



## INFORMATION BOOKLET

### ABOUT W!LD VETS

Live4now *W!ld Vets* is a specialised wildlife vet programme for people within the veterinary science field who would like to get practical experience with domestic and wild animals in South Africa, under the supervision of wildlife vets and game capture specialists.

You will have the opportunity to listen to animal-focused lectures and well as participate in practical interactions.

We will accompany you from airport pick-up to drop-off, offering guidance and support throughout your experience, making it as meaningful and rewarding as possible.

Live4now was incorporated in 2012. It was established by Elton and Melissa du Plooy who were born and educated in South Africa. They share a common passion for wildlife and showing guests their beautiful country. Thus, Live4now was created.

The *W!ld Vets* programme is structured in such a way that no extra costs will be incurred during your stay with us. Accommodation, all in-country transport, activities and food (3 meals a day) are all included in the package.

We have chosen to limit the group size to make sure you receive the best experience possible.



# **THE PROGRAMME WILL ADDRESS ASPECTS SUCH AS**

## **WILDLIFE DISEASES**

Learn about the different diseases that affect our wildlife. Learn about the different methods of testing for diseases as well as the ways to control them.

## **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**

Learn about the many ongoing efforts occurring on game reserves in order to conserve our precious wildlife.

## **GAME CAPTURE TECHNIQUES**

Learn about different methods of game capture and why it needs to be done.

## **TRANSLOCATION OF WILDLIFE**

Assist in the capture, transportation, and release of wildlife to new environments.

## **ANIMAL BREEDING PROJECT**

Learn about why certain animal species need to be involved in breeding programmes and what is being done to help them.

## **VETERINARY CARE OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN UNDERPRIVILEGED AREAS**

Go into the rural areas and assist the Community Vet Clinic. The CVC is a non-profit organisation providing primary veterinary health care to animals in disadvantaged communities and education to pet owners and subsistence farmers.

## **DARTING**

Learn how to use a dart gun effectively and efficiently.

## **WILDLIFE PHARMACOLOGY**

Learn about different types of drugs, why they are used and how to effectively use them.

## **MEDICAL WORK ON SICK AND INJURED WILDLIFE**

Assist the vets with diagnosis and treatment of injuries and sicknesses, monitoring the animal's health as well as provide support to the vets.

## **ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR**

Learn about the ways animals interact with each other and their environment.

## **PARASITES**

Learn about some of the different types of parasites that affect our wildlife and how to control it.

## **ANIMAL REHABILITATION**

Learn about what is being done to help abandoned, injured and poisoned wildlife.

## **REPTILES**

Learn about reptile husbandry, animal safety and handling, animal health assessments, biosecurity and hygiene, preventative medicine and common diseases, reptile first aid, reptile anaesthesia and surgery, reptile emergencies and medical techniques.

## **AVIAN MEDICINE**

Learn about Avian husbandry and care, animal safety and handling, animal health assessments, biosecurity and hygiene, preventative medicine and common diseases, avian first aid, Avian anaesthesia and surgery and medical techniques.

## **MAMMALIAN WILDLIFE**

Learn about mammalian wildlife husbandry and care, animal safety and handling, animal health assessments, biosecurity and hygiene, Drug choice and management, anaesthesia, preventative medicine, common diseases and medical techniques.

# THIS PROGRAMME INCLUDES

## WHAT'S TO GAIN

- Veterinary work experience.
- Practical experience with wild animals.
- Travelling through and experiencing some of this beautiful country.
- The opportunity to get close to many different wild animals!
- A Visit to South Africa's biggest game reserve: The Kruger National Park!
- Experience the many diverse cultures in South Africa.
- The opportunity to gain endless amounts of knowledge from the wildlife vets and game capture specialists.
- Learn about what is being done to conserve our wildlife.
- Learn about animal rehabilitation and the breeding of endangered species.
- The opportunity to help animals in disadvantaged areas.
- The opportunity to learn more about snakes and other reptiles.
- The opportunity to learn more about avian medicine.
- The opportunity to learn more about small mammal medicine.
- The opportunity to work with a vet in a wildlife veterinary hospital.



## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Food: 3 meals a day.
- Accommodation.
- All ground transportation.
- All the activities.
- Lectures and course materials.
- Park entry fees.
- Travel advice prior to departure.
- Transfers to and from Johannesburg International airport (on set arrival and departure days only).
- Orientation on arrival.
- Tea, coffee, juice and bottled water (where necessary).
- Support and assistance throughout your stay, 24/7.
- A certificate upon completion.

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Visa Costs (If a Visa is needed).
- Flight Tickets.
- Medical and Travel Insurance.



## OTHER INFORMATION

### CURRENCY

ZAR (South African Rand). If you need to change your currency into Rands, please do it at Johannesburg airport (OR Tambo) as this is the only place you will be able to do it.

If you plan to use your bank card whilst in South Africa, please remember to let your bank know that you will be using your card outside of your country.



### WASHING MACHINE

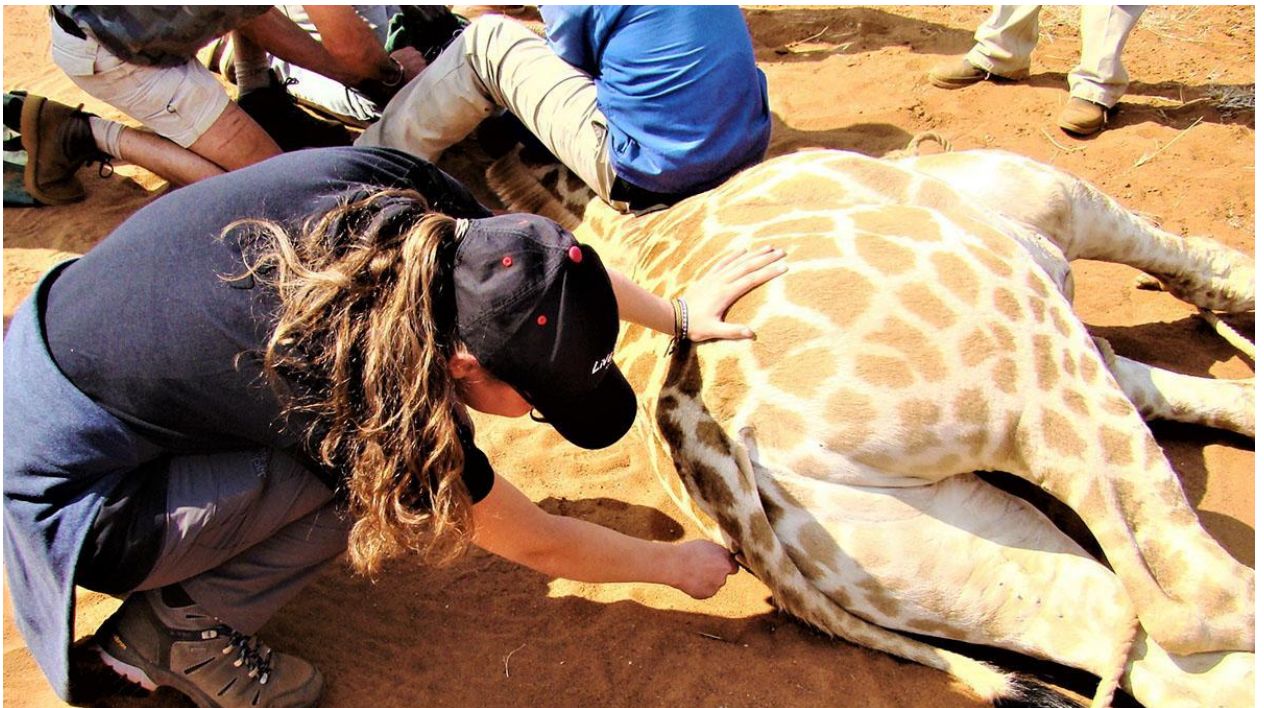
A washing machine is available at most places during your trip. This will be at your own cost (approximately R100 per wash).

### WIFI

Wifi availability will be limited due to us being in remote locations. It is recommended that you purchase your own local sim card at Johannesburg International Airport if you require constant internet access.

### WEATHER

It can get cold here in Winter, so you need to bring some warm clothes with you. In the mornings and at night it can be very cold (below 5 degrees Celsius) but mostly during the day the temperature is mild to warm (18-26 degrees Celsius).



# EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN YOUR PROGRAMME

## **GAME DRIVE** (not included in the 2-week programme)

You will go on a 2-3hr game drive on a big 4 game reserve. You could expect to encounter animals such as buffalo, antelope, elephants, rhino, giraffe, leopards and lots more!

## **TELEMETRY** (not included in the 2-week programme)

You will be fine-tuning your skills in telemetry. You will be taught the most effective techniques for monitoring wildlife with an antenna. A fully functioning collar will be placed in the bush, you will then go out on foot to try and find the collar 'animal' using the telemetry equipment. Along the way you will be taught the different types of pitches, meanings and how to tell how far or close the collar/animal is. It is a fun and enjoyable activity but really does take some skill to learn especially on an animal that is on the move.

## **RIVER SAFARI** (not included in the 2-week programme)

You will be joining the reserve researcher on a river safari on the Pongola River to try and spot the hippos in the river and the crocs and other wildlife on the shores of the river. The researcher will be sharing some insight into the croc research that is currently taking place on the reserve.

## **RHINO TRACKING** (not included in 2-week programme)

You will be going out on foot/game viewer to track and try and find the elusive black rhino on the reserve. On your walk/drive, you could expect to encounter animals such as buffalo, antelope, elephants, rhino, giraffe, leopards and lots more!

## **K9 CONSERVATION**

Spend a morning with the team and their K9 companions. Learn about the different types of poaching and how crimes are connected. They explain the value of dogs working in crime fighting, the different disciplines they are trained in, how scent works and how they choose the right dog for the task.

## **ENDANGERED SPECIES BREEDING/REHABILITATION CENTRE**

Learn all about the centre and the vital role they play in breeding rare and endangered species as well as what is being done to rehabilitate wildlife that has been abandoned, injured or poisoned.

## **SAFARI GAME DRIVES**

You will have the opportunity to enjoy many guided game drives in the Kruger National Park with your Live4now guide.

## **CURIO/SOUVENIR MARKET**

You will have the opportunity to stop off at a curio market. Curio markets usually have many African souvenirs. This would be a good opportunity for you to buy gifts for your loved ones back home!

## **DOWN TO THE WIRE OR WATERFALL HIKE**

Spend the afternoon with Down to the wire making jewellery out of the snares removed from the bush by anti-poaching units thus creating awareness on a critical topic – Poaching. If they are not available, we will take you on a hike to see the waterfall and have a nice refreshing swim.

# HEALTH & SAFETY WHAT TO BRING

## HEALTH & SAFETY

- Live4now staff will be with you from airport pick up to drop off.
- All travelling is done by the professional guides who have Professional Driving Permits.
- You will be required to sign an indemnity form on arrival.
- Hospitals and Doctors are located in the nearest towns.
- Malaria: We advise that you get advice regarding anti-malarial medication from your doctor.
- You should consult your doctor for advice on vaccinations you might need before travelling to South Africa.
- You will need to get rabies vaccinations before coming on the trip.

## ITEMS TO BRING ALONG

Please make sure you only bring one large suitcase and one piece of hand luggage. This is due to space restrictions.

- A flashlight.
- Mosquito repellent.
- Light weight cotton clothing (no bright colours).
- Warm clothing for cold evenings and mornings.
- Preferably old clothing that can get ruined.
- Hat/cap.
- Sunscreen.
- Swimming costume and towel.
- Comfortable walking shoes.
- A few pairs of old long trousers for walking in the bushveld.

- Waterproof jacket.
- A small backpack.
- Hiking shoes (preferably with high sides that cover ankles).
- Any special medication.
- A refillable water bottle.
- Plug adaptor.
- Copy of travel insurance documents.
- Money for washing your clothes etc

## NON-ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- Camera.
- Binoculars.
- Sunglasses.
- Money to buy gifts for family and friends or luxury items (chocolates, drinks).

## REQUIREMENTS

- Full travel and medical insurance.
- Basic English.
- Good level of fitness. Work can be strenuous.





# HOW TO APPLY

## CONTACT

Apply online through our website or contact the coordinator directly to enquire or request an application form.

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## PRICE (PER PERSON)

\$3 995 - Full programme

\$3 350 - 2 week programme

€3 595 - Full programme

€3 015 - 2 week programme

## PAYMENT

A 25% booking deposit is required to secure a place in the group. Full payment via direct transfer to be made 2 months before arrival. Bank details are on the invoice that gets sent through to you after the applicant form has been submitted.

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