

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is an immersion in cultures and communities, landscapes and wildlife that will captivate any visitor.

Over the past 30 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 55% 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 elsewhere, 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.



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!

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Clean Energy Internship in South Africa

Gain practical experience for work and research in clean energy consultancy in an emerging market like South Africa. You can also develop practical skills while acquiring a deeper understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of sustainability and energy industries.

Environmental and Community Gap Year Program Adventure in South Africa

This Gap Year Adventure for 17-24 year olds gives you the opportunity to experience various aspects of African life and its challenges, but it also offers all the incredible beauty and magic of the wilderness.

Photography Internship in South Africa

This internship offers you the opportunity to develop your photography skills whilst documenting the impactful work of grassroots organisations. You will participate in a workshop led by a professional humanitarian photographer, and be given your own assignment at a non-profit, where you will capture some of the valuable work being carried out.

Sustainability Internship in South Africa

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.

Nursing & Medical Internship in South Africa

Gain perspective on South Africa's health challenges, as well as how to be a healthcare professional in a developing economy. 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.



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Social Work Internship in South Africa

Intern alongside experienced social workers focusing on social issues that affect patients welfare including drugs, alcohol abuse, health issues of HIV and TB, as well as teen pregnancy.

Human Rights Internship in South Africa

Receive in-depth training and insights into local South African human rights while gaining insight in the areas of prevention, advocacy, victim assistance, and rehabilitation.

Public Healthcare Internship in South Africa

Monitor and evaluate infectious disease cases in townships, and work with universities assisting with lectures on this Public Health Internship.

Occupational Therapy Internship in South Africa

Intern with the supervision of a local occupational therapist by delivering workshops and training to community members.

Tree Planting Eco Festival Volunteering in South Africa

As a festival volunteer, you will be working 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.

Veterinary Internship on South Africa Wild Coast

Intern alongside a local vet and experience game capture, working with small animals in a community setting, and handle care for agricultural livestock.



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Wildlife Conservation with the Big 5 in South Africa

Volunteer in Port Elizabeth and work alongside South Africa's Big 5: - lion, African elephant, cape buffalo, rhino and leopard - and make a difference in the futures of South African animals through conservation efforts.

Veterinarian Volunteering in South Africa

You will have the opportunity to work on activities focused on a big 5 game reserve, getting involved in a range of primary and secondary (preventative) activities.

NGO Communications & Digital Marketing Internship in South Africa

Your skills could help a grassroots conservation NGO in Cape Town to promote their work and even raise funds. If you are studying communications and digital marketing, this internship will give you practical experience making your CV/resume stand out from others when applying for jobs in the future.

Early Childhood Development Internship in South Africa

You will have the opportunity to work with local educators and help to develop the curriculum, with classroom management and tools to assess the progress that children are making. Help the local teachers and children, as well as developing yourself as a professional.

Community Sports Coaching Volunteering in South Africa

Volunteer alongside a sports coach assisting with sports lessons in primary schools. You will be based in two schools where sports staff equipment and staff are in short supply..



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Pre-Veterinary Internship in South Africa

Gain a better understanding of issues facing a range of animals from big to small, domestic to wild. Intern alongside local experts and learn how veterinary practice is approached in South Africa.

Photography & Conservation Volunteer Project In South Africa

Volunteer alongside a professional photographer in the African bush while being able to photograph the remarkable Big 5 for identification and research purposes.

Urban Greening & Horticulture Internship in South Africa

Plant trees in under-greened areas of Cape Town such as schools, community gardens and churches. Involve local community members to enable ownership of their garden and promote enthusiasm towards a greener environment.

Media & Graphic Design Internship at NGO In South Africa

Create social media content, web and print. Take part in photography of events, videos for workshops and participate in fun green events that are organised by the project.

Equine Therapy Volunteer Project for Disabled Children in Cape Town

The community involved and co-operation on a wider scale is a very distinctive element of the project's make-up and both pupils and volunteers will benefit from the communication and friendships which develop.

Community Teaching Volunteering in South Africa

Extra pairs of hands are always needed in these resource poor communities. You will learn how to engage large numbers of children and assist local teachers with their daily efforts to provide children with quality education.



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Rhino, Elephant and Big Cat Research & Conservation Volunteer Project in South Africa

Support local communities with their conservation efforts through collecting, analysing and inputting data to assist with wildlife research projects across different areas of the Greater Kruger region.

African Marine and Wildlife Volunteer Adventure Tour

Those studying or interested in marine biology, zoology, conservation and wildlife management will gain a lot. You'll learn new skills as you volunteer throughout the trip with local project teams to collect and record data for ongoing conservation projects, both underwater and on land.



What are the benefits of Kaya Placements?

- International work experience
- Meaningful placements
- Global perspectives
- Cultural Immersion
- Structured and supported

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