation: Dorm

accommodation in a volunteer house, fully equipped kitchen and 2 bathrooms

Scheduled airport pick up and drop off from Cape Town International Airport

Training: Pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation and project induction provided

Support: 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

Wifi

Free water bottle

Assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local staff

Certificate on completion of your internship placement diary and presentation to the local team

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Food and drinks (but plenty of options available locally)

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Community Health and Home Based Care Volunteering in South Africa

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The project

Bring your enthusiasm and help the community health and home-based care volunteering in South Africa. This grassroot project helps bring support to the most vulnerables where HIV prevalence rates are 45%, where many elderly ladies (Gogos) live on their own and nutrition levels are low. Access with getting to clinics, picking up medicines, provision of nutritional supplements, and home visits to address wounds, take vitals and give counselling is invaluable. A large clinic staffed by resident senior nurses, pharmacists and doctors has visits from specialists each month in fields of dentistry, physiotherapy and speech therapy. Volunteer in St Lucia and learn how project cooperation with local healthcare supports those in need.

Role of the volunteer

As a volunteer on this project, you will be asked to help in a number of areas:

- Home-Based Care visits - where you may listen to patients stories and support the lead healthcare worker with taking patient information.
- Home assistance - practical support such as cleaning the home, maintaining small gardens or assisting with home repairs.
- Nutrition awareness - delivering food parcels and nutrition supplements to communities.
- Basic tasks at clinics - taking blood pressure, directing patients to the appropriate departments.
- Assisting with community support groups.
- HIV education focusing on cause, prevention and living positively with HIV.

Trained medical staff may work with the local healthcare staff, sharing approaches and activities.

Skills required

Volunteers with or without medical experience are welcome to work alongside local staff focusing on health promotion activities or taking patients details. If you are studying or considering a career in medicine, nursing, physiotherapy or community healthcare, you can shadow local healthcare workers, offer a helping hand in the community and assist with healthcare education sessions. Doctors, nurses and midwives will not be allowed to treat patients in line with South African law but while learning a great deal about the challenges to healthcare in South Africa, you can assume a capacity building role sharing ideas and skills with local staff. All volunteers will need to be adaptable and ready to pitch in where necessary and anyone wishing to join the home-based care visits will need to be sensitive but resilient as this can be tough at times. You will be asked to send your CV/resume and attend a telephone interview as part of the placement process for this project to ensure it is a good match for your skills and interests.

Why choose this project

- ✔ Offer empathy and spend a little time with someone who wants to talk, offer practical support in patients homes or assist the local healthcare worker by taking patient details as they treat the patient in their home.
- ✔ Help the local clinic by having volunteers greet patients and participating in routine activities enabling the local nurses to focus on diagnosis and treatment.
- ✔ Gain an incredible insight into the challenges faced by resource-poor rural communities as well as develop your communication skills.

Project location

St Lucia is a charming waterfront town on the east coast of South Africa, next to Isimangoliso Wetlands Reserve which is home to some of South Africa's amazing wildlife from leopards to zebras and more. The town has a laid-back atmosphere and is a good place to visit year round with restaurants, bars and cafes in the town. It is not unusual to see hippos in the streets - view them from afar! The volunteer house with its poolside braai is 5 minutes from town. A crocodile farm, beach, horse riding centre and safaris are on offer so there is always plenty to do at weekends.

Project facts

Duration: 2-12 weeks

Requirements: Age 18+

Location: St Lucia, South Africa

Project activities: Deliver food parcels and supplements, assist with HIV awareness sessions, greet patients and record patients at clinics, attend home-based care visits, gardening and refurbishment activities

Working hours: 08:30 – 16.30 but schedule may vary, Monday – Friday

Project availability: Projects start every 2nd Sunday. Please contact a Kaya advisor for more information. Project closes early December for the Christmas period. RECRUITING FOR 2022

Arrival day: Sunday

What's included

Accommodation: Shared room in a volunteer house; swimming pool, BBQ area in beautiful grounds and lounge.

Food: 3 meals a day excluding Saturday evening and Sunday lunchtime.

Weekly laundry service for a small fee

Pick up and drop off from Durban International Airport

Training: Healthcare ethics & culture doc, pre-departure info pack, learning reflection manual, on-site orientation and project induction provided

Daily transfers to and from your project.

Support: On-site coordinator providing 24-hour support

Activities: Staff help organise weekend activities. (Activity price will be extra)

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Departures outside of the standard 2 weekly dates will cost £60 / \$105

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Community Sports Coaching Volunteering in Cape Town

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The project

Join our project and improve access to sports in South Africa. You will support 2 coaches who are working to provide access and better quality skills and fitness awareness to children of two townships. In 1994 post-Apartheid, the South African government Physical Education was removed as a main activity and incorporated into life skills sessions, meaning that it only happens on rare occasions. This has led to a reduction in student involvement in physical activity. Sport is an integral part of development and helps to increase concentration and develop crucial skills such as leadership, team work, and communication. However, without intervention, this would not be available to the children of the townships. Through the work of a sports charity, the integration of these two coaches into primary education means that sports inclusion is possible. Extra-curricular programs have been established which provide children with a mean to get off the street and get engaged in physical activity and activities at after school programmes. Some of the centres offer children protection from abuse and access to sport and exercise gives them an outlet for their anxieties as well as stimulating their feeling of wellbeing. Volunteer on this community sports coaching project and be a part of activities that are helping provide basic needs and development opportunities for vulnerable and disadvantaged children.

Role of the volunteer

As a sports coaching volunteer in Cape Town, you will be able to assist in PE lessons as follows:

- Creating innovative games and lesson plans.
- Playing and coaching popular sports such as soccer and netball.
- Designing drills and fitness tests to measure personal improvement with the coaches.
- Sharing your knowledge and skills with coaches and students.
- Develop gross motor skill of children aged 0 -7 years in a limited space.

You may help run drills, warm-ups, and referee games such as soccer, basketball, cricket, and field hockey. The students in Khayelitsha and Langa greatly benefit from your experience and friendship as you become a role model and share your enthusiasm for sports related activities. Depending on the length of time that you are volunteering, you may be able to also become involved in other community work related to OVCs, teaching, girl's empowerment or healthcare initiatives. Please speak to a Kaya Placement Advisor to find out more.

Skills required

Sports coaching requires no formal experience but those who have worked with children before or in an educational setting are most desired. It goes without saying that a passion for sport will be beneficial. It is recommended that you do some prior reading on South Africa, Apartheid and HIV/AIDS to give you an overview of the issues related to this project.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Assist two sports coaches in the provision of sports lessons in primary schools.
- ✓ Provide more attention for the children and help those that are struggling or those with a passion for sport.
- ✓ Help with skills training, teaching rules and umpiring games while focusing on your enthusiasm for sports.

Project location

Cape Town, like many cities in South Africa, houses some of the richest and poorest communities of Cape Town. The project works in a number of townships where there is a melting pot of people who are facing issues such as high unemployment, health issues and crippling poverty. The spacious and comfortable volunteer house is situated in Observatory, the city's arty suburb located just 10 minutes from the centre of Cape Town. It has bohemian bars where live music is played. Have fun on the weekends visiting Boulders Beach to visit the penguins, see the seals at Kalk Bay or participate in an adrenaline filled experience such as skydiving.

Project facts

Duration: 2-12 weeks (from May-July only 4 & 8 weeks placements accepted)

Requirements: Age 16+

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Project activities: Taking PE lessons with disadvantaged kids, bringing fresh ideas and stimulation to activities.

Working Hours: 08:30 - 16:30 Monday -Friday

Project availability: Projects start every second Monday. School Holidays are 19th March - 4th April; 25th June - 17th July; 1st - 9th October. The project will be closed over the Christmas holiday. Please speak to an advisor about dates.

During June and July this project is only available for a maximum of 4 weeks

Arrival day: Monday

What's included

Accommodation: Shared room in a volunteer house with communal bathrooms

Food: 3 meals a day Monday to Friday

Airport pick up and drop off from Cape Town International Airport

Training: Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction provided

Daily transfers to and from your project.

Wifi

Support: On-site coordinator providing 24-hour support

Staff will be available

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Community Teaching Volunteering in Cape Town

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The project

Assist with early years education and homework clubs in South Africa by joining us for community teaching volunteering in Cape Town. You will assist with providing essential teaching support in the poverty stricken communities in the townships of Cape Town. Through education, the project aims to promote, support and provide Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) with better opportunities and futures. Pre-school preparation has been identified as being extremely important and this project helps to give children from impoverished backgrounds a head start by focusing on the basic skills. It also works with after school programmes with homework support. Where possible, the schools are looking to incorporate sports and arts into their programmes, as these are often deemed less important than academic subjects. You will have rewarding opportunities to help prepare and implement weekly learning activities as well as getting to know the children.

Role of the volunteer

As a teaching volunteer placement vary due to the ever changing needs of the community. The placements and your role may include:

- Pre-school - support the development of the children, as schools are often understaffed and lacking in essential resources. Help is needed to prepare them for their move to primary school where English is part of their curriculum through song, play, and fun activities!
- After-school Care - established in 2007 by grandmothers who saw the need to provide a safe environment for at-risk children. You will provide reading support, homework help, planning outdoor and gardening activities, and arts and crafts.

In addition to teaching and depending of the length of time that you are volunteering, you may be able to also become involved in community work related to OVCs, sports development, dance or healthcare initiatives. Please speak to a Kaya Placement Advisor if you would like to find out more. During the school holidays, there will be holiday clubs and other activities so your support will be valued.

Skills required

Teaching in the schools requires no formal experience but those who have worked with children before or in an educational setting are most desired. As projects like this have many needs and with children's needs changing each day, the adaptability of volunteers to help in different situations is key to the project. You will be asked to send your CV/resume before being accepted onto this project. If you are a trained teacher and have classroom experience your skills will be most welcome!

Why choose this project

- ✓ Assist in the efforts in providing OVCs from townships a better education and a brighter future.
- ✓ Provide extra educational support from delivering the day-to-day curriculum to providing a safe and stimulating environment in which to learn.
- ✓ Get to know the local children, learn how to engage large numbers of children and assisting the teachers with their daily efforts to provide children with quality education.

Project location

Cape Town, like many cities in South Africa, houses some of the richest as well as some of the poorest communities of Cape Town. The project works in a number of townships where there is a melting pot of people of different cultural backgrounds who are facing issues such as high unemployment, HIV/AIDS and crippling poverty. The spacious and comfortable volunteer house, by contrast, is situated in Observatory, the city's most bohemian suburb located 10 minute drive from the centre of Cape Town. It has lots of bars where live music is played.

Project facts

Duration: 2-12 weeks (from May-July only 4 week placements accepted)

Requirements: Age 16+

Location: Observatory, Cape Town, South Africa.

Project Activities: assist teacher with activities, reading support, running craft activities and games, dance lessons

Working Hours: 08.30 - 17.00, Monday -Friday

Project availability: Projects start every second Monday. School Holidays are 19th March - 4th April; 25th June - 17th July; 1st - 9th October. The project will be closed over the Christmas holiday. Please speak to an advisor about dates.

During the months of June and July this project is only available for a maximum of 4 weeks

Arrival day: Monday

What's included

Accommodation: Shared room in a volunteer house, communal bathrooms

Food: 3 meals a day Monday to Friday

Airport pick up and drop off from Cape Town International Airport

Training: Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction provided

Daily transfers to and from your project.

Wifi

Support: On-site coordinator providing 24-hour support.

Staff will be available to help weekend excursions on sites such as Table Mountain, Boulders Beach and Cape Point (fee payable).

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Equine Therapy for Disabled Children in Cape Town

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The project

Volunteer abroad on our specialised project and help to provide equine therapy for disabled children in Cape Town. This incredibly unique and highly sought after project, works to aid children with very little mobility by giving them the chance to experience freedom in their limbs through horseback riding. With the assistance of volunteers and trained instructors, disabled children can have access to free therapy sessions, helping them to develop their motor skills while increasing their confidence and strength. Attendees of the free sessions include children from a variety of disadvantaged backgrounds and the safety and beauty of the projects location provide a real impetus for not only the children's attendance, but also for their overall wellbeing. This is a fantastic opportunity for children also to get close to horses, which have proven to be of great benefit to children with special needs. What a great project to join to combine your love of horses while supporting vulnerable children in the community.

Role of the volunteer

As a volunteer you will be paramount to the growing confidence of a number of disabled children by helping them to actively ride and experience the mobility sensations for themselves. Volunteers are needed to help assist with horse riding classes and are a really valued support. In some cases, 2 volunteers are needed per horse and rider as they need support while mounting, dismounting and riding. There are currently 15 working horses on site which are all carefully selected for their temperament, health and fitness and intensive training is required for each horse before they are ready to be ridden. These elements are all required if this project is to succeed in providing specialised therapy and to be successful at that. In many cases, this will be a child's first uninterrupted or unaffected relationship that they may have experienced in their life so the rider-horse relationship is incredibly important.

You will also need to help in the care and grooming of horses, stables and the surrounding areas. This project can be physically strenuous - you must be ready to work hard and for those who do, you will be incredibly rewarded at the end.

Skills required

The ability to ride a horse will be an advantage, however, you will be adequately trained upon arrival to the project. As mentioned above, there is a lot of physical work involved so volunteers do need to be physically fit. Committed volunteers are expected as this is a competitive project with few spaces and long hours, so hard working volunteers are desirable. Aside from this, volunteers should have a love for children and patience with disabilities. You will be asked to send your CV/resume before being accepted onto this project.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Help disabled children to actively ride and experience the mobility sensations for themselves.
- ✓ Add to the success of this initiative while learning about a wonderful and creative form of therapy in a very beautiful setting.
- ✓ Benefit from the communication and friendships you will develop as the community involvement and co-operation on a wider scale is a very distinctive element of this particular project.

Project location

Our Equine Therapy placement is based south of the city in the beautiful Constantia Valley, where it has been stationed since 1983. The Constantia Valley boasts a vibrant array of hills, forests, vineyards and stately historical homes, all just outside of the city centre. Volunteers stay either on-site in a cosy log cabin, or at a nearby homestay, with regular city nights-out organised with volunteers on other city community projects included. In your spare time, the more adventurous can take a trip to meet the infamous Great White Shark or with plenty of beaches and trips to the wine regions for those preferring to stay on dry land, there is always much to do here.

Project facts

Duration: 2 - 26 weeks

Requirements: Age 18+

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Project activities: Assist disabled children on horseback, clean and groom horses, assist in riding classes, muck out stables

Working hours: Monday to Friday 08.00-12.30 and 14.00-18.00

Project availability: Project closed during schools holidays: During this time, volunteers can get involved in care for the horses and PR support with sponsorship and admin activities however there will be no hands on equine therapy. RECRUITING FOR 2022

Arrival day: Thursday

What's included

Accommodation: Basic shared cabin on location

Food: Self catered - food budget given to volunteers on a weekly basis

Airport Pick up and drop off from Cape Town Airport

Training: Pre-departure pack, Learning Reflection Manual, 3-night Cape Town orientation and project induction provided

Support: 24-hour support

Monthly social for all volunteers to get together

Excursions: Staff on site can help to arrange extra excursions for your weekends (at extra cost to you)

SIM Card

Cape Peninsula tour

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Early Childhood Development Internship In Africa

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The project

If you are studying early childhood development or early years education why not join us in South Africa on this internship, learn from and compare your experiences in your own country with local teachers and students. You will make a contribution to the project and country in which you are based as well as compliment your studies, giving you a different perspective to early childhood development and education. Your internship will take place in local pre-schools in townships in Cape Town and neighbourhood care points where children from poorer local families are educated. Many of the children come from vulnerable backgrounds and have been abandoned or orphaned due to HIV, drug abuse and poor family circumstances. Bring your skills and interest in education for young children and work alongside locally experienced staff to help to provide better futures through the provision of education for these little ones. Intern in South Africa and see how education of the vulnerable is delivered, appreciate amazing and colourful African cultures and develop your knowledge as an early years development professional.

The Internship

During your internship you will work with local qualified educators to help provide an inspiring environment and curriculum for young vulnerable children both in and outside of a classroom setting. You may be involved in the following activities:

- Develop the curriculum and help with lesson planning and delivery.
- Train local teachers and support staff in areas you are familiar with or on new approaches.
- Share ideas and approaches to evaluating student learning.
- Design and implement approaches to develop self-esteem and age appropriate life skills.

Potential study related learning outcomes from this internship include:

- Researching, designing and running training sessions for teachers and support staff.
- Development of lessons in a local cultural setting, in line with the local curriculum.
- Writing best practice guidelines for lesson planning, teaching and curriculum development.
- Working in a resource-stretched environment.

Weekly reviews will be held to answer any questions and review your progress. At the end of your placement you will be asked to present your experience to the local team. It is a fantastic opportunity to use apply and develop your skills and knowledge.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Work with local educators and help develop the curriculum, with classroom management and tools to assess the progress that children are making.
- ✓ Help the local teachers and children and learn more on how to be a good educator.
- ✓ Develop your educational skills.

Skills and experience required

Interns should have some experience in early childhood development or education either as a student or as a practitioner. You will be working at a strategic level helping to develop the curriculum and local staff so you should have completed at least 1 year of study or have practical experience in the field. You will be supported during your placement by a dedicated mentor but will have the opportunity to also use your own initiative. Bring your positive attitude, love of children, and willingness to work as part of a team to make the most out of this placement. It is recommended that you bring your own laptop. You will be asked to submit a full CV/resume and letter of motivation upon application. You will be asked to attend a telephone interview to discuss your experience and assess your suitability for this internship.

Project location

Interns are based in either Cape Town, South Africa or in Lidwala, Swaziland. Cape Town is one of Africa's most cosmopolitan cities with arts, wine tours, adventure sports, museums, cafes and bars on offer as well as beaches, wildlife and walks. In Swaziland things are a little more low key with access to amazing hikes, wildlife and adventure activities with cinema, restaurants and museums to fill your time. Travel from Swaziland to Mozambique or South Africa are popular trips to take before or after your internship. Whichever destination attracts you, there is plenty to do and you are sure to have an incredible experience learning about culture, wildlife and yourself.

Project facts

Duration: 4 - 12 weeks

Requirements: age 18+

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Project activities: write lesson plans, design teacher training sessions, run training sessions for local staff

Working hours: 7.30 - 17.00.

Project availability: All year round, except September and December. RECRUITING FOR SUMMER 2021

Arrival day: 1st Monday of the month

What's included

Accommodation: Dorm accommodation in a house with 4-8 others, communal areas, kitchen .

Food: 3 meals per day

Scheduled airport pick up and drop off from Cape Town International Airport for South Africa.

Training: Pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation, cultural tour and project induction provided

Support: 24-hour support from on-site coordinator

Assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local staff

Certificate on completion of your internship placement diary and presentation to the local team

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Daily transfers to and from the project
Police/Government Background Check;
US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local

HIV/AIDS Education and Day Care Volunteering in South Africa

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The project

Spend time HIV/AIDS Education and Day Care Volunteering in South Africa and help the local team led by Zulu staff. They are dedicated to improving education quality in the local rural communities of St Lucia. This project focuses on community education through supporting 8 local creches with the preparation of young children for primary school. The goal is not just to improve the education of the children but also develop the skills of the teachers, many of whom have had no professional training. The project works in two villages located close to St Lucia, a beautiful relaxed small tourist town just outside of Isimangaliso, a wetland zone. Community involvement and cooperation is occurring through regular meetings involving the Induna (village chief) to help establish priorities and discuss the impact of activities. The HIV prevalence rate in the area is over 45% and although many are taking ARVs adjusting to the drugs can be difficult. Some families benefit from home assistance and children that have been orphaned or have no close relatives stay in a children's home and only visit their extended families when it is possible. Many young children are left alone during the day, while their carers work, and creches and an after-school club provide them with a safe place to play. This is where volunteers can help. Working with the project team, you can assist the elderly, young mothers and the sick through support groups as well as with practical tasks such as gardening, playground repairs and painting.

Role of the volunteer

As a volunteer on this HIV/AIDS Education and Orphan Day Care project you will:

- Help to educate and play with small children, through running and structuring basic theme centred lessons, reading stories, singing, and running art activities. You will help with washing hands before meals, and feeding babies and children.
- Assist with after school and reading clubs, listening to children reading aloud
- Provide home assistance, including one on one time with vulnerable community members
- Participate in community project: building, painting, farming etc.
- Run awareness sessions to help prevent the spread of the HIV/AIDS virus visiting schools and community centres using a UN approved method.

Skills required

No specific skills are needed but trained teachers and community workers are gladly welcomed. You will need to be adaptable and ready to pitch in where necessary, using your own initiative. Please come along with some songs and games of your own that you are happy to share. You will be asked to send your CV/resume before being accepted onto this project.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Help put in place a clear plan and child learning assessment tools as well as provide the teachers with extra pairs of hands to manage the children.
- ✓ Learn a great deal about the challenges facing this rural community, and how through collaboration change can be achieved step by step, person by person.
- ✓ Experience a new culture and learn about the education system in South Africa.

Project location

St Lucia is a charming waterfront town on the east coast of South Africa, situated at the entrance to a world-renowned wetlands parks and famous for its wildlife and fishing. The town has a laid-back atmosphere and development is restricted by the tree-canopy - it is not unusual to see monkeys and various antelopes in the street (and also the odd hippo!). You can find restaurants, craft shops and supermarkets in the town which is a 5 minute walk from the volunteer house with its poolside barbecue where volunteers love to relax. At weekends you can head to the beach, try a massage, go on a hippo and crocodile tour on the river or even venture to a safari lodge for the weekend.

Project facts

Duration: 2-8 weeks

Requirements: Age 17+

Location: St Lucia, South Africa

Project activities: Educate and play with small children, raise awareness on preventing the spread of the HIV/AIDS virus in the local community, teach English to adults, help build and refurbish community buildings

Working hours: 08:30 - 16.30 but schedule may vary, Monday - Friday

Project availability: Projects start every 2nd Sunday. Schools closed during holidays but the project runs holiday clubs.. Please contact a Kaya advisor for more information. RECRUITING FOR 2022

Arrival day: Sunday

What's included

Accommodation: Shared room in a volunteer house; swimming pool, BBQ area and lounge.

Food: 3 meals a day excluding Saturday evening and Sunday lunchtime.

Weekly laundry service

Pick up and drop off from Durban International Airport

Training: Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation, project induction provided Daily transfers to and from your project.

Support: On-site coordinator providing 24-hour support

Activities: Staff help organise weekend activities. (Activity price will be extra)

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Departures outside of the standard 2 weekly dates will cost £60 / \$105

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Nursing and Medical Internship in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

Project Summary

The Nursing and Medical Internship in South Africa is taking place in either clinics or hospitals around Cape Town, South Africa, depending on your field of interest. The internship can accommodate students specializing in dentistry, paediatrics, epidemiology, nursing amongst others.

South Africa is equipped with both government-run public clinics and hospitals as well as private practices. The public venues are chronically underfunded and understaffed. The main issue in South Africa healthcare is that the population face multiple burdens of disease, including HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, high maternal and child mortality, high levels of injuries and non-communicable diseases. Through this nursing and medical internship, you will become familiar with the social and healthcare issues the country is facing while working in either a public (medical) or private (nursing) healthcare setting in Cape Town.

Whether you are considering a career in nursing, medicine, dentistry, paediatrics, epidemiology, global health or hospital administration, this nursing and medical internship in South Africa is the right internship for you.

Role of the Intern

As a nursing and medical intern, you will spend time in Cape Town shadowing and working alongside qualified professionals eager to share with you their wealth of knowledge. Tasks will vary depending on the needs at the time of your placement and your personal interest and qualifications in healthcare. As an intern, you will shadow and intern with professionals from your chosen field. You will gain perspective on the South African's challenges and inequalities as well as how to be a healthcare professional in a developing economy. You will get insights on things like bedside manner, professional-patient relationship, medical advice and an overview of the running and operations of a clinic or public hospital in a developing country. Internships can be tailored according to your studies and interests including pediatrics, maternity, infectious disease, paediatrics, ortho, dentistry, trauma, amongst others. You may also be interested in joining other departments such as administration, fundraising or marketing or conducting a bespoke research. Please speak to your placement advisor to discuss what can be arranged.

Why Choose this project?

- ✓ Learn about the South African healthcare system
- ✓ Gain first-hand experience working side-by-side with qualified healthcare professionals.
- ✓ Get exposure to a variety of healthcare issues in a developing country, providing you with a wealth of knowledge and training to help you advance in your own medical career.

Requirements

The Hospital and Healthcare Internship in South Africa requires a reasonable level of emotional strength and open-mindedness. Many of the patients are in very vulnerable situation and suffering from various health issues that requires a certain level of maturity from the interns. A self-starter and pro-active attitude is essential to success in this placement. Finally, you must be passionate about healthcare and promoting equity health for everyone while being adaptable enough to live in a developing African country. All applicants will be asked to share a resume and go through an interview before being accepted on the placement.

Project location

Cape Town, The Mother City, is well known for its iconic Table Mountain, beautiful beaches and stunning vineyards. The city has a lot to offer from sampling great goods, experiencing vibrant markets to a lot of cultural and historical activities.

Interns live in a single room sharing communal areas with other interns. The accommodation is located nearby cafes and amazing restaurants and offers a central lounge to socialize with fellow students studying at University of Cape Town.

During your time off, you may want to enjoy some scenic drives around the city, go spot some marine life or do the famous Garden Route!

Project facts

Duration: 4-12 weeks

Requirements: 18+

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Working hours: Mondays through Fridays, 30 hours a week

Project availability: Weekly year-round.
RECRUITING FOR EARLY SPRING 2021

Arrival day: Sunday

What's included

Accommodation: single room sharing communal areas

Food: no meals included

Airport: pick-up and drop-off from/to Cape Town International Airport

Training: fundraising guide, pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation, and project induction provided

Support: 24-hour support from local team

Excursion Planning: assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local staff (activity prices may be extra)

Certificate on completion of your internship placement diary and presentation to the local team

Supervision from qualified professional

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

No transport to/from project

Food: no meals included

Laundry

Police/Government Background Check: US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies); all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Public Healthcare Internship in South Africa

Project Summary

The Public Healthcare Internship in South Africa is facilitated by a Public Health Program Manager, specialized in infectious disease. During the internship, you will be placed in a variety of local organizations that work in public health settings, most of which treating populations from extremely underprivileged communities and affected by communicable and non-communicable diseases.

There are many South African NGOs working towards eliminating health disparities and co-morbidities of HIV/AIDS and TB as well as COVID-19, making Cape Town the ideal place for a public health internship.

During your public health internship in South Africa, you will be exposed to the challenges faced by health institutions, NGOs, and the people around Cape Town.

Role of the Intern

As a public health intern, you will spend time with your internship manager to determine your specific internship objectives and projects. You have the opportunity to focus on what your interest is and make a plan to develop practical skills you have learned during your university work. So the tasks will vary depending on your personal interest in healthcare.

As an intern, you may be involved with administrative duties, monitoring and evaluating infectious diseases cases in townships, doing university work and assisting with lectures and working with medical healthcare students.

The internship will teach you about the diverse approaches to health care services and the difference between Western standards and South African methods. You will learn about project management, grant writing for funding of future projects, data analysis and might even be involved with training and workshop content building and delivering.

Why Choose this project?

- ✓ Learn about the South African public healthcare system
- ✓ Gain first-hand experience working side-by-side with qualified public healthcare professionals.
- ✓ Get exposure to a variety of healthcare issues in a developing country, providing you with a wealth of knowledge and training to help you advance in your own medical career.

Requirements

The Public Healthcare Internship in South Africa requires a reasonable level of self-motivation, open-mindedness and motivation. Many of the South African are underserved when it comes to health, and suffer from various health issues that require a certain level of maturity from the interns. A self-starter and pro-active attitude is essential to success in this placement.

Finally, you must be passionate about healthcare and promoting equity health for everyone while being adaptable enough to live in a developing African country. All applicants will be asked to share a resume and go through an interview before being accepted on the placement.

Project location

Cape Town, The Mother City, is well known for its iconic Table Mountain, beautiful beaches and stunning vineyards. The city has a lot to offer from sampling great goods, experiencing vibrant markets to a lot of cultural and historical activities.

Interns live in a single bedroom in a shared house with communal space. The accommodation is in a vibrant neighborhood right outside the city center known as Obz to the locals (=Observatory). It is located nearby cafes and amazing restaurants and offers a central lounge to socialize with fellow interns as well as an increasing number of students studying at the University of Cape Town. The neighborhood is also known for the many artsy thrift shops, bookshops and galleries.

During your time off, you may want to enjoy some scenic drives around the city, go spot some marine life or do the famous Garden Route. Cape Town itself has a lot to offer including hiking, surfing, cycling, kayaking, visiting museums or simply going to the beach for a relaxing time.

Project facts

Duration: 4-12 weeks

Requirements: 18+

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Working hours: Monday through Friday, 30 hours a week

Project availability: Every week year-round. RECRUITING FOR EARLY SPRING 2021

Arrival day: Sunday

What's included

Accommodation: shared same-gender room in a volunteer house

Food: single room in a house with communal space

Airport: pick-up and drop-off from/to Cape Town International Airport

Training: fundraising guide, pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation, and project induction provided

Support: 24-hour support from local team

Excursion Planning: assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local staff (activity prices may be extra)

Certificate on completion of your internship placement diary and presentation to the local team

Supervision from qualified professional

What's not

Flights

No transport to/from projects

Insurance

Visas

Food: no meals included

Laundry

Police/Government Background Check: US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies); all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Human Rights Internship in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

Project Summary

Join Kaya Human Rights Internship in South Africa and contribute to local organizations providing services to those victims of human rights violations. South Africa has one of the most liberal constitutions in the world and is home to many progressive human rights NGOs. Yet, many South Africans are still denied some of their rights and freedoms as it should be guaranteed to them by law. South Africa is committed to building a human rights-based society, making it the ideal location to gain an understanding of human rights violations and challenges within the country. During the human rights internship in South Africa, you will be working with a program coordinator who also happens to be a human rights advocate and qualified lawyer. Through this mentorship, you will have the opportunity to learn more about international human rights law and participate in policy development with community stakeholders. For the duration of your internship experience, you will gain an appreciation for the nation's progressive human rights culture through your daily internship work. The project works with a multitude of local organizations. Interns are matched with programs based on their skills, experience and interest to ensure they are able to offer assistance that contributes to the overall mission of the host organization. Most host organizations are service-oriented and specialized in different categories of human rights including women's shelters, refugee and migration centers or organizations working with ex-offenders. This Human Rights Internship in South Africa is a great opportunity to gain some employable skills in your field of study and career interest.

Role of the Intern

This internship gives interns a chance to make an impact on human rights in South Africa by working with a local organization combating the local issues. Your role and tasks will depend on your areas of studies and interests, but you can be assured you will contribute to the overall mission of your host organization servicing victims of freedoms and rights in South Africa.

Why Choose this project?

- ✓ Gain insights in the areas of prevention, advocacy, victim assistance, and rehabilitation.
- ✓ Receive in-depth training and insights into local South African human rights landscape.
- ✓ Get involved with tasks and initiatives that make a clear and beneficial contribution to the overall goals and mission of the organization

Requirements

In order to be accepted on the Human Rights Internship in South Africa, you will be asked to go through an interview process to determine your eligibility. Flexibility, willingness to learn, dedication, patience and passion for the matter are essential. Also, this placement can be very emotional, so a certain level of maturity is required.

Project location

As an intern, you will live and work in one of the most beautiful cities in the world, Cape Town, well known for its iconic attractions such as Table Mountain and the Cape of Good Hope on your doorstep. Cape Town has a lot to offer, from vibey restaurants and cafes, to marine life, wildlife, and surfing. Interns are accommodated in a single room sharing communal areas with other interns in a very popular neighborhood just 6 kilometers out of Cape Town City Center. The neighborhood is mainly known to be the home of many locals and foreign nationals, including a high percentage of students attending University of Cape Town. The area refers as "Obz" by the locals, offers many cafes, restaurants, galleries and trendy thrift shops giving you lots to do to relax after hard days of work. Cape Town is a great place to start if you want to visit the scenic Garden Route, or climb up the famous Table Mountain during your time off. You may also want to venture further afield and participate in a safari or visit Cape Point where the Indian and Atlantic meets. If you are into watersports, or just beaches, it's a great place to be to experience surfing, windsurfing, kayaking, and many other things.

Project facts

Duration: 4-12 weeks
Requirements: 18+
Location: Cape Town, South Africa
Working hours: Mondays through Fridays, 30 hours per week
Project availability: Weekly year-round. RECRUITING FOR EARLY SPRING 2021
Arrival day: Sunday

What's included

Accommodation: single room in a house with communal space
Food: no meals included
Airport: pick-up and drop-off from/to Cape Town International Airport
Training: fundraising guide, pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation, and project induction provided
Support: 24-hour support from local team
Excursion Planning: assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local staff (activity prices may be extra)
Certificate on completion of your internship placement diary and presentation to the local team
Supervision from qualified professional

What's not

Flights
Insurance
No transport to/from projects
Visas
Food: no meals included
Laundry
Police/Government Background Check: US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies); all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Sustainability Internship in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

Project Summary

The Sustainability Internship in South Africa provides a unique opportunity to those wanting to get involved in grassroots projects, fieldwork projects as well as research projects. This internship will give you the opportunity to directly engage with local community stakeholders. Depending on your personal interest and career focus, you will be involved with local NGOs or government agencies in and around Cape Town. The entities we work with promote sustainable social, economic, cultural and environmental development for the local community. Indeed, they might be involved in the green economy sector, local conservation efforts, educational programs, working with communities on food security, climate change and other important sustainable issues.

Cape Town has a unique environment worth preserving but also has many challenges. For instance, the city still has significant poverty that needs eradication. Also, the current context can be predominantly unsupportive for girls.

The Sustainability Internship in South Africa will provide you with a meaningful placement with organizations driving positive changes locally around the Cape Town community.

Role of the Intern

This Sustainability Internship gives interns a chance to make an impact in South Africa by working with a local organization promoting local sustainable issues. Your role and tasks will depend on your areas of studies and interests, but you can be assured you will contribute to the overall mission of your host organization. Each host organization provides interns the opportunity to learn about sustainable development and contribute to making a difference in the environment and economic structure of South Africa.

Why Choose this project?

- ✓ Gain practical insights into your area of study and work alongside professionals with your particular field of interest.
- ✓ Receive in-depth training and insights into local South African sustainability issues, whether environmental, cultural or economical.
- ✓ Make an impact while connecting with local friends.

Requirements

In order to be accepted as an intern, you will be asked to go through an interview process to determine your eligibility. Flexibility, willingness to learn, dedication, patience and passion for the matter are essential. Interns should more specifically be interested in issues around sociology, conservation, environment, anthropology, community and urban studies, ecology and education.

Project location

Cape Town, well known for its many iconic attractions, will provide you with plenty to do during your downtime, including climbing up Table Mountain or visiting the Cape of Good Hope. Between many vibey restaurants and cafes, the many watersports, and local museums and galleries, you're sure to find something to do.

Interns' accommodation consists of a single room sharing communal areas with other interns. You will be in a very popular neighborhood just 6 kilometers out of Cape Town City Center. The neighborhood, referred to as "Obz" by the locals, is mainly known to be the home of many locals and foreign nationals, many of which attend the University of Cape Town. The area offers many cafés, restaurants, galleries and trendy thrift shops.

Cape Town will allow you to venture further afield and visit the scenic and famous Garden Route or participate in a safari or see Cape Point where the Indian and Atlantic meets. If you are into water sports, or just beaches, it's a great place to be to experience surfing, windsurfing, kayaking, or just lounging on the beach.

Project facts

Duration: 4-12 weeks

Requirements: 18+

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Working hours: Mondays through Fridays, 30 hours per week

Project availability: Weekly year-round.
RECRUITING FOR EARLY SPRING 2021

Arrival day: Sunday

What's included

Accommodation: single room in a house with communal space

Food: no meals included

Airport: pick-up and drop-off from/to Cape Town International Airport

Training: fundraising guide, pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation, and project induction provided

Support: 24-hour support from local team

Excursion Planning: assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local staff (activity prices may be extra)

Certificate on completion of your internship placement diary and presentation to the local team

Supervision from qualified professional

What's not

Flights

Insurance

No transport to/from projects

Visas

Food: no meals included

Laundry

Police/Government Background Check: US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies); all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Media and Graphic Design Internship at an NGO in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

The project

The NGO is a social enterprise dedicated to urban greening, reforestation, and eco- education, based in South Africa. Through planting trees, the organisation aims to uplift communities, fight deforestation, spread environmental awareness, and inspire a green movement by involving people from around the world, with the aim of making greening enjoyable, rather than a responsibility. Already an award winning NGO, the project has developed a strong online presence through its various social media channels. As the organization actively engages with large audiences, it puts a strong emphasis on having well-designed communication material and they often have a need for photography, videography, graphic design, amongst other media related items. The organisation is always looking for new promotional materials and methods for their online presence. As a media and graphic design intern, you will have a fantastic opportunity to be involved in the process, from conception to design and delivery.

The Internship

During your internship you will work alongside specialists in the field who are passionate about the project's goals. The Media and Graphic Design Intern, will provide a young, fresh, and fun look, so it is important that you resonate with this style, and are able to contribute to developing it. Activities in which interns are involved include:

- Graphic Design – Creating of content for social media, web and print.
- Photography – taking pictures of the planting days the organization organizes, workshops and special events.
- Videography and editing – creating videos for workshops, programs, events and other activities including making storyboards, pre-and post- production materials.
- Participating in planting days and other fun green events that are organised by the project

All activities are variable and dependant on project needs and the technical level of interns at the time of the placement but are sure to give you an interesting insight into the workings of marketing and design based activities in an African NGO.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Gain invaluable experience to support your studies if you are a student.
- ✓ Contribute to the activities of a real business which will look great on your CV/resume.
- ✓ Help the project benefit from a different creative perspective and help with an important function to help raise funds and promote the organisation.

Skills and experience required

Interns should have some experience in marketing, and a knowledge of social media platforms for this placement. This is an opportunity for you to develop and put into practice your skills and knowledge. A fresh approach is sought and therefore fresh eyes are needed. Photoshop, illustrator and Mac experience is a requirement. Strong conceptualising, branding and creative skills are sought after. It is recommended that interns bring their own laptop. There is a selection process for this internship. You will be asked to submit a full CV/resume upon application and a letter of motivation as well as a link to a portfolio of your work. You will be asked to attend a telephone interview to discuss your experience and assess your suitability for this internship.

Project location

Interns are based in the fascinating Cape Town, located on the tip of South Africa. You will have access to all that it has to offer which ranges from skydiving to beaches and museums. For those of you who like to experience the thrills of life, why not join a cage diving with sharks experience, or go on a safari and find some of Africa's Big 5. More laid back activities include wine tasting, sunbathing on the beach and heading to the Cape of Good Hope and its beautiful nature reserve. Whatever your interests, Cape Town will have something new and interesting for you to experience during your internship in South Africa.

Project facts

Duration: 8 - 12 weeks
Requirements: age 20+
Location: Cape Town, South Africa
Working hours: 3 - 5 days per week, for a minimum of 8 weeks. You will be asked to help out during weekend activities.
Project availability: All year round, except 2 weeks at Christmas. RECRUITING FOR 2022
Arrival day: Every 1st or 3rd Monday of the month

What's included

Accommodation: Dorm accommodation in a volunteer house with 2 shared bathrooms, balcony and well-equipped kitchen

Scheduled airport pick up and drop off from Cape Town International Airport

Training: Pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation and project induction provided

Support: 24-hour support from on-site coordinator

Wifi

Free water bottle

Assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local staff

Certificate on completion of your internship

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Food and drinks (many cafes and restaurants available locally)

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Occupational Therapy in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

The project

Occupational Therapy in South Africa is a significantly growing field as in other parts of the world. Locally, the project is run within different types of setting in Cape Town which aims to support children and elders including hospitals, rehabilitative settings, special-needs schools, NGOs, and geriatric centers.

Depending on your background and interest, you may choose between rehabilitative occupational therapy, pediatric occupational therapy, mental health occupational therapy or geriatric occupational therapy.

During the occupational therapy internships, you may be involved in 1:1 sessions, integrated health group sessions, experiencing staff meetings, being involved with the assessments of patients, contributing to problem-solving sessions, assisting in individualized intervention programs, amongst many others. This will depend on your background, level of studies as well as the need of the projects at the time of your placement.

Occupational therapy internships can be a great way to learn about the healthcare system and key limitations in the African context. Through a South African internship, participants can gain daily exposure to health issues that affect children and adults health.

Role of the intern

As an occupational therapy intern, you will have the opportunity to work alongside qualified therapists and teachers and observe how they go about their duties while helping them assess patients and offer guidance on how they may improve their daily life. In some instances, you might be able to be involved with a full team of therapists made up of physiotherapists, speech therapists and occupational therapists as some of the students have physical disabilities. The therapists' team will help the teachers set goals and implement different therapeutic practices in the classroom.

As an intern on an occupational therapy placement abroad, you will be under the supervision of a local occupational therapist who will guide you and play the role of a mentor. As an Occupational Therapy in South Africa intern, you will also be asked to deliver workshops and pieces of training for the community members to ensure the well-being of the collectivity.

Skills required

Experience in healthcare is a plus since it would allow you to take a more active role. Students with previous experience working and studying physiology, anatomy, developmental psychology or other experiences in rehabilitative centers would be great assets for this placement! Other soft skills like willingness to learn, dedication, patience and passion to help children and the elderly is a must. As you will be living and working in a different country than your own, you will need to be adaptable, flexible and somewhat outgoing. Also, note that because resources are already scarce, a good command of the English language is a must.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Work alongside professional South African occupational therapists and gain practical experience and insight that can support your future career.
- ✓ Bring meaning to the lives of individuals and having a positive effect on their health and well-being during your time with them.
- ✓ Advance your leadership and interpersonal communication skills in a multicultural environment

Project location

Cape Town is a great place to be based when visiting South Africa. The city has a lot to offer despite being separated by a barrier of mountains. The unique climate will offer a range of activities, and you surely do not want to miss on taking a ride up Table Mountain Aerial Cableway to put the city and ocean views into perspective. You will be staying in a single room sharing communal areas with other interns, just 6 kilometers outside of Cape Town City Center. The area is well-known and home to many locals and foreign nations, many of them studying at the University of Cape Town. The suburb is known as Observatory ("Obz" for the locals). It is a multi-racial and cosmopolitan community with many bookshops, artsy thrift shops, galleries and lots of cafés and restaurants to choose from. The area is full of vibey bars, cafés and amazing restaurants. Cape Town being a renowned destination and home to the iconic Table Mountain, you will have plenty to do in your free time. From beautiful beaches, stunning vineyards, beautiful scenic drives to markets and the famous Garden Route, you are sure to enjoy your time in South Africa while doing your placement abroad. This is also a perfect place to experience windsurfing, hiking, kayaking and many other watersports.

Project facts

Duration: 4-12 weeks

Requirements: Age minimum 18+

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Working Hours: 30 hours per week, 4 days per week

Project Availability: Weekly year-round.

RECRUITING FOR EARLY SPRING 2021

Arrival day: Sunday

What's included

Accommodation: Private Room

Furnished and Equipped with Communal Areas

Airport: pickup and dropoff from/to Cape Town International Airport

Workshops & Activities hosted by field experts

Training: pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction, fundraising guide

Support: 24-hour support

Excursion Planning: staff helps organise weekend activities (activity prices may be extra)

What's not

Flights

Meals Not Included

No transport to/from projects

Insurance

Visas

No meals included

Laundry

Police/Government Background Check: US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies); all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Photography and Conservation Project In Kruger, South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

The project

Volunteer on an incredible wildlife photography and conservation project in Kruger, South Africa and develop your abilities in taking great shots whilst participating in essential conservation education and activities in the Greater Kruger Area. The project aims to develop the skills of amateur or experienced photographers through a 1 week course under the supervision of a professional photographer and then use these skills to produce incredible marketing materials and stories to help raise the profile of the plight of the Big 5 and other African species. In addition, the aim is to educate those living alongside the wildlife to help further protect them and encourage wildlife and humans to live in harmony. These activities take place in association with wildlife trusts and other foundations to help to promote these foundations through social media. This project really is a unique opportunity to encounter some of Africa's most beautiful animals on a daily basis, to improve your photography skills, as well as to contribute to conservation efforts in the Greater Kruger area.

Role of the volunteer

As a volunteer on this photography and conservation project you will be involved in the following activities:

- 1 week photography course where you develop your photography skills and understand the techniques from a professional and experienced landscape and wildlife photographer.
- Share images onto the photographic database that can be used for the basis of research programmes to support the preservation and education initiatives.
- Conservation research participation through collecting animal identification information.
- Hands-on field work to conserve habitats including clearing invasive species, litter picking
- Education in the community activities.

Those that wish to stay on for extra weeks will be working closely with the volunteers to assist them in gathering photo research that is still needed.

Skills required

For this project, enthusiasm for photography is essential. Photographic knowledge and experience is helpful, but not necessary as you will develop your skills on this placement. Volunteers will need to bring their own photographic equipment. As a minimum, you should bring an SLR digital camera with 18-55 mm lens, battery charger and external hard drive (in the form of at least a 100GB external drive). You also need to bring a laptop and access to Lightroom will be needed for editing purposes. A tripod is recommended to for those more difficult shots.

Why choose this project

- ✔ Help collate a strong portfolio of photographic data to aid education and research.
- ✔ Develop your skills as a photographer and diversify your portfolio to help with direct conservation efforts.
- ✔ Learn about the local culture and challenges facing humans and wildlife in this stunning area of South Africa.

Project location

You will be based in a beautiful Private Game Reserve in Mpumalanga in the Greater Kruger Area of South Africa, home to thousands of animals, birds and reptiles. During your placement, you will have the opportunity to see an abundance of wildlife in its natural habitat. An area famous for the Big 5, what better location could you chose to develop your wildlife photography skills? In the evenings, you can spend time relaxing around a campfire, discussing your day's sightings with your fellow volunteers. At the weekends relax by the pool, have a drink at the pool bar or spend evenings exchanging stories with your fellow volunteers under the starry skies. What a magnificent location!

Project facts

Duration: 4 - 10 weeks

Requirements: Age 16+

Location: Greater Kruger Area, South Africa

Project Activities: Photography course, photographing wildlife, organising shots in a database, attending workshops and education days for locals.

Working Hours: Monday – Friday 06.00 - 18:30 (some early mornings required for photography)

Project availability: Project runs every month, email info@kayavolunteer.com to find out the exact dates. RECRUITING FOR SPRING 2021

This project is incredibly popular and gets booked up months in advance

Arrival day: Sunday

What's included

Accommodation: Shared twin accommodation within the game reserve with outdoor area and swimming pool

Food: 3 meals per day

Airport pick up and drop off on Sundays into Nelspruit Airport

Training: Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction

Research drives and transfers relating to your project during your stay

Support: 24-hour support from on-site coordinator.

Activities: Staff help organise weekend activities. (Activity price may be extra)

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Wifi (available locally for a fee and you will need your own device)

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Pre-Veterinary Internship in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

The project

Develop your interests and studies in a veterinary science or animal welfare by participating in this pre-veterinary internship in South Africa headed by an experienced and qualified zoologist. You will be able to develop your practical skills and knowledge by working alongside local wildlife experts in 3 different settings; with African wildlife on game reserves, with livestock on farms and domestic animals in rural villages and townships. It really is a varied placement and you will have the opportunity to be exposed to large and small animals living from mice to monkeys in various locations, from the bush to the home. The nature of the work is demand driven as veterinarians and wildlife experts respond to their needs. Animal welfare is of primary importance and where possible human intervention is avoided, especially with game wildlife as these animals can often be unpredictable and dangerous. In South Africa, domestic animals are not always treated very well and it is a high priority to raise the profile of good practices and this projects links with top animal welfare agencies such as SPCA. Join this placement and develop your skills and knowledge of conservation and animal management.

The Internship

During the pre-veterinary placement, you will work in three distinct areas. The opportunity for you to participate in a range of activities exists, but please note that due to the nature of working with wildlife, that each element is not guaranteed but you will certainly gain an all round perspective and knowledge of key issues relating to animals. In all placements you will learn about:

- Health and safety
- Animal management
- Animal behaviour
- Animal health and nutrition
- Ecosystem support and biodiversity preservation

Additional encounters may include:

- Wildlife – immobilisation, and tranquillisation of animals, game capture, threats to wildlife, toxic and venomous animals, exotic pets and healthcare.
- Livestock – immobilisation, tranquillisation, and inoculation.
- Domestic animals – community support services, understanding animal management in South Africa, immobilisation, tranquillisation, inoculation, and wound care.

All interns and volunteers are expected to undertake a learning assignment and present this to your colleagues during your placement. Bring your laptop to help you to do this.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Gain a much better understanding of issues facing a range of animals from big to small, domestic to wild.
- ✓ Work alongside local experts and discover how veterinary practice is approached in South Africa and the treatments available.
- ✓ Understand how domestic animals have a much tougher time than they often do in other countries.

Skills and experience required

The placement is available for students considering a career in veterinary science, or first-year vet students who are looking for a different experience. A full CV/Resume will be requested upon application and you will be asked to attend a telephone interview to assess your suitability for the placement, as well as your learning goals. If your placement is for university credit it is important that you make us aware of this so that we can discuss this with the local team, to see if your needs match what is possible at the time of your placement. Interns are expected to be able to live under a variety of conditions, be flexible and hardworking.

Project location

You will be based on South Africa's secret jewel on the Wild Coast. It is more remote and untouched than it's 'garden route' neighbour, and has lush mountains and golden sands. Chintsa sits on an estuary, where surfers spend time on the main beach and kite-boarders enjoy the tranquil lagoon. You will work in a number of locations but on the weekends you can spend time either exploring the coast or the interior. Excursions to places as far away as Cape Town can be arranged by the local team, so why not allow yourself.

Project facts

Duration: 2 or 4 weeks, additional weeks available

Requirements: age 18+

Location: Chintsa, South Africa

Project activities: observation of game to assess health, discuss and assist with treatment of domestic, livestock and rehabilitating wildlife, monitoring of animal behaviour

Working hours: Full working days as needed by the placement, Monday to Friday

Project availability: All year round, except for Dec 25/26 and Dec 31/Jan1. RECRUITING FOR SPRING 2021

Arrival day: Monday

What's included

Accommodation: Shared rooms in a volunteer house with communal living space. Field work accommodation is in tented camps, bush cottages, farm houses or lodges.

Food: 3 meals per day - a simple nutritious breakfast, sandwiches for lunch and a cooked dinner while on the project Voucher for a local restaurant on arrival Scheduled airport pick up and drop off from East London

Training: Pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation, project induction provided

Support: 24-hour support from on-site coordinator

T-shirt

1 hour internet on arrival to call home

Certificate on completion of your internship placement diary and presentation to the local team

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Snacks, drinks and meals outside of the project activities

Rhino, Elephant and Big Cat Research and Conservation in Kruger

SOUTH AFRICA

The project

Volunteer in South Africa and work on an incredible rhino, elephant and big cat research and conservation project in Kruger, home to the Big 5. The Greater Kruger area is home to lions, elephants, buffalos, rhinos and leopards, as well as over 400 species of birds. This project aims to share data with large scale projects, conservation agencies and the authorities to protect habitats and species and to help educate to reduce human impact. Game drives are an important aspect of this placement. Project initiatives relating to the Big 5, include:

- The rhino project: population has dropped immensely due to poaching mainly and a reintroduction programme has taken place in the park, to protect and monitor this species.
- The elephant project: Elephants are suffering because of the conflicts with humans in the region, so the project monitors the elephant's environment and behaviours in an effort to secure their futures.
- The leopard project: Big cats populations have seen a 80% decline in numbers in the last 30 years due to illegal poaching, a lack of prey and reduction in habitat.
- The buffalo project: Buffalo continue to be vulnerable and so tagging and recording data about them is important to their survival.

Come and learn or develop your research knowledge and skills and help the project team to protect and conserve these magnificent species futures in their natural habitats.

Role of the volunteer

As a volunteer, living and working in the heart of a Big 5 Game Reserve, you will be actively involved in carrying out research on the wildlife population during daily game drives. You will learn how to compile and collect data, use GPS, camera traps and mapping softwares. You will also do some conservation work such as removing invasive plants, or doing to maintain to preserve the habitats of the animals. Your tasks will be determined by the needs of the local project at the time of your placement and you will be supported by an experienced local team while. You will learn a great deal about the animals found in Kruger and will have an experience of a lifetime!

Skills required

You must have a genuine love and concern for animals and the environment to join this project. Due to the physical nature of the work a reasonable level of fitness is required. An enthusiasm, openness and the ability to be flexible and cooperative is vital and awareness of research skills, knowledge and experience in African wildlife is helpful, but not necessary, as you will learn on your placement. If you are studying and wish to gain credit, speak to a Kaya Placement Advisor. Please bring a laptop to help with data and project activities.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Support local communities and the project with their conservation efforts through providing hands-on help, collecting and analysing data, and discussing projects.
- ✓ Learn about local history and gain cultural immersion while learning about rhinos, elephants, big cats and so much more.
- ✓ Learn more about research techniques taking place to protect wild animals who are at risk from climate and habitat change, due to human interaction. A great outcome if you are studying animal welfare or wildlife conservation as it may help you with your studies.

Project location

You will be based in a beautiful Private Game Reserve in the Greater Kruger area in stunning South Africa famous for the Big 5. Days will be spent on the reserve learning about the animals and their habitats and you will have plenty of opportunities to see the animals in their natural environment. At night time, sit around a fire listening to the sounds of the wild while gazing at an amazing sky. You can also relax by the pool in your time off, or if you bring your own laptop use the wifi to touch base with friends at home. At weekends, there are a range of excursions that you can join to complete your true African adventure.

Project facts

Duration: 2 -12 weeks

Requirements: Age 16+

Location: Greater Kruger, South Africa

Project activities: Research, data capture, monitoring wildlife, maintaining habitats

Working Hours: Monday - Friday; 6.00 - 17.00 schedules may vary depending on the time of year of your visit)

Project Availability: Project runs every second weekend. Contact a Kaya Advisor to confirm exact dates. RECRUITING FOR SPRING 2021

Arrival day: Sunday

What's included

Accommodation: Shared twin accommodation within the game reserve with outdoor area and swimming pool

Food: 3 meals per day

Airport pick up and drop off on Sundays into Nelspruit Airport

Weekly laundry service, for a small fee

Training: Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction

Research drives and transfers relating to your project during your stay

Support: 24 hour support from on-site coordinator.

Activities: Staff help organise weekend activities. (Activity price may be extra)

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Wifi (available locally for a fee and you will need your own device)

Police/Government Background Check: US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies); all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Social Work and Youth Internship in South Africa

Project Summary

The Social Work Internship in South Africa takes place in different social work settings in a local community township. The underdeveloped township faces many challenges such as extreme rates of unemployment, poverty and food scarcity. Some of the work settings include children's home, clinics, NGOs, Women's health clinics for victims of abuse, homes for chronically ill children and welfare projects.

All projects are dealing with individuals that are suffering from their past, and all aim to nurse the patients back to good mental and physical health.

As a social worker intern, you will shadow and learn from the professional social work team. Much of the work will be determined by the needs of the project at the time of your placement, as well as measuring and identifying key activities that contribute to the patients' development needs.

Why Choose this project?

- ✓ Work alongside South African professional social workers and gain practical experience and insight that can support your future career.
- ✓ Be exposed to social issues that affect patients' welfare in an African context, including drugs, alcohol abuse, health issue of HIV and TB, as well as teenage pregnancy
- ✓ Understand the process of psychological healing and the support required behind the scenes to ensure the individuals' safety and development.

Requirements

In order to participate in the social work internship in South Africa, you will be asked to go through an interview process to determine your eligibility. Experience in social sciences is a plus, since it would allow you to take a more active role, but it is not essential. Willingness to learn, empathy, humility, dedication, patience and passion to help others is a must.

Role of the Intern

During your social work internship in South Africa, you will get the chance to assist South African social professionals with patients assessments, group therapy, home evaluations, support service for those with HIV/AIDS and victims of abuse, charting patient write-ups, amongst other things. You will observe the setup of individuals' development plans in the care of the current staff and social workers. Also, as a social worker intern, you will be able to observe during meetings with the caregivers, doctors and possible family members. Finally, you may also be asked to present your findings, ideas, suggestions and research to the local team. Overall, you will provide an extra pair of hands for the social workers, reducing their workload and making their jobs more effective.

Project location

Cape Town is well-known for its table mountain view, vibey bars, cafes, amazing restaurants and of course best surfing beaches! Cape Town has a lot to offer depending on your interests, from beautiful beaches, stunning mountains, diverse regions and a vibrant restaurant scene.

Interns live in a private room furnished and equipped in a shared house, in the neighbourhood of Observatory. Cape Town has a lot to offer depending on your interests from surfing to food tasting.

Project facts

Duration: 4-12 weeks

Requirements: 18+

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Working hours: Mondays through Fridays, 30 hours a week

Project availability: Weekly, year-round.
RECRUITING FOR EARLY SPRING 2021

Arrival day: Sunday

What's included

Accommodation: private room furnished and equipped in a local student-house

Food: no meals included

Airport: pick-up and drop-off from/to Cape Town International Airport

Training: fundraising guide, pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation, and project induction provided

Support: 24-hour support from local team

Excursion Planning: assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local staff (activity prices may be extra)

Certificate on completion of your internship placement diary and presentation to the local team

Supervision from qualified professional

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

No transport to/from project

Food: no meals included

Laundry

Police/Government Background Check: US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies); all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Support the Recovery of Children in a South African Hospital

SOUTH AFRICA

The project

Volunteer abroad in South Africa and get to the heart of the local community through assisting local medical staff and carers by offering support to this busy children's hospital. The hospital is a national asset and handles the worst cases of disease and chronic illness in children under 12 years of age. Focus areas include renal and liver transplants, specialized burn care, neurosurgery, cancer treatment, intensive care, HIV/Aids research, TB, rehydration and coordination, and management in the care of chronic disorders.

There is a non-profit organisation based at the Children's Hospital, which needs assistance. They've been in existence since 1978 and their purpose is to accelerate and maintain the recovery of patients (the children) by providing resources, education and support.

Role of the volunteer

As a volunteer there are many activities that you may be asked to help with:

- Teach and encourage the children through play-based activities.
- Assist with the implementation of health and safety standards by sterilising toys daily.
- Assist with feeding the children.
- Help with the preparation of activities and resources.
- Assist with art projects, teaching basic maths, the alphabet, the time, general English and computer skills.
- Assist with organising the linen room and storage spaces including labelling and sorting contents when needed.
- Assist with preparation of meals in the kitchen.
- Assist with administrative tasks and fundraising shop.

Skills required

You must love children and be comfortable interacting with them as you will be working closely with sick small children. Being able to use your own initiative and be willing to work as part of a multicultural team are important as you will be working in a very busy health care environment. The project is perfect for those with no medical training who want to work with children in a medical / care environment. You will not be treating children on this placement. You will be asked to send your CV/resume as well as 2 character references before being accepted onto this project. Also, please note that this project can be emotionally draining. It is important that you are aware of this before applying for this project.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Contribute to make the hospital experience less traumatic for patients and their families by providing emotional support as well as practical assistance.
- ✓ Provide a new face to entertain and assist the children and be an invaluable asset by assisting with mealtimes, providing childcare and playing in the hospital school.
- ✓ Help create a warm and happy environment where kids can be kids and not patients as volunteers help patients express their playfulness, an important part of a child's emotional and social development despite their difficult environment.

Project location

Cape Town is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is set against crystal blue waters below the magnificent Table Mountain, with the city wrapped around its base. Cape Town has amazing white sandy beaches attract sunbathers and its waves sports enthusiasts, especially surfers. In your spare time, visit the cape peninsula where penguins dive around bathers at the beach, a sight not to be missed. The more adventurous take a trip to see the infamous Great White Shark. If you want to venture further afield why not head to a vineyard to sample some of South Africa's famous wines.

Project facts

Duration: 2 weeks +
Requirements: age 18+
Location: Cape Town, South Africa
Project activities: Feed the children, assist at the hospital-school, organise resources, sterilise toys, play with children
Working hours: 07:45-16:30, Monday - Friday
Project availability: Project starts 1st Monday of every month, year round. RECRUITING FOR 2022
Arrival day: Thursday

What's included

Accommodation: Shared room in a volunteer house.
Food: 2 meals per day-Breakfast and dinner. Monday to Friday
Weekly laundry service
Airport pick up and drop off from Cape Town Airport
Training: Healthcare ethics & culture doc, pre-departure info pack, learning reflection manual, 3 day onsite orientation and project induction provided
Volunteer social event
Support: 24-hour support from on-site coordinator
Activities: Staff can help organise extra weekend activities (at extra cost). Trips include: Robben Island, Penguins at Boulder's Beach and shark diving.

What's not

Flights
Insurance
Visas
Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check.
Transfer to and from your project.

Tree Planting Eco Festival Volunteering in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

The project

If you want to attend an eco festival like no other and you have an interest in volunteering, working with communities, and developing your own knowledge on issues such as reforestation, recycling and permaculture, then reserve your ticket to volunteer at this tree-planting and environmental eco festival. This summer, the festival will once again be taking place in the incredible Garden Route of South Africa.

This festival is a truly beautiful thing; people of all ages from all over the world coming together to get the hands dirty in re-forestation. The aim of this year's festival is to address the deforestation that occurred during devastating wildfires in June 2017 in the Eden District along South Africa's beautiful Garden Route. The fire really impacted the social and environmental communities in the area. The festival aims to rebuild and help regeneration through the planting of indigenous trees, while introducing ecosystem processes to the locals, and removing alien vegetation.

The festival lasts 1 week every summer, and participants of all ages (starting at 13 if unaccompanied) are welcome. Whether you are an individual or student interested in the environment, a professional keen to get your hands dirty and let loose, a study group wanting to do fieldwork, or a family who loves adventure and nature – this is a wonderful opportunity for all who want to be active and change the way we treat the environment.

Role of the volunteer

This is a festival like no other. Entirely sustainable and plant-based, you will not only get soil beneath your fingernails with tree-planting and weeding, but also taking part in mural painting, beach cleans, crafting eco-bricks, and enveloping yourself in wellness with dancing and jamming around a campfire, music, yoga, guided hikes, and much more. Take this incredible opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals from all over the world, and breathe some coastal, forest air whilst you plant trees for the future of this stunning corner of the world.

Skills required

There are no specific skills required! As long as you are fit and healthy, and able to get stuck in with tree-planting and other physical tasks, as this is a hands-on festival. Enthusiasm and a willingness to do what is required during every task is needed, especially as you will be inspiring others to change their habits. Come with a spirit of adventure and passion for the environment and make the most of this incredible learning experience.

Why choose this project

- ✔ Work with a team on a whole itinerary of first-hand environmental activities including planting thousands of trees, removing invasive species, and working with the local community on environmental education outreach.
- ✔ Discuss and gain first-hand experience of global attempts to address mass deforestation, and solutions being implemented in the Garden Route area.
- ✔ Learn from experts in the field and make friends from a multicultural like minded individuals.

Project location

The Eden District is a bustling tourist area. Knysna is known for the famous South Africa's Garden Route due to the sandstone cliffs separating its tranquil lagoon with the Indian ocean. The Garden Route in the Eden District has lots of natural beauty, fun and adventure to offer!

You will have at least 1 full day off so if you're adventurous, you could try some of these activities: Bungee Jumping, zip lining or Bridge Walk at the Bloukrans bridge. If you like to relax more, we suggest: Knysna lagoon cruises, shopping at local farmers' markets, taking a bicycle tour of Knysna, or going on a Marine eco-tour, a Forest walk or Fynbos walks.

Project facts

Duration: 1 week

Requirements: Age minimum 13 for unaccompanied minors. Younger kids are accepted as part of a family group.

Location: Knysna, Western Cape, South Africa

Working Hours: 7:45 to 5 pm. Additional activities available in the evenings.

Project Availability:

June 27- July 4, 2021 All Ages Week

July 4 - July 11, 2021 Youth Week (13-19)

RECRUITING FOR SUMMER 2021

Arrival day: Monday

What's included

Accommodation: Tented accommodation for two in a secure camp.

Meals: Three meals a day and snacks in between

Transfer on arrival and departure day to/from George Airport or the Knysna bus station

Workshops & Activities hosted by field experts

Training: pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction

Support: 24-hour support

Excursion Planning: staff helps organise weekend activities (activity prices may be extra)

Fundraising Guide

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Police/Government Background Check: US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies); all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Urban Greening and Horticulture Internship in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

The project

Participate in promoting environmental awareness within African Communities, and combating Climate Change and develop your own knowledge and skills by joining this exciting urban greening and horticulture internship in South Africa. Join an exciting and fast-growing Environmental Social Enterprise and put your greening ideas and skills to use through a project focused on urban greening, reforestation, and eco-education. Inspire people from around the world and make greening enjoyable. The Urban Greening and Horticulture project revolves around planting trees in under-greened areas of Cape Town like schools, community gardens and churches. Not only trees are planted, but also indigenous vegetation. Local children are involved in every step of the way, giving them a true sense of ownership of their garden, inspiring curiosity and fostering enthusiasm towards a greener environment. The project involve the community heavily to get them invested in their future by getting their hands dirty, learning a lot and loving it!

The Internship

During your urban greening and horticulture internship you will work alongside specialists in their field. The schedule may vary depending on the needs of the project but may include:

- Assist with planting days that involves the entire community and liaise with suppliers and sites including conduct on-site visits to prepare for the landscaping days.
- Capture data via photography and process information and write report accordingly.
- Get involved in research and landscape planning.
- Working at the tree nursery, helping with tree care, plant care, vegetable growing, upkeep, compost and worm management, food gardening, seedlings, etc.
- Assisting with strategizing and building infrastructures at the tree nursery
- Planning to ensure sustainability and best practices regarding growing and planting. Also involving curriculum writing and educational content writing.
- Assist in planning, managing and participating in planting days and other fun green events that are happening around town.

All activities are variable and dependant on weather and technical level of interns. You will have plenty of opportunities to develop your skills and knowledge, and to improve your CV/resume.

Skills and experience required

Interns should have experience of gardening and vegetable growing as well as have had some practice identifying trees and seed propagation. Some studies should also have been attempted in a related field. You must have a keen interest in environmental issues. Interns are asked to bring their own laptop if possible. A full CV/resume will be requested upon application to assess your suitability for the programme. Documentation will be required to support your application including a letter of motivation. You will be asked to attend a telephone interview as there is a selection process for this placement.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Learn more about horticulture or permaculture and working with plants in general.
- ✓ Help educate communities about the importance of plants in protecting our planet.
- ✓ Bring your enthusiasm and experience to help with the local organization's goal of tackling climate change and making our world a nicer place.

Project location

Staying in Cape Town, you will have access to all everything this town has to offer from wine tasting, skydiving, beaches, museums, visiting trendy neighbourhoods to searching for penguins. A must is a visit to the world famous Table Mountain, which offers an incredible view of the city and its surroundings. You will never be short of things to do during your time off, whether it is sitting in a cafe or wine bar and watching the world go by, or heading off for something a little more adventurous like cage diving with Great White Sharks or skydiving over the city.

Project facts

Duration: 8 - 12 weeks

Requirements: age 18+

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Project activities: planting, community environmental education, seed propagation, building nursery structures

Working hours: Monday to Friday, some weekend hours to help with events

Project availability: All year round, except 2 weeks at Christmas. RECRUITING FOR 2022

Arrival day: Every 1st or 3rd Monday of the month

What's included

Accommodation: Dorm accommodation in a volunteer house, kitchen and 2 bathrooms.

Scheduled airport pick up and drop off from Cape Town International Airport on a Monday

Training: Pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation, project induction provided

Support: 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

Wifi

Assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local staff

Certificate on completion of your internship placement diary and presentation to the local team

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Food or drinks

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check.

Veterinary Internship on South Africa Wild Coast

SOUTH AFRICA

The project

We will be running special sessions in 2019 for advanced vet students to experience what it's like to be a vet in South Africa. If you are a second or third-year vet student, this internship is perfect for you! You will have the opportunity to work on wildlife and experience game capture, as well as work with small animals in a community setting, and also handle care for agricultural livestock. All three components of the internships will be addressed equally. The vet student sessions are small with a maximum of 7 to 8 students per sessions. With small groups, you will benefit with intensive mentor sessions and a lot more hands-on practical experience than you would otherwise.

You will be supervised by a highly trained and qualified individual with experience in Zoology, conservation management and specifically trained for dealing with dangerous species. Students will work in various reserves, farms and rural villages and are mobilised where the work is.

The Internship

During your internship, you will work with a local dedicated vet as a mentor. You will get some hands-on learning experience while working in an African veterinary environment. During the three weeks internship, you will be involved in three main areas split equally: wildlife, community vet practices and agriculture livestock. You will be involved with some of the following:

- Immobilisations, transportation and release of wildlife species.
- Wildlife identification and games counts
- Darting and assist administering with anti-parasitic drugs on a variety of animals
- Preventative treatment of endo- and ectoparasites for animals within reserves boundaries.
- Mental and physical treatments and care for captive wild animals
- Conservation, hunting and the five freedoms
- Small animal care in low-income communities
- Wound care, follow-ups and community education on handling pets
- Surgical observations
- Livestock and large animal aspect of veterinary work including cattle, sheep and equine
- Abattoirs and disease control

Why choose this project

- ✓ Enhance your practical experience in the field gaining veterinary work experience.
- ✓ Gain some industry skills in the developing world and enhance your resume / C.V. when it's time for you to enter the job market.
- ✓ Combine travelling abroad and studying.

Skills and experience required

This veterinary internship is designed for second and third-year vet students. No first-year students allowed. Students participating in this internship must be flexible with the type of animals they will be assisting with.

Project location

Interns will be based in the coastal town of Chintsa on South Africa's beautiful Wild Coast. Chintsa has several restaurants and pubs to enjoy with other students on the projects or volunteers staying in the area. You will be able to make some new friends as it is a popular summer destination for volunteers and expats.

Project facts

Duration: 3 weeks
Requirements: Age 18+
Location: Chintsa, South Africa
Project activities: assist with care for the wildlife, agricultural livestock and small animals
Working hours: All day Mondays through Fridays
Project Availability: Dates 2020 TBA.
RECRUITING FOR 2022
Arrival day: Monday

What's included

Accommodation: Dorm in a house with others, communal areas including kitchen + some nights away due to the nature of the internship
Food: 3 meals per day (self-catered lunch and breakfast)
Airport pick-up and drop off in East London, South Africa
Training: Pre-departure information pack and information pack
All project-related transportation
Excursion planning: Staff will help plan activities and excursions (extra fees will apply)
Learning Reflection Document
Certificate on completion of Internship
Supervision from qualified professional

What's not

Flights
Insurance
Visas

Veterinarian Volunteering in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

The project

Participate in a veterinarian placement at one of South Africa's premier game reserves developing your knowledge of diagnosing and treating wildlife in their natural habitats. Concurrently, learn about the challenges facing the preservation of South Africa's abundant wildlife in the future. Habitat maintenance and conservation work are extremely important to ensure that wildlife and humans are safe. You will have the opportunity to work on activities focused on South Africa's big 5: lion, African elephant, Cape Buffalo, rhino and leopard. The reserve is home to 2000 wild animals on its 6000 acre site and also has a predator educational and rehabilitation centre, which houses endangered and orphaned predators such as white lions, cheetahs and many more. It's an amazing opportunity to get up close with some of the world's endangered species in their natural habitats. You will participate in essential day-to-day conservation activities as well as widened your knowledge of veterinary practices.

Role of the Volunteer

You will learn a great deal from local wildlife experts who have years of experience in the field. Tasks vary depending on the needs of the game reserve, the health of the animals and the seasons. These may include:

- Checks on general health of wildlife and darting of animals with antibiotics.
- Treatment of wildlife for parasites and wounds found during game capture, if necessary.
- Treatment of domestic animals based at the reserve such as cows, horses, sheep, etc.
- Monitoring of behavioural characteristics of wildlife within and out of the predator camps.
- Application of boosters and vitamin supplements where it is determined they are required
- Autopsy on fresh dead animals found for above mentioned symptoms or parasites.

Volunteers will also be involved in the conservation and habitat maintenance work at the Reserve and these include removal of alien vegetation, lion tracking and monitoring, school feeding schemes, wildlife structures, tree planting and landscaping, game drives, predator interaction and caring, fence patrol and game counts. Please note that a game reserve is not the same as a domestic veterinary practice where animals arrive daily in high numbers.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Spend some time on the programme working alongside qualified conservationist working on exotic animals so that they can return to wild.
- ✓ Helping care for animals rescued and residing in the sanctuaries on the reserve.
- ✓ Add a unique experience to your cv and experience diagnosing wildlife in their natural habitats.

Skills and experience required

Volunteers are required to have an interest in wildlife and conservation and will be a good experience for veterinary and animal science students. A full CV/Resume will be requested upon application to assess your suitability for the programme. All volunteers are asked to attend a telephone interview to assess suitability for the placement. It is recommended that you bring your own laptop for documenting your learning as this is an important aspect of the internship. You will be asked to produce a presentation for the project at the end of your placement.

Project location

Located on the eastern seaboard, Port Elizabeth can be found on the southern tip of South Africa. The lodge and reserve are approximately 85 km away from this bustling city. This beautiful place situated in the Eastern Cape is home to the village of Sidbury. This was established by British Settlers and was built to support sheep farming communities. Along with the wildlife activities there is plenty to see and do in the area. Port Elizabeth has a beautiful beach and there are plenty of activities to participate in including hiking, bungee jumping, whale watching and water sports.

Project facts

Duration: 4 weeks

Requirements: age 18+

Location: Grahamstown, South Africa

Project activities: assisting with conservation activities, observation of predators to assess health, discuss and assist with treatment of domestic and rehabilitating wildlife, monitoring of animal behaviour, blood exams, assisting with treatment of animals where appropriate

Working hours: 7:00 – 16:30 subject to project needs and weather

Project availability: All year around. RECRUITING FOR EARLY 2021

Arrival day: Monday

What's included

Accommodation: Luxury single sex dorms, dining room, lounge outdoor braai (BBQ) and swimming pool (for an extra cost a sharing room can be arranged)

Food: 3 meals per day-Breakfast, lunch and dinner, soft drinks with meals

Scheduled airport pick up and drop off from Port Elizabeth

Training: Pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation, project induction provided

Support: 24-hour support from on-site coordinator

Cap and t-shirt

Weekend transfers and accommodation Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown or Jeffreys Bay (depending on local events)

Certificate on completion of your internship placement diary and presentation to the local team

What's not

Flights
Insurance
Visas

Volunteer with the Big 5 in Port Elizabeth

SOUTH AFRICA

The project

Volunteer in Port Elizabeth and work alongside South Africa's Big 5: lion, African elephant, cape buffalo, rhino and leopard. This impressive game reserve is situated in the Eastern Cape (85 km out of Port Elizabeth, towards Grahamstown) and spans almost 6000 hectares. In addition to the Big 5 roaming free, the reserve has a predator educational and rehabilitation centre, which houses endangered and orphaned predators, such as rare Bengal tigers, wild dogs, white lions and more. Volunteering on this project will allow you to make a difference in the lives and futures of South African animals through conservation efforts.

Role of the volunteer

As a volunteer you will be providing an essential extra pair of hands as there is always plenty to do on the reserve. Volunteers will work together in groups with an assigned leader to work on a number of daily activities. Some of the activities that you may be involved in will be:

- Lion tracking and monitoring
- School feeding schemes (let us know if you are interested as spaces are limited)
- Wildlife structures
- Game count
- Game capture
- Removal of alien vegetation in and around the reserve
- Planting of indigenous trees
- Predator interaction and caring
- Fauna and flora work in the nursery
- Wilderness trail walks and patrols
- Fence patrol

Activities vary on a day to day basis so expect the itinerary to alter.

Skills required

No specific skills are needed for this project. However, it is expected that volunteers will have a genuine interest in wildlife and conservation. Patience and flexibility are required as this is a dynamic environment and project activities often change.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Experience a truly African placement while making a difference to the local wildlife and environment.
- ✓ Contribute as an assistant conservationist as all of the work done by you will improve the quality of the reserve.
- ✓ Get a good deal of satisfaction from your work, as your efforts directly contributes to improving the reserve and the data collected will be utilised to make important conservation decisions for the reserve.

Project location

Port Elizabeth is located on the southern tip of South Africa and the lodge is approximately 85 km away. This magical enchanting place is situated in the Eastern Cape; it is home to the village of Sidbury that was built by British Settlers to support sheep farming communities. It has 5 of the 7 biomes and has a past as rich as its abundant wildlife population. Port Elizabeth has a beautiful beach and there are a range of activities to participate in including hiking, bungee jumping, whale watching and water sports.

The game reserve offers a luxury accommodation to guests as well as the dormitory accommodation used by the volunteers. The game reserve serves African traditional cuisine with a touch of spice and is an absolute must have. Spend evenings with fellow volunteers sitting in the balai(BBQ area), visiting the entertainment room, or simply enjoying the amazing view over the dam.

Project facts

Duration: 2+ weeks

Requirements: age 16+

Location: Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Project activities: caring for animals, conservation education, vegetation rehabilitation, planting, fencing, monitoring of animals.

Working hours: 7:30 – 16:30

Project availability: all year round; placements start on Tuesdays. RECRUITING FOR EARLY 2021

Arrival day: Monday

What's included

Accommodation: Luxury single sex dorms, dining room, lounge outdoor braai (BBQ) and swimming pool. (upgrades available for an extra fee)

Food: 3 meals per day - Breakfast, lunch and dinner while on the reserve, soft drinks with meals

Scheduled airport pick up and drop off in Port Elizabeth.

Training: Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction provided

Cap and t-shirt

Support: 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

Scheduled weekend excursion to Port Elizabeth or Jeffreys Bay (accommodation in dorms & transportation is covered, extra costs are your responsibility).

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Activities on excursions and trips other than those mentioned above

Food during weekend excursions

Private weekend excursions

African Marine and Wildlife Volunteer Adventure Tour

SOUTH AFRICA

Overview

Have an incredible close-up experience travelling and seeing species in their natural habitats on this African Marine and Wildlife Volunteer Adventure Tour. You will learn about the underwater world and marine research in Mozambique and also gain an international diving qualification. In Kruger, you will see the Big 5 and more such as the wild dog on a 5-day safari with field guides who share with you the challenges facing endangered and captivating species. In Eswatini, you will experience the savanna, monitoring species such as guinea fowl, tortoises, birds of prey, bats and more. If you are studying marine biology, zoology, conservation or wildlife management or are just passionate about wildlife, this tour is perfect for you. Join us for an adventure of a lifetime where you will make new friends, gain new skills and learn an incredible amount about wildlife.

Trip Itinerary

Supported by an experienced team of guides and working with qualified local experts you will get to see some of the best species that southern Africa has to offer on this incredible marine and wildlife volunteer tour. Not only will you have an amazing travel experience, you will also be able to contribute to regional wildlife conservation research and conservation efforts.

Week 1 – 4 Mozambique

Here you will gain an international diving certification and learn marine monitoring and data collection techniques. Your work will contribute to larger research initiatives. Weekends you can relax on the beach, learn to surf, go horse riding, explore the local market and more.

Week 5 – Eswatini and Kruger

In Eswatini, you can participate in cultural activities and even hike the mountains or explore the valleys on quad bike or bicycle. If you need a taste of home go to the cinema or head for a local coffee shop! In Kruger, you will have the opportunity to see lions, elephant, giraffes, buffalo, rhino, leopard and cheetah and meet species you have not seen before including camping 4 nights in the wild!

The entire trip takes 35 days, with you returning home on Day 36.

Project locations

Mozambique

One of Africa's up-and-coming hot-spots, with stunning beaches, excellent diving and magical offshore islands. It's one of Africa's rising stars, with an upbeat atmosphere, overflowing markets and a 2500 kms coastline waiting to be discovered. Sunshine, blue skies and temperatures averaging between 24°C and 27°C along the coast are the norm, except during the rainy summer season from about December/January through to April when everything gets soggy and sticky, and temperatures exceed 30°C in some areas.

Kruger National Park

In the middle of your trip, here you will embark on a 5-day, 4-night camping safari in the heart of South Africa's Kruger National Park. This includes unlimited game drives to explore just some of the wildlife that the 20,000 km² Kruger National Park has to offer. With the help of a trained tour guide, you'll be able to venture through the vast wilderness in search of Africa's Big 5. From lions to elephants, rhinos, buffalos and leopards, Kruger has it all. During the tour, you will also have the opportunity to take part in either a sunset or a night drive around the park to seek out some nocturnal wildlife.

Eswatini

The smallest country in the entire southern hemisphere, but also one of the most interesting where you can be guaranteed some fun and adventure. Eswatini, formerly known as Swaziland, is a microcosm of Africa with strong traditions, vibrant cultural festivals and friendly laid-back people. It is a country of scenic beauty and huge possibility being strategically located between South Africa and Mozambique and having a relatively well-developed infrastructure. If you are here in May you may be able to attend the Bushfire Festival, a music and cultural festival not to be missed!

Project facts

Duration : 7 weeks

Location: Tofo Bay, Mozambique; Mbuluzi, Swaziland; Kruger National Park, South Africa

Requirements: 18+, able swimmer

Tour activities: 3 days in Swaziland including half-day walking tour plus many optional activities available, 5-day camping safari at Kruger National Park.

Volunteer activities: International Open Water or Advanced Diving course, marine research and coral monitoring, data collection, identification photography of wildlife, beach clean-ups and more.

Working hours: 08.30-15.30

Project availability: first Monday of the months of January through October Only. RECRUITING FOR EARLY 2021

Arrival day: 1st Monday of the month

What's included

All accommodation throughout your program

All meals

Orientation upon arrival

International Open Water course (or advanced course, or research dives for an equivalent value)

Project equipment

Project activities including boat launches for snorkelling and research dives

Guided walking tour of traditional and cultural capital of Swaziland

5 day camping safari in Kruger National Park

Night drive in Kruger Park

Experienced tour guides throughout

Airport pick up and drop off at Inhambane International Airport

What's not

Insurance

Flights

Visas

Any excursions over and above your planned itinerary

Transfers to and from the airport not on scheduled arrival and departure days.

Project Costs for South Africa

COUNTRY	PROJECT	2 WEEKS PRICING		4 WEEKS PRICING		EXTRA WEEKLY PRICING	
		Price GBP (£)	Price USD (\$)	Price GBP (£)	Price USD (\$)	Price GBP (£)	Price USD (\$)
South Africa	Communication and Digital Marketing Internship at an NGO in South Africa	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
South Africa	Community Health and Home Based Care Volunteering in South Africa	£1204	\$1880	£1692	\$2642	£244	\$381
South Africa	Community Sports Coaching Volunteering in Cape Town	£1083	\$1691	£1417	\$2211	£252	\$394
South Africa	Community Teaching Volunteering in Cape Town	£1083	\$1691	£1417	\$2211	£185	\$288
South Africa	Equine Therapy for Disabled Children in Cape Town	£1254	\$1958	£1947	\$3039	£410	\$639
South Africa	Early Childhood Development Internship In Africa	NA	NA	£1663	\$2595	NA	NA
South Africa	HIV/AIDS Education and Day Care Volunteering in South Africa	£1204	\$1880	£1692	\$2642	£244	\$381
South Africa	Nursing and Medical Internship in South Africa	NA	NA	£2501	\$3904	£46	\$72
South Africa	Public Healthcare Internship in South Africa	NA	NA	£2501	\$3904	£46	\$72
South Africa	Human Rights Internship in South Africa	NA	NA	£2501	\$3904	£46	\$72
South Africa	Occupational Therapy in South Africa	NA	NA	£2501	\$3904	£46	\$72
South Africa	Media and Graphic Design Internship at an NGO in South Africa	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
South Africa	Photography and Conservation Project In Kruger, South Africa	NA	NA	£2170	\$3387	NA	NA
South Africa	Pre-Veterinary Internship in South Africa	£1872	\$2923	£2922	\$4561	NA	NA
South Africa	Rhino, Elephant and Big Cat Research and Conservation in Kruger	£1657	\$2587	£2098	\$3275	£220	\$334

Project Costs for South Africa (continued)

COUNTRY	PROJECT	2 WEEKS PRICING		4 WEEKS PRICING		EXTRA WEEKLY PRICING	
		Price GBP (£)	Price USD (\$)	Price GBP (£)	Price USD (\$)	Price GBP (£)	Price USD (\$)
South Africa	Social Work and Youth Internship in South Africa	NA	NA	£2501	\$3904	£46	\$72
South Africa	Support the Recovery of Children in a South African Hospital	£1254	\$1958	£1947	\$3039	£410	\$639
South Africa	Tree Planting Eco Festival Volunteering in South Africa	£1113	£1737	NA	NA	NA	NA
South Africa	Urban Greening and Horticulture Internship in South Africa	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
South Africa	Veterinary Internship on South Africa Wild Coast	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
South Africa	Veterinarian Volunteering in South Africa	NA	NA	£2137	\$3336	£436	\$680
South Africa	Volunteer with the Big 5 in Port Elizabeth	£1128	\$1760	£1896	\$2960	£384	\$600
South Africa	African Marine and Wildlife Volunteer Adventure Tour	NA	NA	£3138	\$4898	NA	NA

Program Agreement, Terms and Conditions

Thank you for choosing to apply for placement on a Kaya programme. We are committed to providing you the best support as you prepare for the experience of a lifetime, which is why we have laid down the following terms and conditions. By checking the agreement of these terms and conditions you have accepted to abide by the rules laid down in this agreement, and we suggest that you read the details carefully and speak to us if you require any further clarification. Please note there may be additional conditions that apply to individual placements.

Program Agreement Terms and Conditions

NOTE: The current terms outlined include temporary accommodations made to address the current Covid-19 global pandemic. We have called these Kaya Amended Coronavirus Terms – Kaya ACT. These temporary terms are outlined alongside Kaya regular terms and conditions and may be amended at any time. These are all shown in red for easy identification.

Deadlines, Dates and Prices

Applications are accepted throughout the year and are subject to limited space availability. Programs are priced individually and displayed on the Kaya website alongside each project. Deadlines are based on the dates of the desired placement. Some programs and project placements fill up prior to their published application deadlines. Apply early to secure your space. Important deadlines for the Kaya Programs are:

Early Application

Application can be made up to 1 year in advance, however, arrangement and communication of the program specifics will commence 2-3 months prior to program start.

Application Deadline

Programs have varying deadlines. Most are around 3 months prior to the program start. Last-minute bookings will be considered on an individual basis. Last-minute bookings are advised that their placement arrangements may require more flexibility to accommodate.

Total Fee Due

60 days prior to program start – unless specified for a particular project

Late Payment

Payment deadlines are displayed on the invoices provided. It is important to meet these deadlines to secure your placement, and missing these deadlines may result in the cancellation of your placement. Where a payment extension is requested, this will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will incur a late payment fee of £35/\$60 basis.

Program Start and Finish Dates, Current Prices, and “What’s Included” are displayed on the Kaya website alongside each project. Details shown on printed materials are subject to change. Projects prices are reviewed annually and bookings for the following year may differ from those listed. Payments may be made in GBP or US\$.

Application Instructions

Apply online: <https://www.kayavolunteer.com/book-now>

At the time of initial application, an application fee of GBP£75/ US\$95 is requested. This fee will be deducted from your total program fees. This is a non-refundable fee that enables us to process your application and ensures we work to match you with the best possible placement for your skills, interest, and needs. In the event that the application is rejected by Kaya, this payment will be returned in full. You will be provided the option to “speak to an advisor before submitting your fee”, but please note that your application may not be completed until payment of this fee is received.

Upon receipt of the application form and fee, we will contact you to arrange an online interview, work with our in-country teams to review your information, and offer you a placement in line with your request. Kaya will contact all applicants within 2 weeks of receipt of the application.

Confirming your placement: Once a placement is offered, you will have the option to confirm your placement and dates, and reserve your space with a confirmation fee of GBP£150/ US\$250. This fee will be deducted from your total program fees.

Kaya ACT: During the Covid pandemic, this payment will not be requested until travel to that country is possible (the host country borders open to you, and your home country is allowing travel to the host country). These will be deferred until confirmation of travel dates can be provided, at which time applicants may decide whether to proceed with, or cancel their application.

Until your confirmation fee is received we cannot guarantee your space on the program. See Trip Cancellation & Refund Policy below for further details.

Additional deposit fees: A small number of our programs have an additional deposit applied by our in-country project partners. You will be notified of this on initial inquiry if this exists for your program. Any payments made will be applied toward the total program fee. These additional deposits are non-refundable in all cases but can be applied to future participation for that specific placement if your placement dates need to be moved.

Trip Cancellation & Refund Policy

Kaya reserves the right to cancel any program if there are insufficient registrants (where minimum numbers apply) or if Kaya determines it is in the best interest of the applicant's safety and quality of programming to cancel the program. Kaya is not responsible for other costs incurred by applicants preparing for the trip. Should a program be canceled by Kaya, for any reason, applicants will be offered the option of positions in other Kaya Programs or a full refund on all fees paid, minus application fees and bank charges.

For participants wishing to cancel or shorten their program, the following terms apply:

- Application fees are non-refundable in all instances for successful applicants. Unsuccessful applicants will be fully refunded.
- Additional deposits, where applicable, are also non-refundable in all instances.
- Confirmation fees: If you decide to cancel, for any reason, any time up to 61 days before travel, we will provide a 50% refund, less application fee, and bank fees.

If the travel status of your program changes prior to your travel dates, and those are likely to interrupt your travel at your booked program time, we will provide a full refund, less application fee, and bank fees. Cancellations made within 60 days before departure will make confirmation fees non-refundable.

- Program fee balance – Payment of all remaining program fees are due 60 days prior to your program start date. Payment of program balance fees prior to this deadline are fully refundable up to 61 days before departure (minus any bank fees incurred). Payments not received by this deadline may result in the cancellation of your program or a late payment surcharge of £35/\$60.

If the travel status of your program changes prior to your travel dates, and those are likely to interrupt your travel at the booked program time, we will provide a full refund, less application fee, and bank fees.

- Under our standard terms, if you decide to cancel or shorten your program within 60 days of your program start, no refunds will be provided.

Individuals who cancel or shorten their program, for any reason (including health, bereavement, and visa issues) less than 60 days prior to the program start or during the program will not receive any refund, and we encourage you to approach your travel insurance to seek compensation in this instance. We are happy to provide proof of payment and cancellation if required. Travel insurance with trip cancellation coverage is strongly encouraged for this reason.

- **Kaya ACT:** Due to the impacts of Covid-19, for programs planned for 2021 we will be providing a more flexible cancellation policy. For programs with start dates in 2021, if you decide to cancel between 60-31 days prior to travel, a 50% refund less application fee and bank fees will be provided. Some programs are exempt from this flexible arrangement and you will be notified of this upon booking. After 30 days, no refunds will be provided.
- **Date Flexibility** – Participants will be permitted to change program dates any time until 2 weeks prior to departure, for any reason, for no additional fees. Last-minute changes will be considered on a case-by-case basis. New dates will be subject to availability. Programs being delayed to a future year may incur program fee increases. Dates must be changed prior to payment deadlines for “payment due” dates to be amended.

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- If the Participant cancels for any reason, the Participant must notify Kaya in writing. The cancellation will be effective upon receipt of the written notification by Kaya to info@kayavolunteer.com. Careful planning goes into developing volunteer and intern programs for every individual applicant. As a result, Kaya and our host communities and partners incur substantial administrative and planning costs, including accommodation reservation fees, prior to the start of each program.
- Kaya strives to ensure sustainable projects and quality programs for Participants. The Refund Policy is defined in an effort to protect and accomplish these goals. Kaya deals with each situation fairly, in consideration of well-established policies, and with the best interests of community members and Participants in mind.

Date and Project Changes

Upon application, you will receive an interview in which your placement and program dates will be discussed. When you confirm your placement and pay your confirmation fees, we will agree program dates against which your placement will be held. We encourage you to stick to these as the projects plan around your participation. Under standard terms, one (1) date or program change made prior to 60 days before departure will be accommodated for, at no charge, subject to availability. Placements moved to the following year may be subject to price increases. After 1 change has been accommodated for, any future changes made will be subject to an administration charge of GBP£40 / USD\$70 – payable at the time of change. For project changes where the original project incurred an additional deposit, the additional deposit amount will NOT be transferable to your new project.

Date changes requested within 60 days prior to departure will be considered on an individual basis, the original payment deadlines will apply and changes will be subject to an administration charge of GBP£40 / USD\$70 – payable at the time of change. Placement changes within 60 days prior to departure are typically not accommodated for, due to project commitments made at that time.

Under Kaya ACT, the 60-day deadline outlined for changing program dates without a fee has been reduced to 14 days, with further flexibility considered as a result of travel bans and advisories in place at the time of your placement.

Age

Participants must be aged 18 years over at the time of pick up, unless expressly agreed in advance by Kaya. Kaya reserves the right to cancel any application or terminate any placement, without refund, if false proof of age is found to have been supplied.

For participants under 18yrs, who have been accepted onto a Kaya program, parental consent is required and participants agree to our Code of Conduct, which includes strict policies about alcohol consumption. Where accepted, participants under 18yrs will not be offered any different or additional service or treatment to other participants. All participants under 18yrs must participate in an interview and require a reference from a professional person who has known them for over 2 years.

Program Flexibility

Kaya programs are different from travel or adventure programs. Each development project and work experience placement is unique and often cannot be implemented exactly as planned for a variety of reasons. Itineraries shown are a guide and the order of activities may be shifted in line with factors, including, but not limited to the weather, changing project needs, local regulations and individual situations. Project activities shown cover most areas that you may be asked to get involved, but additional activities may arise that require your assistance and not all activities shown may be carried out in the period of your stay. Applicants are advised that these variables may require changes before or during a program. Part of the challenge and growth opportunity is in adapting to changing conditions and overcoming the obstacles they may present.

Legal Jurisdiction, Release of Liability and Assumption of Risks

UK and European Participants:

Participants from the UK and European countries booking their placements on kayavolunteer.com enter a contract with Kaya Responsible Travel Ltd., of The Arches, North Campus, Sackville St, Manchester, a company registered in England and Wales (company number 6885700). This contract is governed by English law under the exclusive jurisdiction of English courts.

Participants from North America and other Non-European countries:

Participants from North America and other Non-European countries booking their placements on kayavolunteer.com enter a contract with Kaya Responsible Travel Ltd, part of the Global Educators Inc consortium of 3 Ferry Street, Studio 3-West, Easthampton, MA, a company registered in the state of Massachusetts, USA. This contract is governed by the laws of the State of Massachusetts, U.S.A., excluding Massachusetts's conflict of laws rules, regardless of your location. You hereby expressly consent to exclusive jurisdiction and venue in the federal and state courts located in Massachusetts U.S.A., for all matters or disputes arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions or your access or use of the Website.

All Participants:

In organising and managing volunteer projects, work experience placements, group programs, and courses, Kaya, its agents, employees, and staff give notice that they act solely on behalf of and for the benefit of the participants, on the express agreement that Kaya shall not be liable, financially or otherwise, for non-performance or unsatisfactory service; for the injury to persons including death, for loss of or damage to property, for accident or delay, and/or for expenses arising from strikes, weather, quarantine, sickness, government regulation, civil unrest or war, or from any act or omission of Kaya agents or employees, and/or airline, mail services, rail, bus company, vehicle rental entity, hotel, restaurant, or other suppliers of service.

By submitting this application form the participant assumes all of these risks and agrees to indemnify Kaya, its officers, directors, and employees harmless for any and all liability that may arise in connection with participation in the Kaya Programs. Kaya reserves the right to refuse any applicant admission to any program if he or she is deemed ill-suited for the program. Important program information will be sent to the email address provided on the application. Photographs, videotapes, and/or statements of participants may be used in promoting Kaya. Kaya publishes program and project photos on a regular basis on the Kaya website. These photos and videos are available for participants, friends, family, and interested individuals to download, email, or print for personal use. Photography usage for distribution purposes will be considered on an individual basis on application to Kaya.

Participants accept that they will be subjected to various physical and emotional demands and accept that the standard of living, including food, hygiene and accommodation in the relevant country may be below the general standards of their own country. The Participant also understands that certain risks may arise, including, but not limited to, hazards of traveling in remote areas; travel by automobile, van, bus, airplane, boat, train or any other means of conveyance; the forces of nature; civil disturbances; national or international conflicts; terrorism; arbitrary itinerary changes made by foreign governments or vendors; dive related accidents, boat accidents; interacting with dangerous wildlife; personal injury or illness from the local environment; accident or illness in remote locations without immediate evacuation or medical facilities; or negligent acts of third parties. The Participant asserts that they know, understands and appreciate these and other risks inherent in the program, agrees that participation is completely voluntary and assumes all risk associated with the program.

Kaya shall have no responsibility for any activities undertaken by the Participant outside the scope of those directly relating to the program, including activities that may have been recommended by Kaya staff, or it's partners, within the location. For all excursion activities, Kaya acts as an agent, not a principle of the activity. Any information provided by Kaya, including but not limited to information about visas, vaccinations, healthcare, climate, group sizes and packing requirements is given in good faith for information and educational purposes only but without responsibility on the part of Kaya or it's partners.

Travel Documents and Insurance

All participants must possess a valid passport for their Kaya trip. Participants are responsible for any costs associated with visas, airport taxes, obtaining the proper travel documents for their trip, and changes to flight itineraries. All participants must have valid, comprehensive health and travel insurance during the time of their program covering risks associated with a 'Force Majeur' event, medical emergencies and repatriation. Details of insurance must be supplied to Kaya prior to commencement of any program. Kaya reserves the right to refuse entry to programs if insurance details are not supplied.

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Behavioural Expectations

By joining a Kaya Program, the participant assumes certain obligations to Kaya, its community, and other program participants. If on-site program directors determine a participant fails to meet the behavioural expectations set out in this contract and within Kaya's Code of Conduct document, that participant will be asked to leave the program. Participants asked to leave under these circumstances will not receive a refund. In addition to other program responsibilities, as a program participant you are responsible for:

- Being in sufficient good health to undertake the program.
- Acting in an appropriate and respectful manner towards the local people, fellow travellers, program participants, and staff in accordance with the customs, laws, regulations, and ordinances of the country of placement.
- Following all health and safety protocols and precautions outlined by ground-team members.
- Communicating effectively your interests, skills, limitations, and needs to home community members and program staff members.

Disclosure

All participants must disclose at the time of application any pre-existing or existing medical conditions (including depression and eating disorders) and disabilities. Some placements may require doctor's notes as a requirement for participation – some of which may be dictated by legal requirements or liability purposes. Any medical conditions arising after Application and prior to Placement must be disclosed to Kaya prior to placement commencement. Kaya reserve the right to refuse applications based on these disclosures, if deemed necessary for the safety of the participant and the project. Kaya operates a policy of non-discrimination and any information provided that may impact an application will be discussed with the applicant prior to any decisions being implemented to establish the basis for any concerns. Kaya reserve the right to cancel any application, or terminate a placement without refund if false information or lack of disclosure is found to have been supplied. Kaya is not held responsible for the administration or monitoring of any medication. While Kaya makes every effort to establish safety conditions and risk assessment, Participants are warned that the general standards of health, safety and hygiene in many countries visited may not be of comparable standard to Western countries and hence a risk of injury and illness is inherent to this venture.

Some placements may require a police criminal background check, conducted by the government. This check shall be carried out at the applicant's expense with guidance from Kaya. Some placements require proof that volunteers are clear of certain medical conditions, through the provision of a health certificate. This check shall be carried out at the applicant's expense.

Complaints

If a Participant wishes to lodge a complaint in relation to their program, they shall first bring the complaint to the attention of the in-country coordinator, who will make reasonable efforts to deal with and, where possible, resolve the complaint within a reasonable time. If a Participant feels that a complaint is not being dealt with adequately by their in-country coordinator they should then contact the Kaya placement advice team to escalate the issue. If the coordinator is unable to resolve any serious complaint, and the participant chooses to terminate their placement early and depart the project, they shall provide the coordinator with a written version of events leading to their early termination, prior to departure. Refunds cannot be provided for early departure unless extreme circumstances are found, which will be determined at the sole discretion of Kaya. Issues reported after the end of a program that were not reported during the program, giving the site team an opportunity to address the issue in country, will not be considered for any compensation. Participants agree that Kaya shall not be liable for damages or compensation relating to any claim regarding inconvenience, disappointment, discomfort or loss of enjoyment.