

African Horizon



In the heart of a valley, only a stone's throw away from the hustle and bustle of P.E and Jeffreys Bay lies African Horizon Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary. The sanctuary is set within beautiful grounds nestled between rolling hills, close to the ocean and is a relaxing place to spend a lazy day. Our spacious enclosures and open grounds provide the visitor with a feeling of peace and tranquility. We have several picnic spots and braai areas located around the park as well as a bar and restaurant serving simple home cooked meals.

The park is home to several animals from South Africa and beyond including Cheetah, Servals, Lynx, Squirrels, Marmosets, Squirrel Monkeys, Blue and Common Duikers, Bushbok, Grysbok, Meerkats, Wallabies and a Crocodile.

For bird lovers, there are over 250 species of birds indigenous to South Africa and from further afield. Sit outside our stunning aviary, the largest in the Eastern Cape and listen to the calls of birds such as the Knysna Loerie, the Laughing Dove and the vibrant Red Bishop. Other birds around the park include the majestic Black Eagle, Blue Cranes, Crowned Cranes, Hornbills, Emu, Lorikeets and Macaws.

Project dates	This project can be joined at any time of the year. We recommend that volunteers arrive on a Monday. Please complete the Application Form to find out about availability at the project. They particularly need help over the Christmas period.
Closing dates	n/a
Country	South Africa
State/ Province	[Eastern Cape]
Closest Town / City	Thornhill
Details	This Project assists the Animal Rehabilitation Centre between Port Elizabeth and Jeffreys Bay with the daily care and funding to feed and care for stranded and injured animals. This project has a true need for volunteers to support with time and funding.
Application subject to	Application form and vacancies and availability of volunteer positions.
Cv/ resume acceptance	Yes
Police clearance certificate	Yes

Minimum Age

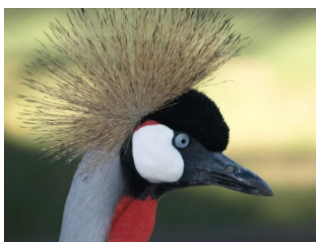
This project is open to anyone over the age of 16, fairly fit and in good health.

Project Highlights

If you want to get up close and personal with wild animals and birds from South Africa and beyond and don't mind getting your hands dirty, this is the place to be!

Your Role

Here is an example of a typical working day at African Horizon. It can be hard work. It can be dirty. It can be smelly. But that's all part of the fun!



7:30am - Preparation of animal feeds. One volunteer each day is asked to start an hour early to assist a member of staff with preparation and feeding of the main aviary.

8:30am - Feeding of the animals and birds throughout the park. This can take between 30 minutes and 2 hours depending on the number of volunteers.

1/2 hour break for breakfast once morning feed is completed. After breakfast we go through the list of jobs that need doing throughout the park. Some jobs, such as washing all the dirty animal dishes and feeding the animals in the clinic, are done on a rotational basis. Other jobs are assigned on a daily basis and include, for example, raking and cleaning enclosures, maintenance and repairs or checking the game fence for holes.



10pm/11am - 1pm - Jobs as above.

1pm - 2pm - Lunch!

2pm - 3:30pm/4pm - Afternoon feed (preparation of food and feeding of animals and birds throughout the park again).

4pm - 4:30pm/5pm - Afternoon jobs - these can include washing the dirty dishes from the afternoon feed, checking the park to ensure there are no problems, clinic duties, feeding the farm animals on site or rounding up and feeding the calves. **Volunteers work 5 days with 2 days off each week.**

Minimum Duration

2 weeks

Special Skills required

n/a

Language skills required

Good understanding of English.

Accommodation

Included - Volunteers live on site in backpackers dormitory-style accommodation and all meals are provided. There is a TV lounge with DSTV and a DVD player and a swimming pool for volunteers to use.

Meals

Included

Local transport

Transfer on arrival from Port Elizabeth or Jeffrey's Bay included and transfer on departure can be arranged at an extra cost. They are situated 30 minutes from Jeffrey's Bay, which is a popular weekend destination for volunteers with several surf shops, bars and restaurants and also the opportunity to take surfing lessons or horse riding trips along the beach. This is also the closest town and has several internet cafes, supermarkets and shops for essential items. Volunteers often like to spend a weekend lazing around at the sanctuary, relaxing by the pool, watching a movie or taking a walk on the game farm.

What to bring

Spending money, camera, rain jacket, polarized sunglasses, work clothes, comfortable shoes, swimming costume, sleeping bag, warm clothes in winter time, own toiletries, any medication, sun screen, sun hat, household cleaning products (i.e. washing powder), mobile phone and towel.

Is the work dangerous?

n/a

Potential health risk

n/a