

Horse Riding Internship in Zimbabwe

Spend your days working with horses in the Zimbabwean countryside as you ride, teach and groom them under the supervision of an experienced trainer.

Zimbabwe is a small landlocked country which is home to an abundance of spectacular wildlife and natural landforms, making it a haven for nature enthusiasts and adventure junkies alike. Its majestic African plains offer a sanctuary for the big five – African lions, African elephants, cape buffalo, African leopards and black/white rhinoceros. In addition to these stunning creatures Zimbabwe boasts several world renowned landforms including the breathtaking Victoria Falls and Malindidzimu Hill (also known as the “World’s View), which provides epic 360 degree views of this beautiful and awe inspiring country

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Care for horses as you experience Zimbabwe's culture and way of life
- Learn to ride horses under the guidance of experienced and passionate trainers
- Learn about horse behaviour and training
- Practise ethical treatment of horses

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age 18
- Must be physically fit

FAST FACTS

Location	Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
Activities	Identifying and solving issues with horses Riding horses and coaching other riders Training young horses Feeding Grooming Checking for injuries Tack Maintenance
Transport	Airport pick-up & transfer to project location
Accommodation	Shared accommodation

What does the project do?

The project aims to help dedicated horsemen and women to develop their horsemanship skills to the fullest possible extent. For those who do not have much experience with horses and want to learn more this is the perfect opportunity to begin to ride as the internship caters for all levels of riding. So even if you've never ridden before the experienced trainers will give you all the tools you need to become a confident rider!

The project also endeavours to teach interns how to train their horses. More experienced riders might be able to work with young horses or those with underlying problems, or if there is a specific area you are particularly interested in the trainers will try to accommodate this.

What will I be doing?

Your days will be varied as you will work on a number of aspects that will contribute to your journey to competent horsemanship. You will undertake chores such as feeding, tack maintenance and grooming as well as training horses with rider issues, schooling young horses, fitness training horses and coaching riders who lack confidence.

Your days will be busy but worthwhile as you will see your confidence and skills grow rapidly and your hard work paying off as you develop a personal and intimate bond with each of the horses. This will make the whole experience thoroughly rewarding! You will have the opportunity to work with a number of breeds such as thoroughbreds, Arabs, friesians and warmbloods.

What happens when I arrive?

You will be met at Bulawayo Airport where a friendly project representative will transfer you to your accommodation. Your first few days will be spent meeting the horses and staff and getting to know what your role will be. At the end of your stay the local staff will assist you in returning to the airport.

Where will I be staying?

Interns will live in shared accommodation in a detached area of the trainer's home at the project site with basic amenities including a bath, shower and toilet.

What will I be eating?

All your meals will be provided throughout the duration of your internship. However, if you wish to try the local food this can be arranged! On your days off you may be able to go out exploring and try some local delicacies. Corn and maize is a staple in Zimbabwe and are eaten frequently and used in many dishes. For the most part, the Zimbabwean cuisine has remained traditionally African. Some traditional dishes you might like to try include sadza (a stiff maize meal rolled into a ball and dipped into meat, sauce, gravy, sour milk or stewed vegetables), dovi (a peanut butter stew served with meat and vegetables) and mapopo candy (papaya cooked in and then dusted with sugar).

COSTS

2 weeks	US\$ 1,295
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3 weeks	US\$ 1,745
4 weeks	US\$ 2,195

DEPARTURE DATES

Weekly, to arrive on Monday

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Before you go

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

In-country

- Accommodation
- Food
- Airport pick-up
- Local orientation and training
- In-country emergency support
- 24-hour international HQ back-up

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Nearest airport(s): Bulawayo (BUQ)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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