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W!LD VETS

2022 - FULL PROGRAMME DATES

15 May to 2 June
5 June to 23 June
26 June to 14 July
3 July to 21 July
17 July to 4 August
24 July to 11 August
31 July to 18 Aug

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 melissa@live4now.co.za 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

Today you will get picked up at O.R Tambo International airport in Johannesburg. You will then be taken to a **big 4 game reserve** In KwaZulu Natal. You will be spending the next few days learning about **conservation efforts** on the reserve. You will be lodging in a research camp surrounded by wildlife such as giraffe, antelope, rhino, elephant, leopards and lots more.

Accommodation: Your accommodation for the next few days will be in a research camp on a Big 4 Game Reserve.



DAY 2: ORIENTATION AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Today you will take part in an **orientation** where we will explain everything that lies ahead for the next few weeks.

You will then be given a lecture on the conservation management of the **elephants** on the reserve. This lecture offers a fascinating new perspective on nature, elephants and the conservation issues surrounding them.

After lunch you will go on a **game drive** to see the reserve and spot some of the animals. In the evening you will be given a talk by the owner/vet of the reserve.



DAY 3: ELEPHANT INTERACTION AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Today you will get the chance to **interact** with elephants! The knowledgeable rangers will talk you through the elephant's history and provide you with some interesting facts about these amazing majestic creatures. In the afternoon you will be taken to an education centre in the rural **community** where you will have a traditional Zulu lunch. After lunch you will learn about their education initiatives to conserve the elephants. You will also get the opportunity to make paper out of elephant dung and get a chance to see one of the most breath-taking views!



DAY 4: ST LUCIA TOWN, HIPPO AND CROCODILE BOAT TRIP AND CURIO MARKET

Today you make your way to the little seaside town of **St Lucia**. Here you will go on a 1.5-hour boat trip down the St Lucia estuary in between all the **hippo's and crocs**. It is one of the best spots in Africa to get close to these amazing creatures. You will then go into the town to look at all the local curio markets and enjoy a lunch at one of the restaurants. Before you go back to the reserve you will go to the beach and put your feet in the beautiful Indian ocean.



DAY 5: ELEPHANT RIVER SAFARI AND RHINO CONSERVATION

Today you will be going on an elephant river safari to try and spot the elephants on the shore of the lake. You will be accompanied by the elephant researcher who will be informing you about the research being done on the elephants on the reserve. In the afternoon you will be given a lecture about the efforts being done to conserve the **rhino** on the reserve. After the lecture you will go out and **track** the rhino. You could encounter animals such as buffalo, antelope, giraffe and rhino amongst others.

DAYS 6 TO 8: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

You will depart early in the morning and make your way 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 anti-poaching dogs/reaction team. You will also go on a **guided game drive** with the park rangers to try and spot the big 5!



DAYS : 9-13 WILDLIFE VET ASSISTANCE

The next few days will be spent with the **wildlife vets**, accompanying them and assisting them in the duties they perform. 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: Lodge in Hoedspruit.



DAY 14: CVC - COMMUNITY VET CLINIC

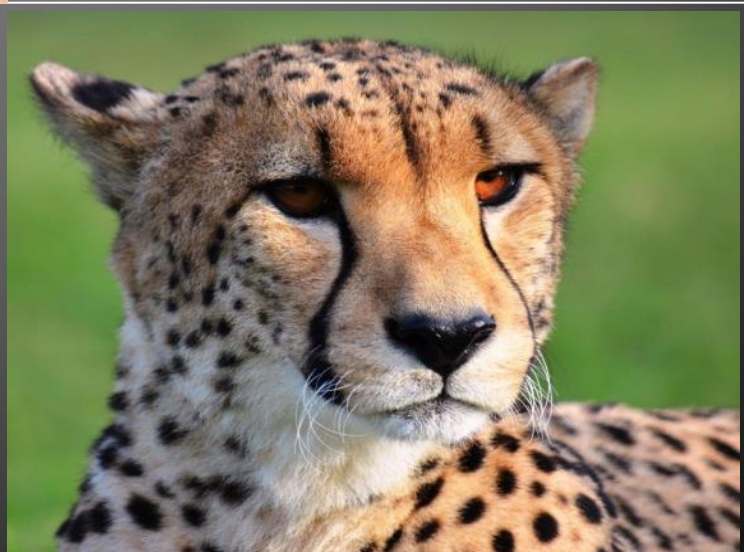
Today you will be going into an **underprivileged** area and offer your assistance and learn from the vets working in the rural communities. The **CVC (community vet clinic)** is a non-profit organisation providing **primary veterinary health care** to animals in disadvantaged communities.

Accommodation: Lodge in Hoedspruit



DAY 15: 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 16: 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: Lodge in Hoedspruit



DAY 17: ROAD TRIP!

Today you will be leaving Hoedspruit in the early morning and making your way to **Pretoria**. You will be driving through the picturesque town of **Dullstroom**. The next day will be spent at a wildlife hospital helping and learning about the treatment of small to medium sized wildlife.

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Pretoria

DAY 18: 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 19: 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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