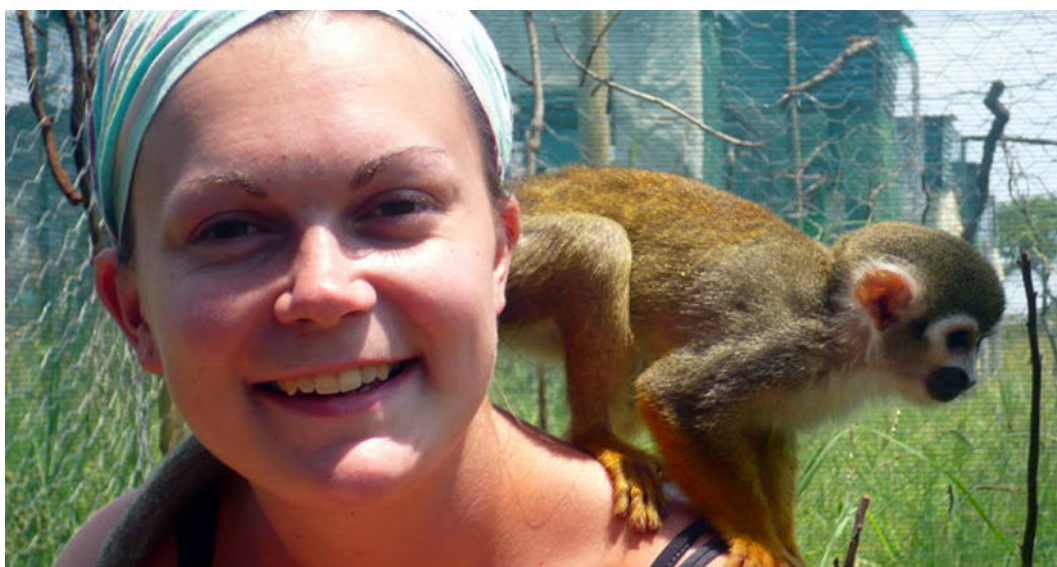


CHANGE LIVES AND VOLUNTEER IN SOUTH AFRICA 2010 - 2011



South Africa

Come and join this peaceful project, caring for South African monkeys. Situated close to Pretoria, this monkey sanctuary is a rare opportunity to interact closely with cute, lovable monkeys. There are all sorts of different species of monkeys living in the sanctuary from the Marmosets and Tamarins to the squirrel monkey. At this small and friendly sanctuary, all volunteers will get an exciting opportunity

to be involved with all aspects of the daily routine, from bottle feeding, medical care to monitoring their behaviour. The project is a great experience that allows you to be really hands on with the overall care of the monkeys.

Many of the monkeys are brought here after having been kept as pets and sadly can not be returned to the wild. Volunteers will feel a much needed role

in providing continuing stimulation, which they have been accustomed to as pets. Your heart will melt as you bond with the monkeys and relationships are built. It is very rewarding, knowing each day you are helping animals that are truly in need.

Highlights

- Unique experience of interacting and working closely with monkeys
- Gain an insight into animal behaviour
- Make an excursion to the famous Kruger National Park

My Volunteer Experience in South Africa

So I arrived to start my new position as a volunteer in South Africa, having been picked up at Pretoria airport by the sanctuary manager, blissfully unaware of what the week was going to entail. There were six other volunteers working on a shift system when I arrived. The plan of action to get the monkeys fed and cared for every day. If we weren't there to do it, no-one else would.

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Your role as a Volunteer

Volunteering in the Pretoria Monkey Sanctuary involves many different tasks. You get the chance to prepare food, bottle feed, hand feed, and clean out cages, along with general monitoring. Volunteers also get the opportunity to hand-rear baby monkeys and if a baby monkey is received, there is a possibility that you could be the one to introduce the baby to new foster parent monkeys.

Skills and experience

No experience is necessary to help the monkeys in South Africa. As long as you have a love of animals, you will fit right in.

Overview On arrival

The nearest airport to the project is Pretoria, although most volunteers fly to Johannesburg. Once we receive your flight details a pick-up will automatically be arranged from either airport, so when you land someone will be waiting at the airport for you. The co-ordinator that picks you up will take you directly to the project.

Local support

The Monkey Sanctuary in Pretoria is family run. The project manager lives on site, and so therefore is never more than a shout away should you need anything.



Accommodation included

Volunteers in South Africa stay on site in dormitory type accommodation. There is a large, modern communal kitchen, which any volunteer can use. There is also the option of camping in the large garden, if volunteers choose to do this; tents and mattresses are provided for your comfort.

Food

South Africa is a self-catering project. There is a shopping mall about ten minutes away by taxi, where you can buy food and supplies. Also, in the same area there is a café where many volunteers go to eat out.

Getting around

Taxi is a quick and easy way to get around the area. To get a taxi from the Monkey Sanctuary to the nearest town would cost on average about £6.

Project resources and advice

The sanctuary has most of the basic resources that it needs. Interested volunteers may like to help with the purchase of animal food, after arrival.



Free time

There are many sights to see and experience in South Africa. These include The Lion Park, The Open Air Museum and Kruger National Park. It is also possible to arrange a horse ride through the game park.

Local facilities

The nearest city, Pretoria, has all the local facilities of any large modern city that are needed, including banks, doctors, shopping malls, cafes and other amenities.

Health

There is a doctor close by and a hospital should you need the use of one, the sanctuary manager will help you with your transfer there.

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What to take

Once you have applied and registered with Original Volunteers, you will receive an Information Pack via email that will have further details on the project in South Africa; in this email there will be a list of items to take and items that are best not to take.

Not on your own

Although some volunteers travel with friends, the bigger majority travel alone. It is possible to get in contact with other volunteers before your travel, and a lot of people tend to do this. Some volunteers even plan to travel together and set this up themselves before they depart. Once in Pretoria, there are co-ordinators always nearby and the project manager who offer their help and support where needed.

How to apply

It is quick and easy to register with Original Volunteers. You can either do it online via our website www.originalvolunteers.co.uk or you can call us on 0800 345 75 82 or 01603 627007 and register over the phone. It costs £125 to register and this registration lasts a whole year; which means you can go to as many placements as you want within that year without having to pay the £125 again. The registration fee also instantly books and reserves your place in any month you choose. We are very flexible however and you can always change your mind. Just let us know if dates change and spaces permitting we will put you on another list.

When to pay for this project

Accommodation for South Africa is payable shortly before departure, directly to the sanctuary.

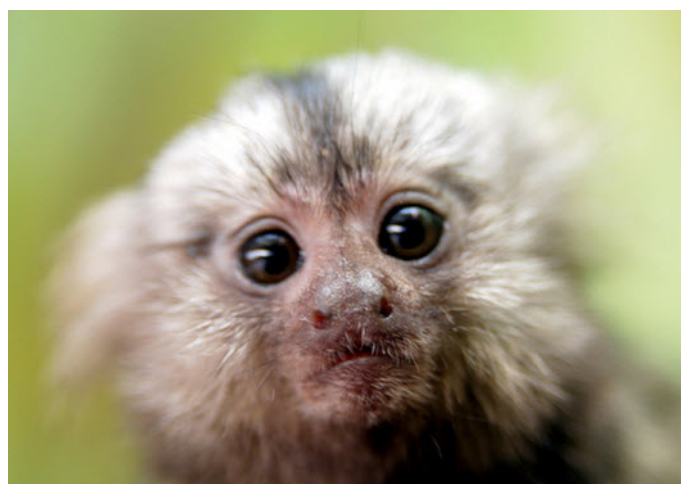
Things that you will need to organise yourself

- Flights to Johannesburg or Pretoria as preferred
- Travel Insurance
- Any resources you wish to bring
- Food

Fast Facts

Project Information

- Project Duration: Min 1 week - Max 12 weeks
- Project Costs: £175 per week
- Location of project: Pretoria
- Arrival Airport: Johannesburg or Pretoria as preferred
- Activities: General day-to-day care of monkeys include, cleaning cages, feeding, general love and affection.
- Working Hours: Full time – 5 days out of 7 day week.
- Getting to the project: Airport pick-up and transfer to the volunteer house is automatically arranged for all volunteers, once flights have been received.
- Requirements: Minimum age 18



What's Included

- Accommodation: Volunteers stay together on site in a volunteer house or in tents as preferred.
- Airport Pickup: Airport pick up is available.
- Training: During your stay you will be trained on the job informally via in-country orientation

What's not included

- Flights
- Insurance
- Return Airport transfer
- Local Transport during free time
- Meals

South Africa

South Africa is located at the southern tip of Africa. Lying north is Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. Mozambique and Swaziland are to the east. Eleven languages are recognised in South Africa as it has a diversity of cultures.

South Africa contains some of the oldest archaeological sites in the world. South Africa has three capital cities; Cape Town, Pretoria and Bloemfontein.

Climate

South Africa has a temperate climate. The highest average temperature is 26 Celsius, with the lowest being 7.8 Celsius.