



2025

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VETERINARY SCIENCE FULL COURSE

2025 DATES

WV1 - 5 May - 22 May **WV8** -14 July - 31 July
WV3 - 26 May - 12 June **WV9** - 28 July - 14 Aug
WV4 - 2 June - 19 June **WV10** - 4 Aug– 21 Aug
WV5 - 16 June - 3 July
WV6 - 23 June - 10 July
WV7 - 7 July - 24 July

Please note: We use the US Dollar as our base rate, so the EUR price may change at any time due to exchange rate fluctuations.

COST

\$3 995 - US Dollar

€3 595 - Euro

Eight spaces are available per group (to give you the best experience possible!) We work on a first come first served basis. [Complete the application form](#) to register your interest in the Live4Now Veterinary Sciences Course.

ABOUT THE VETERINARY SCIENCE PROGRAMME

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 practical experience in this field, under the supervision of a professional wildlife vet or game capture specialist.

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.

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COURSE OUTLINE



DAY 1 – ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION

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 Pongola. 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. You will also take part in an orientation where we explain everything that lies ahead for the next few weeks.



DAY 2 – GAME DRIVE AND ELEPHANT CONSERVATION

You will start the day off by going on a game drive to spot some of the animals on the reserve. In the afternoon, you will attend a lecture on the conservation management of elephants on the reserve, and the conservation issues surrounding them.



DAY 3 – RHINO CONSERVATION AND TELEMETRY

Today you will be given a lecture about the efforts being done to conserve the rhino on the reserve, you will then go out and track the rhino on foot. In the afternoon you will be fine-tuning your skills in telemetry. You will be going out into the bush to track an 'animal collar' using telemetry. You will learn about the different types of pitches, meanings, and how to tell how far or close the collar/animal is.



DAY 4 - HIPPO & CROCODILE BOAT CRUISE AND DEPART FOR KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Today you will go on a 2-hour river safari with the reserve researcher to try and spot the hippos in the lake and the crocs and other wildlife on the shores of the lake. You will then depart for Kruger. You will spend tonight at a guesthouse just outside the park. Making your way into the park first thing tomorrow morning.



DAY 5, 6 and 7 - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Today you will make your way into the Kruger National Park! Here you will meet the vets and attend lectures on current topics affecting the control and management of the animals in the park as well as wildlife-livestock interface. Our guide will take you on drives in the park to try and find you the BIG 5!



DAY 8 and 9 - AVIAN AND SMALL MAMMAL COURSE

The next 2 days will be spent with a wildlife vet doing an avian and small mammal course. You will do lectures in the morning and a practical in the afternoon.

Topics covered are: husbandry and care, animal safety and handling, animal health assessments, biosecurity and hygiene, preventative medicine and common diseases, first aid, anaesthesia and surgery and medical techniques. You will get a certificate for both courses!



DAY 10 ,11 and 12 - WILDLIFE VET ASSISTANCE

The next 3 days will be spent with wildlife vets or game capture specialists, accompanying them and assisting them in the duties they perform. Please keep in mind that the time you spend with the Wildlife Vets/ game capture specialists depends on the bookings they have for the days you are with them, so that will depend on which animals you get to work with.



DAY 13 – K9 CONSERVATION, DART GUN PRACTICAL AND HELICOPTER FLIP

You will spend the morning with the K9 dog's unit! Learning about the value of dogs working in poaching. In the afternoon you will get a lecture on all the different darts and dart guns used in wildlife game capture. You will also learn how to prepare a tranquilizer dart and shoot with a dart gun while flying in a helicopter! (Please note: The use of the helicopter depends on availability and the weather).



DAY 14 - COMMUNITY VET CLINIC AND DOWN TO THE WIRE / WATERFALL HIKE

In the morning you will be going into an underprivileged area and offer your assistance and learn from the vets working in the rural/ disadvantaged communities. You will spend the afternoon with Down to the wire making jewellery out of the snares removed from the bush by anti-poaching units. If they are unavailable, you will go on a hike to see the waterfall and have a nice refreshing swim.



DAY 15 - 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 and a reptile necropsy.



DAY 16 – WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTRE

Today you will make your way to a wildlife rehabilitation centre. Here you will get the opportunity to learn all about the centre and the vital role they play in rehabilitation as well as breeding rare and endangered species. You will see how the centre is run and the challenges facing endangered species in SA and why we need rehabilitation centres.



DAY 17 - ROAD TRIP!

Most of today will be spent driving back to Pretoria. After today you will have one more day left!

Enjoy the drive through the beautiful countryside!



DAY 18 (morning) - WILDLIFE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Today you will be accompanying a vet at a wildlife veterinary hospital. The hospital is a non-profit organisation that 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.

DAY 18 (afternoon)- DEPARTURE

Today is also 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!

