



INFORMATION BOOKLET

ABOUT W!LD VETS

Live4now **W!ld Vets** is a specialised wildlife vet programme for people within the veterinary science field who would like to get practical, hands-on experience with domestic and wild animals in South Africa, under the supervision of wildlife vets.

You will have the opportunity to listen to animal-focused lectures and well as participate in practical interactions.

We will accompany you from airport pick-up to drop-off, offering guidance and support throughout your experience, making it as meaningful and rewarding as possible.

Live4now was incorporated in 2012. It was established by Elton and Melissa du Plooy who were born and educated in South Africa. They share a common passion for wildlife and showing guests their beautiful country. Thus, Live4now was created.

The **W!ld Vets** programme is structured in such a way that no extra costs will be incurred during your stay with us. Accommodation, all in-country transport, activities and food (3 meals a day) are all included in the package.

We have chosen to limit the group size to make sure you receive the best experience possible.



THE PROGRAMME WILL ADDRESS ASPECTS SUCH AS

WILDLIFE DISEASES

Learn about the different diseases that affect our wildlife. Learn about the different methods of testing for diseases as well as the ways to control them.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Learn about the many ongoing efforts occurring on game reserves in order to conserve our precious wildlife.

GAME CAPTURE TECHNIQUES

Learn about different methods of game capture and why it needs to be done.

TRANSLOCATION OF WILDLIFE

Assist in the capture, transportation, and release of wildlife to new environments.

ANIMAL BREEDING PROJECT

Learn about why certain animal species need to be involved in breeding programmes and what is being done to help them.

VETERINARY CARE OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN UNDERPRIVILEGED AREAS

Go into the rural areas and assist the Community Vet Clinic. The CVC is a non-profit organisation providing primary veterinary health care to animals in disadvantaged communities and education to pet owners and subsistence farmers.

DARTING

Learn how to use a dart gun effectively and efficiently.

WILDLIFE PHARMACOLOGY

Learn about different types of drugs, why they are used and how to effectively use them.

MEDICAL WORK ON SICK AND INJURED WILDLIFE

Assist the vets with diagnosis and treatment of injuries and sicknesses, monitoring the animal's health as well as provide support to the vets.

ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR

Learn about the ways animals interact with each other and their environment.

PARASITES

Learn about some of the different types of parasites that affect our wildlife and how to control it.

ANIMAL REHABILITATION

Learn about what is being done to help abandoned, injured and poisoned wildlife.

REPTILES

Learn about reptile husbandry, animal safety and handling, animal health assessments, biosecurity and hygiene, preventative medicine and common diseases, reptile first aid, reptile anaesthesia and surgery, reptile emergencies and medical techniques.

AVIAN MEDICINE

Learn about Avian husbandry and care, animal safety and handling, animal health assessments, biosecurity and hygiene, preventative medicine and common diseases, avian first aid, Avian anaesthesia and surgery and medical techniques.

MAMMALIAN WILDLIFE

Learn about mammalian wildlife husbandry and care, animal safety and handling, animal health assessments, biosecurity and hygiene, Drug choice and management, anaesthesia, preventative medicine, common diseases and medical techniques.

THIS PROGRAMME INCLUDES

WHAT'S TO GAIN

- Veterinary work experience.
- Practical, experience with wild animals.
- Travelling through and experiencing some of this beautiful country.
- The opportunity to get close to many different wild animals!
- The opportunity to touch an elephant! (not included in the 2 week programme).
- The opportunity to be a few metres from a Hippo! (not included in the 2 week programme).
- A Visit to South Africa's biggest game reserve: The Kruger National Park!
- Experience the many diverse cultures in South Africa.
- The opportunity to gain endless amounts of knowledge from the wildlife vets.
- Learn about what is being done to conserve our wildlife.
- Learn about animal rehabilitation and the breeding of endangered species.
- The opportunity to help animals in disadvantaged areas.
- The opportunity to learn more about snakes and other reptiles.
- The opportunity to learn more about avian medicine.
- The opportunity to work with a vet in a wildlife veterinary hospital.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Food: 3 meals a day.
- Accommodation.
- All ground transportation.
- All the activities.
- Lectures and course materials.
- Park entry fees.
- Travel advice prior to departure.
- Transfers to and from Johannesburg International airport (on set arrival and departure days only).
- Orientation on arrival.
- Tea, coffee, juice and bottled water (where necessary).
- Support and assistance throughout your stay, 24/7.
- A certificate upon completion.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

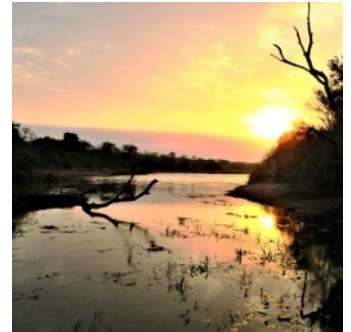
- Visa Costs (If a Visa is needed).
- Flight Tickets.
- Medical and Travel Insurance.

OTHER INFORMATION

CURRENCY

ZAR (South African Rand). If you need to change your currency into Rands, please do it at Johannesburg airport (OR Tambo) as this is the only place you will be able to do it.

If you plan to use your bank card whilst in South Africa, please remember to let your bank know that you will be using your card outside of your country.



WASHING MACHINE

A washing machine is available at most places during your trip. This will be at your own cost (approximately R200 per wash). Washing powder will be supplied.

WIFI

Wifi availability will be limited due to us being in remote locations. It is recommended that you purchase your own local sim card at Johannesburg International Airport if you require constant internet access.

WEATHER

It can get cold here in Winter so you need to bring some warm clothes with you. In the mornings and at night it can be very cold (below 5 degrees Celsius) but mostly during the day the temperature is mild to warm (18-26 degrees Celsius).



EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN YOUR PROGRAMME

ST LUCIA TOWN & HIPPO AND CROCODILE BOAT TRIP (Not included in the 2-week programme) You will be making your way to a little seaside town called St Lucia. Here you will enjoy a 1.5-hour boat trip down the St Lucia estuary in between the hippo's and crocs. It is one of the best spots in South Africa to get close to these magnificent creatures. You will also get the opportunity to put your feet in the beautiful Indian Ocean and have a bite to eat at one of the restaurants.

ELEPHANT INTERACTION (not included in the 2-week programme) You will get the chance to interact with free-roaming elephants. The knowledgeable rangers will talk you through the elephant's history as well as provide you with interesting facts while you get to interact with these amazing, majestic creatures.

GAME DRIVE (not included in the 2-week programme) You will go on a 2-3hr game drive on a big 4 game reserve. You could expect to encounter animals such as buffalo, antelope, elephants, rhino, giraffe, leopards and lots more!

TELEMETRY (not included in the 2-week programme) You will be fine-tuning your skills in telemetry. You will be taught the most effective techniques for monitoring wildlife with an antenna. A fully functioning collar will be placed in the bush, you will then go out on foot to try and find the collar 'animal' using the telemetry equipment. Along the way you will be taught the different types of pitches, meanings and how to tell how far or close the collar/animal is. It is a fun and enjoyable activity but really does take some skill to learn especially on an animal that is on the move.

ELEPHANT RIVER SAFARI (not included in the 2-week programme) You will be joining the elephant researcher on a river safari to try and spot the elephants on the shores of the lake. The researcher will talk you through what is being done to conserve these majestic creatures.

RHINO TRACKING (not included in 2-week programme) You will be going out on foot/game viewer to track and try and find the elusive black rhino on the reserve. On your walk/drive, you could expect to encounter animals such as buffalo, antelope, elephants, rhino, giraffe, leopards and lots more!

ENDANGERED SPECIES BREEDING/REHABILITATION CENTRE
Learn all about the centre and the vital role they play in breeding rare and endangered species as well as what is being done to rehabilitate wildlife that has been abandoned, injured or poisoned.

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK
You will have the opportunity to enjoy a guided game drive in the park with the park's rangers. Kruger is a big 5 game reserve, so you have a very high chance of spotting all of the big 5 while you are there!

CURIO/SOUVENIR MARKET
You will have the opportunity to stop off at a curio market. Curio markets usually have many African souvenirs. This would be a good opportunity for you to buy gifts for your loved ones back home!

HEALTH & SAFETY WHAT TO BRING

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- Live4now staff will be with you from airport pick up to drop off.
- All travelling is done by the professional guides who have Professional Driving Permits.
- You will be required to sign an indemnity form on arrival.
- Hospitals and Doctors are located in the nearest towns.
- Malaria: We advise that you get advice regarding anti-malarial medication from your doctor.
- You should consult your doctor for advice on vaccinations you might need before travelling to South Africa.
- You will need to get rabies vaccinations before coming on the trip.

ITEMS TO BRING ALONG

Please make sure you only bring one large suitcase and one piece of hand luggage. This is due to space restrictions.

- A flashlight.
- Mosquito repellent.
- Light weight cotton clothing (no bright colours).
- Warm clothing for cold evenings and mornings.
- Preferably old clothing that can get ruined.
- Hat/cap.
- Sunscreen.
- Swimming costume.
- Comfortable walking shoes.
- A few pairs of old long trousers for walking in the bushveld.

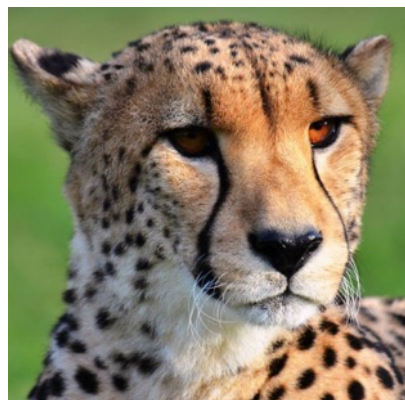
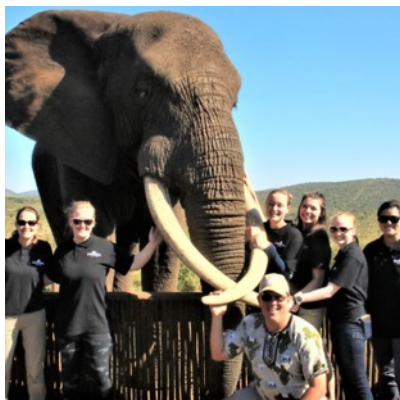
- Waterproof jacket.
- A small backpack.
- Hiking shoes (preferably with high sides that cover ankles).
- Any special medication.
- Bath and swimming towel.
- A refillable water bottle.
- Plug adaptor.
- Copy of travel insurance documents.
- Money for washing your clothes etc

NON-ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- Camera.
- Binoculars.
- Sunglasses.
- Money to buy gifts for family and friends or luxury items (chocolates, drinks).

REQUIREMENTS

- Full travel and medical insurance.
- Basic English.
- Good level of fitness. Work can be strenuous.



HOW TO APPLY

CONTACT

Contact the coordinator directly to enquire or request an application form.

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PRICE (PER PERSON)

\$3 850 - Full programme

\$3 180 - 2 week programme

€3 700 - Full programme

€3 060 - 2 week programme

Please note: We use the US Dollar as our base rate, so the EUR price may change at any time due to exchange rate fluctuations.

PAYMENT

A 25% booking deposit is required to secure a place in the group. Full payment via direct transfer to be made 2 months before arrival. Bank details are on the invoice that gets sent through to you after the applicant form has been submitted.

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