

2021 - 2 WEEK PROGRAMME DATES

24 April to 8 May 17 August to 31 August 21 August to 4 September

There are only 8 spaces available in each group (to give you the best experience possible!) We work on a first come first served basis, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Fill in the application form and send it to <u>melissa@live4now.co.za</u> to book your spot!





The Wild Vets programme is specifically designed for those who are either studying or working in the veterinary sciences field.

This programme provides you with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in this field, under the supervision of a professional wildlife vet. Food, accommodation, ground transport and activities are all included in this package. Please note: Due to the unpredictability of nature, the days stated below may be switched around to give you the best experience possible.



DAY 1: ARRIVE

You arrive at O.R. Tambo International airport in Johannesburg. We will meet you there and take you to your accommodation. Today you will be given an orientation where we will explain everything that lies ahead in the next 2 weeks.

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Pretoria





DAY 2: WILDLIFE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Today you will be **accompanying a vet** at a wildlife veterinary hospital. The hospital is a non-profit organisation which treats **small to medium sized** wild animals with the goal that they will be **rehabilitated and released**. The hospital has a dedicated veterinarian present on a full-time basis. The rehabilitation part of the hospital is run and overseen by a wildlife rehabilitation specialist.

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Pretoria

DAY 3: ROAD TRIP!

Today we will be driving to an area called Hoedspruit. This is where you will be spending your time at the endangered species centre, doing a veterinary reptile course, going to Kruger and gaining hands-on experience from the wildlife vets.

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Hoedspruit







DAY 4: ADVANCED VETERINARY REPTILE COURSE



Today you will partake in a **reptile veterinary course**. The course includes: Reptile husbandry, animal safety and handling, Animal health assessment ,Biosecurity and hygiene, Preventative medicine and common diseases, Reptile First Aid , Reptile anaesthesia and surgery, Reptile emergencies, Medical techniques (practical) and a reptile Necropsy (practical) Accommodation: Guesthouse in Hoedspruit

DAYS 5 and 6: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Today you will be going to the **Kruger National Park!** During your stay in Kruger you will meet the vet and attend **lectures** on current topics affecting the control and management of the animals in the park as well as wildlife-livestock interface .You will attend a **'behind the scenes'** look at how Kruger runs their laboratories, go to the Bomas and learn about the orphaned rhino programme, how animals in captivity are managed and about the antipoaching dogs/reaction team. You will also go on a **guided game drive** with the park rangers to try and spot the big 5!





DAY 7 TO 11: WILDLIFE VET ASSISSTANCE

The next few days will be spent with the **wildlife vets**, accompanying them and assisting them in the duties they performs. This offers you the chance to get some **hands-on experience** under their supervision. You will also learn how to prepare a tranquilizer dart and shoot with a **dart gun** and get to fly in a **helicopter!** (**Please note:** The use of the helicopter depends on availability and the weather).

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Hoedspruit



DAY 12: COMMUNITY VET CLINIC

Today You will be going into an **underprivileged** area and offer your assistance and learn from the vets working in the rural communities. The **CVC** (community vet clinic) is a non-profit organisation providing primary veterinary health care to animals in disadvantaged communities.

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Hoedspruit





DAY 13: ENDANGERED SPECIES CENTRE



Today you will make your way to the **Hoedspruit** endangered species centre. Here you will get the opportunity to learn all about the centre and the vital role they play in breeding rare and endangered species. You will see how the centre is run, the veterinary care that takes place at the centre, challenges facing endangered species in SA and why we need centres like HESC.

You will also be getting a talk from Dr Rogers who is considered one of the most experienced wildlife veterinarians in the world.

DAY 14: ROAD TRIP

Today will be spent driving back to Pretoria in order for you to get your flight back home. You will be driving through the picturesque town of **Dullstroom**.

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Pretoria







DAY 15: DEPARTURE

Today is a sad day as we have to say goodbye. We will take you to Johannesburg international **airport** (O.R Tambo) where you will make your way back home. We are sure this experience will never be forgotten and will benefit you throughout your career!

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