

Namibia Wildlife Conservation & Sanctuary

Deep in the Namibian bush you have the rare opportunity to work with some of Africa's most extraordinary creatures – hand-raise baboons, care for injured animals and track and monitor big cats.

Help conserve Namibia's precious wildlife at a spectacular sanctuary in the heart of Africa. Rehabilitate and care for animals such as cheetahs, wild dogs, baboons, lions and leopards, as well as sheep, rabbits and other farm animals. Our baboons form a large part of the project; volunteers become surrogate mums for the little ones, bottle feeding and sleeping overnight with them. Witness some of Africa's greatest predators being hand fed and fall asleep secure in the knowledge that you have made a difference to the precious wildlife at the sanctuary.

Deep in the Namibian bush, you will be awed and inspired by its rugged beauty. A country to explore, Namibia offers a unique travel experience, such as the red sand dunes of Sossusvlei, and hosts some of nature's greatest creations. Visit Namibia for an adventure into some of Africa's most dramatic terrains and enjoy an unforgettable project experience that will stay with you forever!



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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit unique & beautiful Namibia
- Potentially become a surrogate to baby baboons!
- Work hands on at a spectacular animal sanctuary

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age of 18 years
- Book early to avoid disappointment

FAST FACTS

Location	Namibia
Activities	Maintain the sanctuary Care for injured animals Clean enclosures

	Feed some of the animals Care for baby baboons (when applicable) Monitoring & tracking Border fence patrols
Transport	Airport pick-up & drop-off Short drive to project site
Accommodation	Shared volunteer house and additional tents

WHAT DOES THE PROJECT DO?

Poor local economic circumstances combined with inadequate law enforcement have resulted in indiscriminate poaching of wild animals across Namibia, mostly for their meat and hides, whilst the international trade in animal hides and trophy hunting further decimates Africa's wild animals. The Namibia wildlife sanctuary is fully devoted to caring for sick and orphaned animals and to supplying them with habitats which are as natural as possible. They may come to the sanctuary from many different sources; some are tame animals that the owners can no longer look after, others may have been found trapped in snares or rescued from poachers intending to sell them. The sanctuary does all it can to release these animals back into the wild, but unfortunately this is not always possible, so that they are provided with the best possible home for the rest of their lives. You will be working closely with the animals, preparing their food, checking enclosure perimeters and checking the health of the animals. It is a truly magical place and one which you will feel very privileged to have visited and contributed to.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

This project provides you with a rare and exciting opportunity to work closely with and actively participate in the conservation of African wildlife. You will care for and witness the injured or orphaned animals being fed in the sanctuary on a daily basis as well as cleaning enclosures and helping to develop and maintain the sanctuary. The animals that make their home here include mammals as diverse and exciting as lions, cheetahs, baboons, meerkats, jackals and much more. Participation in the programme provides employment to the local Bushman community and ensures the rescue, survival and rehabilitation of the animals which are housed in natural environments around the site.

Your weekly activities may include:

Feeding and caring for the animals:

You will be responsible for preparing the food and feeding all of the small animals on site. Animal feeding tasks may also include throwing meat to the lions, leopards, cheetahs and African wild dogs.

You will also help to maintain the animal enclosures on the farm, clearing out old food and mess, cleaning waterholes and removing old bones from feeding.

Animal time:

You may get to spend part of each day playing with and looking after some of the animals on the farm. The orphaned baboons play a large part in our project, and volunteers take the bigger baboons on a walk at least every other day in the field to allow them to forage naturally and to give them regular exercise.

When we have baby baboons on the project, walks take place every day to give all our volunteers the chance to bond with our baby baboons. It's a great opportunity to enjoy the African sun, explore the farm and play with these cute babies.

Please remember that the animals are rescued, taken in, cared for and if possible, released into their natural habitat again, therefore the variety and number of animals at the sanctuary can change.

Farm work, security & maintenance:

Part of your daily routine may include building and maintenance both on the farm and around the perimeter. Farm work projects vary depending on what is currently needed on the farm and previous projects that volunteers have helped with include building fencing, maintaining perimeter fencing, and building a new baboon camp enclosure for our bigger baboons to move in to, complete with new toys. You need to be prepared for hard work but it's very rewarding to see the results of your efforts.

Security on the farm is essential. You may take part in border fence patrol in pick-up trucks on our reserve after being briefed on our procedures. As new animals arrive new enclosures may have to be built. You may also get to assist with security duty, where volunteers spend the night on a platform looking out for poaching activities.

Project work:

Part of your daily routine will include project work which varies depending on what is currently needed on the farm. Current long-term projects include the removal of black thorn bushes to make way for other species.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?

Upon arrival at Windhoek you will be collected by a member of the project team who will take you on the short drive to your project location, where you will spend the duration of your stay. The transfer time to the site is approximately 45 minutes. On arrival you will be introduced to the Volunteer Coordinators and shown around the accommodation and facilities.

WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?

You will stay in a large tent or inside a house which will be shared with up to two people (same gender or a couple). The rooms and tents are basic, but our single beds are comfortable with bedding provided (duvets and pillows). Electricity and solar heated showers are available, however please be aware that sometimes water levels are restricted and electricity has been known to cut off during storms. Power sockets for electrical items are available in the volunteer house, but can be used by all volunteers. There is also weak mobile phone reception at certain points around the camp.

WHAT WILL I BE EATING?

Three basic meals are provided and typically include meat, vegetables, pasta and rice. A vegetarian option will be available. You will prepare your own breakfast, which includes toast and cereals. Lunch varies from sandwiches, wraps and burgers. Dinner is typically a hot meal or on occasion a braai (barbeque). Drinks are available along with sweets / chocolate, crisps and snacks from a small bar open at lunch and in the evenings. Please advise any special dietary requirements prior to arrival at the project.

COSTS

2 weeks	US\$ 1,545
Extra week	US\$ 795

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Please note that it is now compulsory for all volunteers to purchase the correct uniform:

- Naankuse t-shirt – to be purchased on arrival N\$300 for 3 t-shirts
- Trousers or knee length shorts (khaki, olive green or denim)
- Closed, sturdy footwear

DEPARTURE DATES

Please aim to arrive on a Monday or Thursday. If you are not arriving on the start date, or leaving on the end date, you must ensure that you have sufficient funds to cover the cost of your own food and accommodation before the beginning and after the end of your project and your transportation to and from the project site. You will not be eligible for an airport pick up and you will need to arrange your own accommodation until the project start date.

DURATION

2 weeks +

This project is available throughout the Christmas period

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

2019

Tuesday 01 Jan New Year's Day

Thursday 21 Mar Independence Day

Friday 19 Apr Good Friday

Monday 22 Apr Easter Monday

Wednesday 01 May Workers' Day

Saturday 04 May Cassinga Day

Saturday 25 May Africa Day

Thursday 30 May Ascension Day

Monday 26 Aug Heroes' Day

Tuesday 10 Dec Human Rights Day/Women's Day

Wednesday 25 Dec Christmas Day

Thursday 26 Dec Family Day

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Before you go

- Pre-departure support
- Travel & medical advice & documentation
- Equipment advice
- Discounted medical kit
- Free Frontier t-shirt

In-country

- Food
- Accommodation
- Airport pick-up & drop-off
- Ground transfers & in-transit accommodation
- Local orientation
- Project training
- In-country emergency support
- 24-hour international HQ back-up

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Nearest airport(s): Windhoek (WDH)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Call us on 020 7613 2422 (UK) / 1 949 336 8178 (US)

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