



WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

BUSH - OCEAN - ESTUARY



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

The Sibuya Wilderness Experience offers Volunteers the unique and exciting opportunity to get hands-on experience in the conservation efforts of Sibuya Game Reserve.

We are a team of passionate conservationists working tirelessly to save our endangered and threatened wild and marine life from extinction. Volunteers will take part in short and long-term projects which are intended to create sustainability for generations to come. Tasks may vary from physical work to interesting and interactive lecture-based content. Our Volunteer Programme will run for a minimum of 1 week to a recommended 2-4 weeks.

Volunteers will be accommodated and hosted at the beautiful Intaka Lodge (situated close to the Reserve). This beautiful 58ha property overlooks a panoramic view of deep valleys and rolling hills with the ocean and bush as a magnificent backdrop. Relaxed vibes, expansive grounds to explore and a large swimming pool with BBQ area (Braai) make it the perfect spot to unwind from the adventures of the day.

Single rooms are available on request at an additional cost

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

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PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Transfers to and from Port Elizabeth Airport
- Shared double twin-bedded rooms en-suite
(**single rooms are available on request at an additional cost**)
- Complimentary WiFi in public areas around the lodge & bedrooms
- Three meals a day provided, with volunteer participation. Continental breakfast, packed lunch for days on the reserve and a two course dinner. Water, tea and coffee included
- Limited bar facilities available (for Volunteers own account)
- Tv in communal area, squash court, and table tennis
- ADDO National Park entrance fees and conservation levies
- Daily activities – see sample itinerary
- One Qualified Wildlife Guide per 10 Volunteers
- Conservation module booklets
- Conservation certificates
- Laundry self-service: washing machine and drier available
- Complimentary T-shirt
- Linen and conveniences



PACKAGE EXCLUDES

Medical and travel insurance
Items of a personal nature
Alcoholic beverages
Gratuities
Restaurant weekend meals
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Alcoholic beverages
Weekend activities of own choice (golf, deep sea fishing, bungee jumping, specialized birding, whale & dolphin watching, Padel, Surfing, Restaurant meals)

PROGRAMME CONTENT

Please note: All activities are weather or Reserve Management dependent



BOAT CRUISE & FISH TAGGING

Volunteers will go on a boat cruise and partake in the oceanographic research institute's cooperative fish and shark tagging project. Each participant will be briefed on how to safely catch, tag, record information, and release estuarine fish species.

Fishing rods will be supplied for each individual to practice the above procedures. Our findings will be loaded onto the ORI international data base.

ORNITHOLOGY

Our presentation covering the unique biodiversity of Sibuya's birdlife sets a great platform for being able to correctly identify and differentiate between oceanic, estuarine, arboreal, and terrestrial birds. Volunteers will take part in our bird species count.



ELEPHANT IDENTIFICATION

We spend the day learning about African Elephants and their role in the ecosystem as well as the challenges they face on earth.

We set out to correctly identify each Elephant on Sibuya Game Reserve as well as monitor their individual personality.



RHINO CONSERVATION

We spend the day learning about White Rhino and their role in the ecosystem as well as the challenges they face on earth.

We set out to correctly identify each Rhino on Sibuya Game Reserve as well as monitor their individual personality.



FENCING

Correct fencing has a vital role in wildlife conservation by protecting humans from potential danger and at the same time protecting conservation areas from human impact.

Volunteers take part in maintaining fence lines by checking electrical currents, checking for damage and patrolling for snares.



ALIEN PLANT ERADICATION

Many conservation areas take ongoing action by removing alien plant species from their properties. These species are generally unpalatable for animals and outgrow indigenous plant species.

Volunteers will take part in clearing out all alien invasive species.

An Additional activity includes identification of medicinal plants on the Reserve.





LION CONSERVATION

Wild Lion populations throughout Africa are on a rapid decline. Volunteers will take part in a presentation and open discussion troubleshooting the loss of prey species, loss of habitat, Lion bone trade, and human encroachment all contributing to the possible extinction of Africa's apex predator.

ROCKY COASTAL SHORES

The rocky shoreline of the Sunshine Coast plays a vital role in the biodiversity of Sibuya Game Reserve. Volunteers will spend time learning about the living and non-living features of the coastal marine environment. Our rocky shores content also includes the Historical Dias Cross Dune Trail. Where Volunteers might have the opportunity to see Whales, Dolphins or Seals from the View points.



ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK

Volunteers will spend a day visiting the Eastern Capes flagship game reserve – Addo Elephant National Park.

Addo houses the densest population of African Elephants per square kilometer and holds a mammoth section of conservation history for the Eastern Cape.



CAMERA TRAP SETUP AND MONITORING

Conservation Volunteers get to assist the team in setting up camera traps to monitor and record the shy and nocturnal species on the reserve

Try capture the aardvark or caracal.



OUTREACH PROJECTS

Volunteers may take part in an outreach project day in Kenton-on-Sea.

These activities include blankets and beanies for the Madiba Project, soup kitchens, wheelchair distributions, stand-in teachers, beach & Estuary cleanups, dog food distributions and many more.



STARRY NIGHTS

Our night sky at Sibuya is truly awesome in its magnificence, as so many constellations are made visible by our minimal light pollution.

This is as wild as it gets, telling stories around the campfire while snug in our sleeping bag.

Volunteers take part in a star gazing presentation as well as group projects on selected constellations.



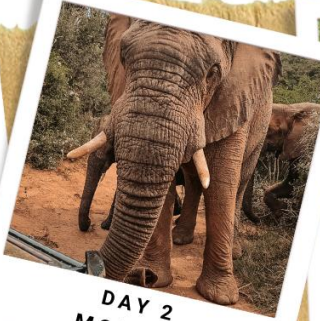
ITINERARY WEEK 1

Please note: All activities are weather or Reserve Management dependent. This is a sample itinerary



DAY 1
SUNDAY

Arrival at Sibuya
Volunteers settle into Intaka Lodge



DAY 2
MONDAY

Welcome presentation
Elephant monitoring
Elephant conservation presentation



DAY 3
TUESDAY

Rhino conservation presentation
Rhino monitoring



DAY 4
WEDNESDAY

Fence management
Intensive flora clearing



DAY 5
THURSDAY

Birding count
Ornithology presentation



DAY 6
FRIDAY

Community outreach
Trip to town



DAY 7+8
SATURDAY/SUNDAY

Leisure time

ITINERARY WEEK 2

Please note: All activities are weather or Reserve Management dependent



DAY 9
MONDAY

Lion conservation presentation

Lion monitoring

Buffalo darting + management



DAY 10
TUESDAY

Dias Cross dune trail 7km

Coastal dune forest

Rocky shores



DAY 11
WEDNESDAY

Kayaking expedition 15km



DAY 12
THURSDAY

ORI fish tagging

Boat cruise



DAY 13
FRIDAY

Trip to
Addo Elephant National Park



DAY 14
SATURDAY

Weekend activities

Horse riding

Whale watching etc.



DAY 15
SUNDAY

Team breakfast

ITINERARY WEEK 3



DAY 16
MONDAY

Endangered species
vegetation mapping



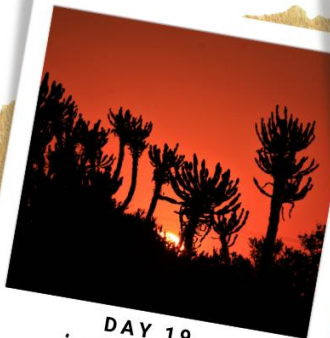
DAY 17
TUESDAY

Giraffe counts
Giraffe Darting



DAY 18
WEDNESDAY

Reserve management
Get involved behind the
scenes



DAY 19
THURSDAY

Pitfall trap collections and
identification
Sleep out with star talk



DAY 20
FRIDAY

Community outreach program
river clean up project



DAY 21
SATURDAY

Pizza evening design your
own



DAY 22
SUNDAY

Team breakfast

ITINERARY WEEK 4



DAY 23
MONDAY

Medicinal Plants talk

Waterfall walk



DAY 24
TUESDAY

Road maintenance

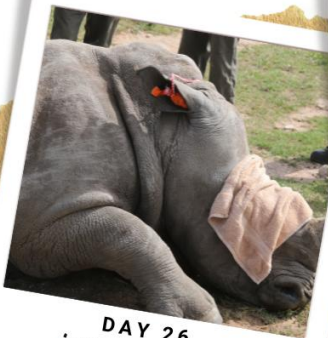
Bush clearing



DAY 25
WEDNESDAY

APU presentation

Snare fence patrol



DAY 26
THURSDAY

Game capture or Amphibian
presentation and study

Boat cruise



DAY 27
FRIDAY

Night-time rocky shore
exploration and shark tagging



DAY 28
SATURDAY

Group project presentations

Graduation ceremony



DAY 29
SUNDAY

Team breakfast

Departure



WHAT TO PACK

GENERAL

- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Adequate supply of any personal medication as required
- ☐ Personal first aid kit
- ☐ Rehydrate powder or drinks
- ☐ Sunscreen (with a high SPF)
- ☐ Beach towel
- ☐ Reference books and notebooks
- ☐ Games, playing cards

CLOTHING

- ☐ Short and long sleeve T-shirts
- ☐ Short and long work trousers
- ☐ Hiking/work boots and trainers
- ☐ Sweatshirt/fleece
- ☐ Windbreaker/rain jacket
- ☐ Cap for sun all year
- ☐ Swimming costume
- ☐ Changes of casual clothes for the evening
- ☐ Underwear and socks

Clothing should be neutral in colour and not bright for bush days.
For leisure days, any colours are acceptable.



GEAR

- ☐ Binoculars - essential for the best experience!
- ☐ Daypack rucksack
- ☐ Torch
- ☐ Camera and Laptop for presentations
- ☐ 3-point round plugs/adaptor plugs for South African electricity
- ☐ Sleeping bag (alternatively Sibuya can provide a sleeping bag at a rental fee of R120 per night)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RATES

- All prices quoted are based on EFT or online payments
- All rates are quoted in Rands and are inclusive of VAT at 15% where applicable. Rates may be subject to change in the event of major changes to the Rand, VAT, or any other major input cost
- Rates are quoted at per person sharing (or single on request) per week

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT

- Bookings made by the Volunteer will be held by Sibuya for 7 days
- Bookings must be confirmed within 7 days or such booking will automatically fall away
- On confirmation, volunteers will be invoiced for a deposit amount of 50% to secure the reservation
- Payment for the balance shall be invoiced 45 days prior to arrival and payment shall be made in full no later than 30 days prior to arrival

GENERAL

- Bookings are made per week, starting on a Sunday and include transfers
- The Wilderness Experience can be booked for arrival on other days but will include a transfer fee
- Transfer - Day of arrival: Pick up at the Port Elizabeth Airport at 15h00
- Transfer - Day of Departure: Departing from Intaka Lodge at 09h00
- Travelling time from the Port Elizabeth Airport to Intaka Lodge 1,5 hours

CANCELLATION POLICY

- Cancellations: 0 to 14 days prior forfeit 100% of fee
- Cancellations: 14 to 28 days prior forfeit 50% of fee
- Cancellations: 28 to 42 days prior forfeit 50% of deposit
- Cancellations: 42 to 56 days prior forfeit 25% of deposit
- Cancellations in excess of 56 days prior may incur a maximum 5% administration fee to cover banking and handling charges
- The Sibuya Wilderness Experience is not liable for cancellation due to flight/airport delays, sickness or any unforeseen circumstances



IMPORTANT NOTICE

From 01 June 2015, the Department of Home Affairs in South Africa will require all passengers below the age of 18 years to travel with an Unabridged Birth Certificate. Parents travelling with children will be requested to provide an Unabridged Birth Certificate (including the details of the child's father as well as the mother) of all travelling children.

This applies even when both parents are travelling with their children and it also applies to foreigners and South Africans alike. When children are travelling with guardians, these adults are required to produce affidavits from parents proving permission for the children to travel. It is important for parents to note that Unabridged Birth Certificate applications can take anything from six to eight weeks to complete.



We disagree with any kind of interaction with wild animals and we strongly dissociate ourselves from so-called sanctuaries, parks, or rehabilitation centers that promote cub petting, lion walking, or interacting with elephants. These organizations mislead visitors to believe that they're promoting conservation while the truth is that they keep wild animals in captivity and use them for commercial exploitation.

MAKING MEMORIES

