



2023

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VETERINARY SCIENCE FULL COURSE

2023 DATES

21 May to 08 June

04 June to 22 June

11 June to 29 June

25 June to 13 July

02 July to 20 July

16 July to 03 August

23 July to 10 August

06 Aug to 24 August

COST

\$3 850 - US Dollar

€3 700 - Euro

Eight spaces are available per group (to give you the best experience possible!) We work on a first come first served basis. Complete the application form to register your interest in the Live4Now Veterinary Sciences Course.

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.

ABOUT THE VETERINARY SCIENCE PROGRAMME

The **Wild Vets** programme is specifically designed for those who are either studying or working in the veterinary sciences field. This programme provides you with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in this field, under the supervision of a professional wildlife vet.

Food, accommodation, ground transport and activities are all included in this package. Please note: Due to the unpredictability of nature, the days stated below may be switched around to give you the best experience possible.

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COURSE OUTLINE



DAY 1 - ARRIVE

Today you will get picked up at O.R Tambo International airport in Johannesburg. You will then be taken to a big 4 game reserve in KwaZulu Natal. You will be spending the next few days learning about conservation efforts on the reserve. You will be lodging in a research camp surrounded by wildlife such as giraffe, antelope, rhino, elephant, leopards, and lots more.



DAY 2 - ORIENTATION AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Today you will take part in an orientation where we explain everything that lies ahead for the next few weeks. You will then be given a lecture on the conservation management of the elephants on the reserve. This offers a new perspective on nature, elephants and the conservation issues surrounding them. You will also go on a game drive to spot some of the animals. In the evening you will be given a talk by the owner/vet of the reserve.



DAY 3 - ELEPHANTS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Today you will get the chance to interact with elephants! The knowledgeable rangers will talk you through the elephant's history and provide you with some interesting facts about these amazing, majestic creatures. In the afternoon you will be fine-tuning your skills in telemetry. You will be going out into the bush to track an 'animal collar' using telemetry. You will learn about the different types of pitches, meanings, and how to tell how far or close the collar/animal is.



DAY 4 - ST LUCIA TOWN, HIPPO & CROCODILE BOAT TRIP AND CURIO MARKET

Today you make your way to the seaside town of St Lucia. Here you will go on a 1.5-hour boat trip down the St Lucia estuary in between hippos and crocs. It is one of the best spots in Africa to get close to these amazing creatures. You will then go into the town to look at all the local curio markets and enjoy a lunch at one of the restaurants. Before you go back to the reserve you will go to the beach and put your feet in the beautiful Indian ocean.



DAY 5 - ELEPHANT RIVER SAFARI & RHINO CONSERVATION

Today you will be given a lecture about the efforts being done to conserve the rhino on the reserve, you will then go out and track the rhino. You will also be going on an elephant river safari to try and spot the elephants on the lakeshore. You will be accompanied by the elephant researcher who will inform you about the research on the elephants on the reserve.



DAY 6 to 8 - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Today you will make your way to the Kruger National Park! Here you will meet the vet and attend lectures on current topics affecting the control and management of the animals in the park as well as wildlife-livestock interface. You will attend a 'behind the scenes' look at how Kruger runs their laboratories, go to the Bomas and learn about the orphaned rhino programme, how animals in captivity are managed, and about the anti-poaching dogs/reaction team.



DAY 9 to 13 - WILDLIFE VET ASSISTANCE

The next few days will be spent with the wildlife vets, accompanying them and assisting them in the duties they perform. This offers you the chance to get some hands-on experience under their supervision. You will also learn how to prepare a tranquilizer dart and shoot with a dart gun and get to fly in a helicopter! (Please note: The use of the helicopter depends on availability and the weather).



DAY 14 - COMMUNITY VET CLINIC

Today you will be going into an underprivileged area and offer your assistance and learn from the vets working in the rural communities. The CVC (community vet clinic) is a non-profit organisation providing primary veterinary health care to animals in disadvantaged communities.



DAY 15 – WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTRE

Today you will make your way to a wildlife rehabilitation centre. Here you will get the opportunity to learn all about the centre and the vital role they play in rehabilitation as well as breeding rare and endangered species. You will see how the centre is run and the challenges facing endangered species in SA and why we need rehabilitation centres.



DAY 16 - ADVANCED VETERINARY REPTILE COURSE

Today you will partake in a reptile veterinary course. The course includes: reptile husbandry, animal safety and handling, animal health assessment, biosecurity and hygiene, preventative medicine and common diseases, reptile first aid, reptile anaesthesia and surgery, reptile emergencies, medical techniques and a reptile necropsy.



DAY 17 - ROAD TRIP!

Today you will be making your way to Pretoria as tomorrow you will be spending the day at a wildlife hospital helping and learning about the treatment of small to medium-sized wildlife.



DAY 18 - WILDLIFE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Today you will be accompanying a vet at a wildlife veterinary hospital. The hospital is a non-profit organisation that treats small to medium-sized wild animals with the goal that they will be rehabilitated and released. The hospital has a dedicated veterinarian present on a full-time basis. The rehabilitation part of the hospital is run and overseen by a wildlife rehabilitation specialist.

DAY 19 - DEPARTURE

Today is a sad day as we have to say goodbye. We will take you to Johannesburg international airport (O.R Tambo) where you will make your way back home. We are sure this experience will never be forgotten and will benefit you throughout your career!