

Zimbabwe Horse Racing Internship

An internship perfect for those who are passionate about horses and want to learn to care for them in an ethical way while experiencing the thrill of riding a race horse in beautiful Zimbabwe.

In Brief

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.

This unique internship provides the perfect opportunity for those who are passionate about horses and who want to learn to care for them in an ethical way and experience the thrill of riding a race horse in the beautiful surroundings of Zimbabwe. Not only will you have the opportunity to learn and develop your horse racing skills, you will also be trained in animal care, ethical treatment of animals and the daily running and maintenance of a large racing yard. As an intern you will have the perfect chance to get involved with horse racing under the supervision of an experienced and passionate trainer.

Project Highlights

- Learn to ride racing horses in an ethical way as you experience Zimbabwe's culture and way of life
- Learn to care for and understand horses under the guidance of experienced and passionate trainers
- Practise ethical treatment of sport horses
- Learn to run and maintain a racing yard

Project Requirements

- Must be over 18 years old
- Must be physically fit
- Must be a competent rider
- Must provide video footage of your riding so the instructors can assess your suitability
- Must have a skull cap and protective riding clothes
- Must weigh less than 75kgs

FAST FACTS

Location	Harare, Zimbabwe
Activities	Riding, feeding and grooming horses Checking horses for injuries

	Exercise horses Cleaning the stables Assisting at racing events
Transport	Airport pick-up & transfer to project location
Accommodation	Home stay with the trainer

What does the project do?

The project aims to help those who are passionate about horses to learn about the ethical care and treatment of sports horses whilst developing their racing skills to the fullest possible extent. Not only will you learn about horse racing, you will also learn what it is like to manage and maintain a racing stable and care for the animals living in the yard. This internship aims to prepare you for a future career in horse racing.

What will I be doing?

Your days will be varied as you work on a number of aspects that will contribute to your goal of becoming a competent jockey with knowledge of proper animal care. You will undertake chores such as feeding, grooming and exercising the race horses as well as maintaining the racing yard and assisting at races.

Your days will be busy but worthwhile as you will see your confidence and skills grow rapidly and you develop a personal and intimate bond with each of the horses, which will make the whole experience thoroughly rewarding!

What happens when I arrive?

You will be met at Harare Airport and a friendly representative will take you to your accommodation at the trainer's house. Your first few days will be spent meeting the horses and staff and getting to know what your role will be at the yard and in the stables.

Where will I be staying?

You will be staying in a homestay together with your fellow interns. The homestay will be in a detached area of the trainer's house that is equipped with laundry and internet.

What will I be eating?

All of 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 is 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\$ 1,795
3 weeks	US\$ 2,395
4 weeks	US\$ 3,045

DEPARTURE DATES

Weekly, arriving and departing on Mondays

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

- Food
- Accommodation
- Airport Pick-up
- Local orientation & training
- In-country emergency support
- 24 hour international HQ backup

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Nearest airport(s): Harare (HRE)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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