



LION & SAFARI PARK

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME



Lion & Safari Park, Johannesburg, South Africa a leading tourist destination - Our volunteers get to meet some of Africa's most beloved animal species as they work closely with our guides and researcher. "The perfect African Experience all in one park"

Explore. Discover.

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1. Introduction

The Lion and Safari Park is an over 1000—hectare wilderness reserve situated in the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site, close to Hartbeespoort Dam and the Magaliesberg Mountain Range, only 20min from Lanseria International Airport and 40min from Johannesburg. The park offers guests an incredible opportunity to get up close to many of South Africa's most iconic animals. Our mission is to provide a safe and healthy environment for those animals both in our care and in the surrounding wild areas and create an opportunity for guests, both local and international to learn more about these wonderful African animals.

The Lion & Safari Park offer volunteers from all over the world the opportunity to experience Africa — all in one park. The unique ambience of the large game farm roamed by Giraffe, Zebra, Gemsbok, Springbuck, Blesbok, Kudu, Sable and Ostrich to name a few, is guaranteed to make your stay unforgettable.

Accommodation is provided nearby the park. Accommodation includes a swimming pool, braai area, pool table, bar and restaurant. Our volunteer coordinators will pick you up every morning at 08:00 and drop you off at 17:00.

The Lion & Safari Park offers a great diversity of landscapes, from mountains, river, forestry areas to open plains. The Lion & Safari Park is voted as one of the world's top 100 tourism destination that focuses on the wellbeing of the various species, in particular Cheetah, Hyena, the endangered Wild Dog and the rare White Lion.

More about the park:

The new Lion & Safari Park opened on 16 July 2016 after moving from its old location (20min away), the new world class facility offers an exciting array of activities and services. We now form part of the Bothongo Group holdings.

With both game viewing trucks as well as more traditional land cruiser style safari vehicles there are numerous ways to explore the park. Our exclusive three—hour Safari Tour makes use of one of our custom designed open game drive vehicles and offers an unforgettable safari experience.

The Lion and Safari Park offers a wide variety of dining options thanks to the Wetlands Restaurant and Bar. Also, situated at the Lion and Safari Park is the renowned Bull and Buck Grill, an incredible culinary experience for the whole family offering a wide variety of dishes.

The 5 Dome Shopping Experience situated at the Lion and Safari Park offers an immense

range of arts, crafts, jewelry and clothing from all over Africa. Also available is a wide variety of homeware, toys and kiddies clothing.

The Lion and Safari Park is open 365 days a year from 8:00 am to 17:00 during the week and from 08:00 am to 18:00 during weekends and on public holidays.

For more information, visit our website www.lionandsafaripark.com

2. Highlights

Our Volunteer program is packed with exciting events and activities.

- Get close to some of Africa's predators and antelope
- Feeding and caring for animals
- Participating in game drives and other activities
- Assist with our conservation/education program Little Rangers
- Learn about African culture
- Living with other volunteers from all over the world developing personal strengths and life skills
- Traditional South African bush meal (Braai/bbq)
- Assist in conservation work such as invasive bush clearing and river restorations.
- Assist in wildlife research when available
- Assist in Snare removal and anti-poaching efforts
- Horseback safari's

3. Program

Our volunteers will engage in interesting programs and activities

- Learning more about animals and their behaviors and habits
- Food preparation for the different animals
- Fence checks and repairs
- River restoration
- Animal husbandry practices including cleaning and maintenance of enclosures
- Providing enrichments to the animals
- Caring for injured wildlife when required
- Help educate our next generation of conservationists with our little rangers program.

- Assisting staff with guests visiting the park.
- Assist with firebreaks, reserve monitoring, research, wildlife rescue and environmental restoration when required.
- Help care for horses and get the opportunity to ride in the reserve when available.
- Experience excursions such as elephant walks, river rafting and outings to our sister reserve to visit their reptile park and the Bothongo wonder caves.

Arrive on a Sunday afternoon or Monday morning.

Upon arrival at the OR Tambo International Airport, our shuttle driver will meet and transport you to the Lion & Safari Park. The meeting point is the International Arrivals information desk.

The drive to the park is approximately 45-60 minutes by shuttle service.

- Upon arrival at the park, you will be met by your coordinator and taken to your accommodation facility. After some refreshment, you will attend an orientation where your programme will be explained to you in depth, further you will be introduced to the staff and fellow volunteers. There will be an opportunity to go to a local shopping centre to purchase any personal items or necessities.
- Working hours: 8 hours shifts between 08:00 AM to 17:00 PM

Departure Day

- On your last day with us, the assigned duties are optional, depending on the time of your flight; you can spend the day enjoying your time with the animals and staff.
- Take back special mementos and gifts for your loved ones by receiving a 15% discount on any Curio shop purchases
- After saying your final goodbyes; you will be taken to the Airport with our shuttle service.

(All the above will be arranged by your coordinator)

4. Activities

River Rafting (availability dependent on weather and water levels)

Drift for a couple of kilometers at a leisurely pace between the cliffs on the Crocodile River and keep an eye out for the abundant bird life and various animal species like Dassie, Water Monitor, Mountain Reedbuck to name a few.

Predator Tour

Led by one of our fully qualified and experienced guides the 45-minute Predator Tour will introduce you to some of South Africa's most famous predators. This amazing experience in one of our modern safari trucks will take you through the Lion, Cheetah and Wild dog enclosures where you will have an opportunity to find out more about these incredible animals.

Sunset Drive (With Lion Feeding)

After dark the Predator Tour really comes to life! The same great Predator Tour however with the addition of an incredible lion feeding. The safari vehicle is filled with the sounds of the nights and the roar of the lions as they enjoy a full feeding.

Alex Tour

Alex Larenty, the world-renowned lion trainer, animal behaviorist and filming wrangler will take you on an unforgettable 2-hour tour, our volunteers will be amazed by his fearless friendship as he interacts with our full-grown big cat predators.

Feeding Giraffes and Other Animals

Despite the fact that our volunteers will be responsible to feed many animals with our staff on a daily basis, they can also feed the Giraffe from a feeding platform which is also periodically visited by a variety of other animals including Zebra's, Nyala's and Ostriches.

Shandor Tour

Shandor Larenty is our renowned social media star. Join him on a once in a lifetime tour where he'll show you his animal family here at the park.

5. Personal Items

What to bring...

Due to the nature of the project we would appreciate volunteers to wear neutral colour clothing (beige, green or khaki colour). Clothes should be comfortable and preferably clothes you don't mind getting torn or dirty.

- Comfortable walking shoes are a must due to working in an outdoor environment.

- A raincoat for those wet Highveld thunderstorms in our summer months (September — April)
- Sunscreen and a sun hat as it gets very hot in the summer months, where temperatures can reach 35C in summer.
- If you are travelling during the winter months (May—August) you will need warmer clothes as the early mornings and evenings can get chilly.
- International adaptor plug for charging electronic items.
- Bedding is provided
- Bring along your own camera, Ipad and laptop (wifi available)
- Toiletries, medicine, personal items.
- A good quality torch to be utilized in the evenings when walking to and from your rooms

6. Meals

- Volunteers will receive three meals a day from our Wetlands Restaurant A Daily allowance of R60 per breakfast, R90 per lunch and R120 per dinner is included in the package, any meal exceeding the allowance will be payable at the restaurant. (Please note that the allowance is more than enough for a decent meal) — Please see Menu attached.
- The food allowance is included in the package and non—refundable.
- Take—away options are also available.
- Vegetarian/Halaal meals available on request.

7. Rules

- Use of illegal drugs is prohibited
- No volunteer may leave the premises without completing the register, and informing their coordinator
- All volunteers must abide by all policies and procedures
- Compulsory Medical Aid Insurance
- Uniform: Whilst on duty or in any enclosure in public view, a volunteer must wear a volunteer T-shirt provided and their name badge
- All local Covid-19 regulations need to be followed

8. FAQ's

- What is the age range?
We accept any age above 18, persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult, no kids under the age of 12.
- What are the dates?
We accept volunteers throughout the year.

- How long can I go for?
Our programme is minimum 2 (two) weeks, but feel free to stay longer.
- What is the accommodation like?
Accommodation is provided close to our park. All rooms are en-suite and free wi-fi is available.
- Can the projects cater for vegetarians / vegans?
We cater for vegetarians and vegans; our Wetlands Restaurants is also Halaal.
- What injections do I need?
We recommend getting a Tetanus shot, please see volunteer guide for more information.
- Will I be met at the airport and how will I get to my project?
One of our reliable drivers will collect you at the airport
- How safe are the road transfers to the projects?
The road transfers are safe, you will ONLY be transported in our reliable L&SP vehicles with our permanent drivers.
- What about Travel Insurance?
Travel Insurance is compulsory, do not leave your country without it!

9. Safety

A volunteer should be under the supervision and guidance of a volunteer coordinator or park guide. We offer 24hr security and medical response. You will be safe if you are responsible for yourself; if you listen to instructions and don't go off alone without telling someone where you are going.

The Lion & Safari Park volunteer Programme operates out of the Lion & Safari Park in Kalkheuwel and our volunteer work leads to close encounters with some of Africa's most fearsome wildlife – like Hyenas Wild Dogs and Cheetahs.

To ensure your safety, our staff and guides are trained and experience in dealing with dangerous wildlife and we have strict health and safety regulations. All volunteers must sign a detailed risk assessment on arrival and are provided with a full account of all the possible dangers – and of course, how to avoid them

Travel and medical insurance for the duration of your volunteer work are mandatory, and your responsibility.

10. Requirements

Applicants are expected to be physically able to complete tasks and generally get involved with the rest of the volunteers.

A Basic English understanding is required. Should there be an applicant with poor English command he/she must be accompanied by an applicant of the same language who can translate.

The following documentation should be signed and received by Lion & Safari Park prior to arrival

1. Indemnity Form
2. Application Form (Contract)

Other documentation needed:

3. Copy of Passport
4. Copy of VISA if applicable
5. Proof of medical/travel insurance
6. Next of kin details

11. Rates

The rates include:

- Airport transfers (Arrival and departures)
- Pre—departure information and advice pack
- Daily meals (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Accommodation
- Activities: Night Drive, Safari Drive, Alex Tour, Shandor tour, Bush Braai, River Rafting, Elephant walk, excursion to Bothongo wonder caves.
- Volunteer T-Shirts x 2.
- Laundry Service

The rates exclude:

- Flights Visas
- Insurance (Medical and Travel)
- Excursions (Croc City, Lesedi Cultural Village, Chameleon Village, Hartbeespoort Cableway)

Rates:

2 Weeks - \$ 1950*

3 Weeks - \$ 2660*

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4 Weeks - \$ 3250*

5 Weeks - \$ 3850*

(*please note: rates might change due to currency fluctuations)