

South Africa Zulu Community Project and Adventure

Work in this rural Zulu community and help those who are less fortunate; experience the magical culture, environment, wildlife and people of the incredible destination that is South Africa!

Visit South Africa – a "Rainbow Nation" that combines modern culture with an ancient, breathtaking landscape. Evolving for over thousands of years to become the environmentally and culturally diverse nation that it is today, South Africa attracts millions of visitors every year to its wide, sandy beaches, cosmopolitan cities, friendly people and, of course, magnificent African bush!

Working within this rural community, helping people who are less fortunate, experiencing Zulu culture and making your own Thansi (traditional Zulu mat woven from grass) are just some of the wonderful experiences you will take away. Being part of a sustainable development project like this will give you memories and friendships that will stay with you all your life. Immerse yourself in this authentic South African experience; an outstanding array of wildlife, an enigmatic and vibrant culture, a humble and friendly village community like no other await, so grab this heart warming opportunity while you can.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience beautiful South African scenery and enjoy a mountain horse ride
- Teach at local schools and orphanages
- Lend a helping hand to village renovation and community projects
- Make new life long friends and return with brilliant memories
- Feel a sense of accomplishment with this once in a lifetime trip

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age of 17 years

FAST FACTS

Location	Drakensberg
Activities	Teaching Community volunteering Working with children Village renovation Mountain Horse Ride Walks to historical caves and waterfalls On site maintenance & cleaning
Transport	Airport pick-up upon arrival

WHAT DOES THE PROJECT DO?

This Zulu community volunteering project is located in North Eastern South Africa, where you become part of the community working closely with Zulu families and giving your time to help out where necessary. You will help out with a range of activities such as helping out at the orphanage, teaching English to children, helping homesteads with vegetable gardening, basic maintenance of buildings, basic health education and HIV/AIDs awareness and the possibility to help with the mohair initiative. During your work you will meet many welcoming local people and make lots of new friends, all while experiencing and learning about Zulu culture and its traditions.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

Working days are from Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm with a one hour lunch break. You'll have three days a week working in the community either at local homesteads, the local school or orphanage and two days a week will be spent teaching young children at a child daycare centre, so there's lots to keep you occupied in this beautiful location!

You will have the opportunity to teach at a local crèche and school with children of all ages. The number of pupils will vary from 10 in a class to over 50 whilst subjects that you could be teaching could include English, maths, sport, crafts, general learning and even health education. The additional childcare that is offered by the schools and crèches is incredibly valuable, as it provides mothers with the opportunity to develop family businesses, like crafts and the selling of produce, whilst knowing that their children are well looked after. This element of the project provides volunteers with a unique insight into the difficulties faced by Zulu children and the lack of facilities that they are able to access.

You may also have the opportunity to be involved in a range of community regeneration projects, working closely with different households and community groups who have been severely affected by the AIDS pandemic, subsequent health problems and unemployment. We help where we can, providing crèches facilities, maintenance, DIY, childcare, education, micro loans and whatever else is needed. In providing these people with new opportunities where they may feel that they have been failed by government systems and marginalised by health issues it is clear that this project provides them with the help that they dearly need for day to day survival.

If there is any community and household research happening whilst you are staying with us, you may be given the opportunity to participate in important data collection, although this is not guaranteed. Last but not least there'll be an opportunity for volunteers to spend some evenings each week working with children at a local residential children's centre, assisting with sustainable vegetable gardening, which is sure to be a highly rewarding and enjoyable experience!

You will also get the opportunity to participate in a hike to the national park, where you can see historical paintings and caves and swim in waterfalls. The caves are lined with San Bushman paintings, which will add to your enjoyment of this historic region in a stunning part of the world.

For volunteers participating for three weeks or longer, you can choose either to go on a day trip to Lesotho via the Sani Pass or, conditions permitting, to go paragliding over the Drakensberg

mountains.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?

You will be met upon arrival at Pietermaritzburg Airport by one of our friendly representatives and transferred to your accommodation approximately 2 hours away, which will be your home for the remainder of your stay. You will then have time to get settled into the accommodation and catch up on some much needed rest after the long flight. The next day you will be shown around the different local communities and schools where you will be working for the next few weeks.

Internal flights can be found from Johannesburg to Pietermaritzburg or alternatively you can take the Greyhound bus from Durban.

WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?

You will be living either in our main house, which is large and sociable, or in our Basotho Huts, which are warm, cosy and provide a great experience. All accommodation has stunning views of the Southern Berg and Pholela River and into Lesotho. Accommodation is in shared mixed sex rooms. Should you be travelling with a friend or partner, please let us know in advance and we will try and accommodate you, although this is subject to availability and not guaranteed. There are hot and cold drinks available throughout the day; the accommodation is an ideal place to relax with fellow volunteers after a long day's work.

WHAT WILL I BE EATING?

Three meals a day will be provided throughout your stay so you'll get the chance to sample the exciting fusion of food that is South African cuisine. You may even get to enjoy some delicious authentic African food cooked by the skilled local community members. Why not finish the week on a high note with an authentic (and delicious) South African braai (BBQ)!

COSTS

2 weeks	US\$ 1,145
Extra week	US\$ 345

DEPARTURE DATES

Starts every Monday, please aim to arrive before 4pm on the Monday. You will be taken back to the airport and please do not book your return flight for any earlier than 1pm.

DURATION

2 weeks +

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Before you go

- Pre-departure support & documentation
- Travel and medical advice and documentation
- Advice on visas and equipment
- Discounted medical kit
- Free Frontier T-shirt

In-country

- Food
- Accommodation
- Airport pickup
- Ground transfer to project
- Mountain horse ride
- In-country emergency support
- 24-hour international HQ back-up

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Nearest airport(s): Pietermaritzburg (PZB)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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