

A photograph of three young women, the Live4now Wild Vets, sitting in a savanna environment. They are wearing black t-shirts with the 'Live4now WILD VETS' logo. The woman on the left is smiling, the middle one is wearing sunglasses, and the one on the right is wearing glasses and a blue face mask. In the background, other people and animals are visible.

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WILD VETS

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INFORMATION BOOKLET

ABOUT WILD VETS

Live4now **Wild Vets** is a **specialised wildlife veterinary and conservation programme** designed for **students and professionals in the veterinary sciences** who want to **learn directly from leading wildlife vets, game capture specialists, and conservation experts** in South Africa.

This immersive experience combines **theory, field-based learning, and practical exposure** to give you a deeper understanding of **wildlife medicine, conservation, and animal management**. Over the course of your stay, you'll attend **expert-led lectures**, observe and assist in **real veterinary interventions**, and explore the **complex relationships between wildlife, livestock, and people** in South Africa.

From your **airport pickup to drop-off**, we'll guide and support you every step of the way, ensuring your experience is **meaningful, safe, and unforgettable**.

All-inclusive package: Accommodation, three meals a day, in-country transport, and all scheduled activities are covered — so you can focus fully on learning and exploration.

Group sizes are **kept small** to guarantee personalised attention and the **best possible hands-on experience**.



THE PROGRAMME WILL ADDRESS ASPECTS SUCH AS

WILDLIFE DISEASES & DIAGNOSTICS

Understand **major diseases** affecting African wildlife, learn about **testing methods**, **epidemiology**, and **disease control strategies**. Explore the complex **wildlife-livestock-human health interface**.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Gain insight into **conservation strategies** used on **Big 5 reserves**, learn about habitat management, anti-poaching efforts, and **breeding programmes** for endangered species.

GAME CAPTURE & TRANSLOCATION

Discover the **techniques used to safely capture and move wildlife**, understand the role of **game translocation** in maintaining biodiversity and **observe or assist** under supervision if captures are scheduled during your stay.

ENDANGERED SPECIES BREEDING & REHABILITATION

Learn why **breeding programmes** are critical for certain species. Visit a **rehabilitation centre** to understand how **injured, poisoned, and abandoned wildlife** are rescued, treated, and released.

COMMUNITY VETERINARY CLINIC (CVC)

Assist the vets providing **primary animal healthcare** in rural, underprivileged communities. 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.

WILDLIFE PHARMACOLOGY & DARTING

Learn about **tranquillisation techniques** and the **safe use of veterinary drugs**, practice preparing **tranquilizer darts** under vet supervision and understand the protocols behind **immobilisation procedures**.

ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR

Learn how to interpret **animal behaviour and social interactions**.

SPECIALISED VETERINARY COURSES

Reptile Medicine: Husbandry, handling, anaesthesia, surgery, and emergencies

Avian Medicine: Health assessments, handling techniques, disease prevention, and medical care

Small Mammal Care: Preventative medicine, anaesthesia, and rehabilitation techniques



THIS PROGRAMME INCLUDES

WHAT'S TO GAIN

- **Veterinary work experience** in a wildlife settings
- Learn from **top wildlife vets and conservation experts**.
- Practical exposure to **wildlife medicine, game capture, and conservation**
- **Practical learning** alongside leading wildlife vets and specialists
- Experience working in **community vet clinics**
- Insights into **reptile, avian, and small mammal medicine**
- A deeper understanding of **ecosystem management and conservation strategies**
- A visit to the **world-renowned Kruger National Park**
- Certificates for completing **specialised veterinary short courses**
- A truly **unforgettable experience** in one of the world's most biodiverse regions
- Contribute meaningfully to **animal welfare and conservation efforts**.



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 R100 per wash).

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

CONSERVATION ON BIG 5 GAME RESERVE

This is what could be included in your time on the reserve:

- **Telemetry Training** – Track wildlife using advanced techniques
- **Camera Trap Monitoring** – Set up, collect, and analyse images for species data
- **Vehicle-Based Game Counts** – Learn population monitoring methods and predator-prey dynamics
- **Animal Tracking** – Identify spoor, behaviour markers, and dung middens
- **Bird Ringing & Identification** – Assist ornithologists with tagging and cataloguing
- **Anti-Poaching Insights** – Spend time with the **APU** and learn about cutting-edge security methods
- **Conservation Interventions (*when available*)** – Witness or assist in activities like **rhino dehorning, animal collaring, or translocation.**
- **Presentations** - animal management, reserve management, carrying capacity, security and technology used in animal management and diseases.

K9 CONSERVATION UNIT

Spend the morning with **highly trained anti-poaching dogs**

Learn how K9 teams are used to **detect snares, track poachers, and protect endangered species.**

REHABILITATION CENTRE

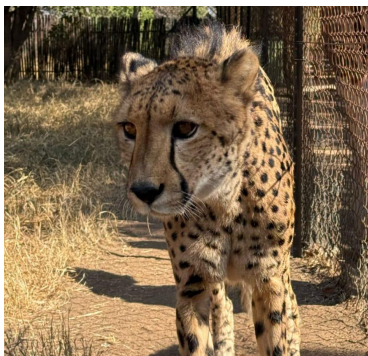
Learn all about the centre and the vital role they play in breeding rare and endangered species as well as what is being done to rehabilitate wildlife that has been abandoned, injured or poisoned.

SAFARI GAME DRIVE

You will have the opportunity to enjoy a many guided game drives in the Kruger National Park with your Live4now guide. This will maximise your chances of seeing the **Big 5** and more

HELICOPTER FLIP (Weather dependent)

Learn dart preparation techniques, experience **aerial darting demonstrations** and **helicopter-assisted game management.**



HEALTH & SAFETY WHAT TO BRING

HEALTH & SAFETY

- 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 clothing (no bright colours).
- Warm clothing for cold evenings and mornings.
- Preferably old clothing that can get ruined.
- Hat/cap.
- Sunscreen.
- Swimming costume and towel.
- 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.
- 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

Apply online through our website or contact the coordinator directly to enquire or request an application form.

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PRICE (PER PERSON)

\$3 995

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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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