



## **KHULULA WILD CARE PROJECT CLOSE UP**

Volunteering at Khulula Wild Care, you will be at the heart of a new facility focussed on the care and conservation of wild animals, ensuring they continue to proudly roam through Africa's majestic landscapes.

### **CONSERVATION IN ACTION**

#### **How does this project make a difference?**

Khulula Wild Care's mission is to care for wildlife of all forms and sizes to help ensure the continuation of the species. All animals at Khulula are being cared for with the purpose of rehabilitating them into their natural habitat rather than keeping them in captivity.

#### **How do, I the volunteer, make a difference?**

You are directly involved in the hands on day-to-day care of all animals at Khulula, giving them the care that they need before they can return back to the wild. Khulula specialises on hand-rearing orphaned or abandoned wildlife and these infant animals often need around-the-clock care, which is a task that would not be possible without the support of live-in volunteers.

### **CORE ACTIVITIES**

#### **Reserve work**

- Enriching the environment
- Development of pens at the new centre
- Game walks in conservancy home to giraffe, wildebeest, zebra, leopard and more.

#### **Wildlife Centre**

- Lectures on hand rearing and infant care\*
- Treating and caring for animals
- Hand rearing young animals
- Cleaning cages and bomas
- Preparing food for the animals
- Rehabilitation work
- Veterinary assistance and wound dressing
- Weighing animals
- Updating animal data records

Ensuring food is stocked and assisting in the general running of the centre

Volunteers that are on a 4 week+ placement participate with educating school groups about wildlife and conservation.

Target shooting with a dart gun

\*Accredited by the South African Veterinary Council

#### **Outside the Centre**

Volunteers assist with the Crocodile Blood Test Programme. This is part of a South African Research Programme which aims to stop a parasite epidemic affecting crocodile populations.





## SKILLS GAINED

Hand rearing, infant care, administration of low schedule drugs, species nutrition expertise, animal identification and behaviour, veterinary skills

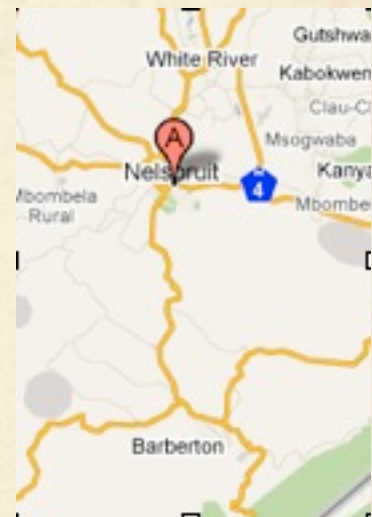
## WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

The aim of the centre is to release all animals once they have been treated. It is therefore difficult to predict which species will be present in advance since this depends on the time you are there. In addition to the animals you will look after, the centre is located on a stunning game reserve and nature estate home to giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, waterbuck, kudu, baboons and monkeys.

*"This is an awesome place to volunteer at. I was there for 9 weeks and loved every minute of it. We called the baby caracal Azeke, he was only 660g when he arrived but in a couple of months he's now 2.7 kilos"* Lisa Marsh

## LOCATION

The centre is located between Nelspruit and Baberton, about 23 km from Nelspruit, the capital of Mpumalanga Province.



## FACILITIES

**Accommodation:** Volunteers stay at the Castle in shared bedrooms with en suite bathrooms. There is a fully equipped kitchen, games room, swimming pool and balconies with stunning views over Africa.

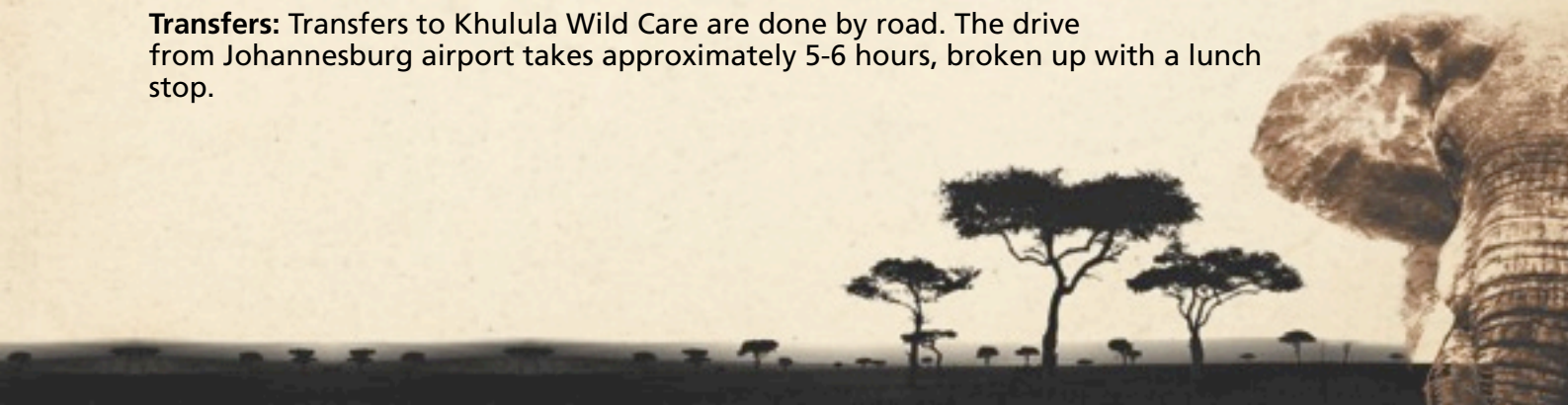
**Meal Arrangements:** Volunteers do their own shopping and cooking for all meals in the communal kitchen.

**Working hours:** Varied, there is no specific time allocated as it is based on the needs of animals at the centre.

**Extras:** There is lots to do in the area and volunteers have the opportunity to visit Kruger National Park on their time off. Other points of interest include Chimpanzee Eden, Sudwala Caves, Botanical Gardens, Perry's Bridge Reptile Park and horse riding in the beautiful Mbayane reserve.

**Contact with home:** SA time is GMT +2 hours. Internet is not available at the project but can be accessed in Nelspruit.

**Transfers:** Transfers to Khulula Wild Care are done by road. The drive from Johannesburg airport takes approximately 5-6 hours, broken up with a lunch stop.





## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**Airport:** We meet all our volunteers personally at Johannesburg airport directly off the plane.

**Road Safety:** All drivers have Public Driving Permits and only new, air conditioned vehicles are used for transfers.

**First Aid & Emergency:** First aid kit on site.

**Vaccinations:** Any volunteer having physical contact with wild animals, in education or rehabilitation, must have a current tetanus vaccination (within the past ten years). Any volunteer wishing to work with rabies vector species (RVS) must provide written proof of current pre-exposure rabies vaccination. As of this writing, RVS includes all herpestids (mongooses) viverrids (genets and civets) mustelids (polecats, otters and badgers) canids (feral domestic dogs and jackals), chiroptera (bats).

**Medical:** The nearest private hospital is in Nelspruit which is 23 km from the the project site.

**Reserve Insurance:** Students will be required to sign an indemnity form.

## **IS THIS PROJECT RIGHT FOR ME?**

You do not need any previous experience or special skills to volunteer at Khulula, but you do need to love animals! Khulula is a great project if you want a hands-on experience caring for animals, and you would like to learn about African wildlife species, animal nutrition, rehabilitation and infant care.

## **BOOKING INFORMATION**

**What's included?** Return international flights from London Heathrow (optional), transfers, and accommodation, 24 hour support from our ground manager, ACE T-Shirt, financial contributions to the project

**What's not included?** Travel insurance and spending money. There are no meals included, but the volunteer accommodation has a fully equipped kitchen and the coordinator will do regular town runs so you can shop for groceries.

**When can I join?** This project runs all year round, even over Christmas and New Year!

**How can I join?** You can apply online at [www.conservationafrica.net/apply](http://www.conservationafrica.net/apply) or simply fill out an application form in one of our brochures and post it back to us.

