

# WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY INTERNSHIP

VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE





# A PROGRAM WITH A PURPOSE

With this program, not only will you be enhancing your portfolio and skills as a wildlife photographer, but you will also be making an invaluable difference by bringing awareness to wildlife and community projects in Zimbabwe.

You will spend your time in a reserve bordering Zambezi National Park, practicing wildlife photography and documenting a local wildlife-based organisation (Victoria Falls Wild Hub) and sanctuary's efforts where you will be staying. You will help create important photographs for social media that spread awareness of the wildlife project and its efforts and assist with their wildlife research projects.

A combination of photography theory, practical experience and assignments under our experienced Photography Manager(s) will allow you to grow as a photographer and leave Zimbabwe with an amazing portfolio as well as having contributed to important causes.







# YOUR PROGRAM, YOUR PURPOSE

Living on a private wildlife reserve and wildlife sanctuary with other like-minded people and resident animals allows for photography opportunities wherever you turn your camera. You will regularly participate in photographing on-site volunteers working with Lion and Wildlife Sanctuary Volunteering and their daily lives caring for the captive and rescued resident animals, along with wildlife research and reserve management. When you are not helping out there, you will be on photography workshops with the Photography Manager(s), or editing your images in Lightroom under their professional guidance!

Every photograph you take may be used for marketing, educational and fundraising purposes, making your contribution to this project, essential for its success. However, don't be afraid to put down your camera and get your hands dirty by assisting the team! The benefit of living on the wildlife reserve is that you can practice wildlife photography under more controlled environments before heading into the wilderness! For example, during dusk and dawn you can practice photography on Spotted Hyenas and Lions. This allows you to get more control of your settings so that you can apply it on the game drives in the National Park.

You may also get the opportunity to assist with photography assignments from other NGOs and organisations that work with the local community and wildlife. Great pictures capturing the invaluable work of the NGOs is crucial for spreading awareness to further support their projects. Most organisations do not have the equipment, time or expertise in photography and therefore you can make a difference by donating your time to these causes. When you are not out practicing wildlife photography, assisting with on-site assignments or photography for local NGOs, you will have the opportunity to improve your skills and take incredible photographs of local sites such as the mighty Victoria Falls.



# A DAY IN YOUR LIFE

- Enjoy Game Drives for a full day every week, or two half days, with our Photography Manager(s), where you can capture the abundance of wildlife that call this area home. With your keen eye you may even capture the most elusive residents.
- Participate in assignments and classes designed by our Photography Managers to improve your photography and editing skills, while exchanging ideas with your fellow photographers.
- Enjoy close encounters with sanctuary residents like lions, hyenas and other animals - with the opportunity to assist in their care and welfare needs while taking photographs.
- Contribute to science by accompanying field researchers and volunteers during their various surveys, reserve management and during unforgettable animal enrichment exercises.
- Join and assist the Photography Managers at a local school where they teach photography to kids!
- When an opportunity arises you can assist local NGOs and the resident organisation with assignments within local communities and capturing their daily activities and tasks.
- Show the world the one angle of the magnificent Victoria Falls that hasn't been photographed yet - your angle.
- While you make lasting memories at this World Heritage Site, use your camera to tell your story about wildlife conservation and community projects and feel the power that comes with every click.

## YOUR PACKING LIST

### Essential:

- Camera that can photograph in Manual Mode and RAW files
- Zoom lens, ideally 400mm+ (for example 100-400mm, 150-600mm or 200-500mm)
- Standard lens (for example 24-70mm)
- Camera battery + charger (bring more than 1 battery if possible)
- Laptop + charger
- **Lightroom Classic** Editing Software (Installed & Ready To Go )
- 2 SD cards minimum
- Storage such as hard drive or SSD
- Tripod
- Camera bag
- Rain cover for camera and backpack (for trip to Victoria Falls)



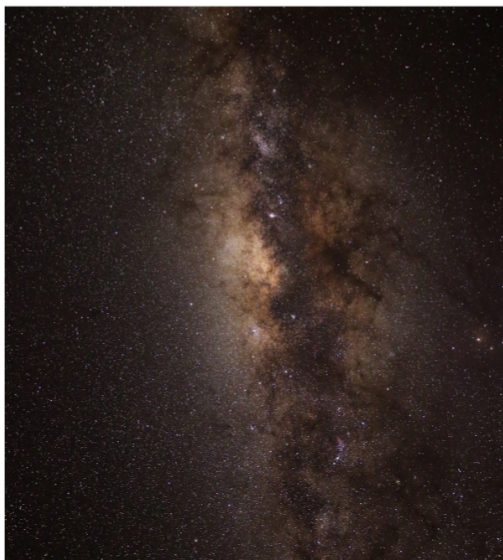


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# EXAMPLE WEEK

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM 1	Take sanctuary animals out for an explorative bush walk	Photography Class	Photography game drive in the National Park	Photograph resident hyenas up-close	Join Bird Survey to photograph and identify bird species
AM 2	Visit an NGO to assist with photography - when there is a need	Photography Class		Vulture Feeding - High speed Photography Workshop	Photo editing Workshop
PM 1	Photograph lion enrichment and our amazing lion feeding	Teach local kids photography at our Photography Club		Victoria Falls Photography Workshop	Wildlife Conservation or Research Session
PM 2					
EVENING	Evening around the campfire	Astro Photography Workshop (dependent on moon cycle)	Evening Off	Evening Off	Go for dinner at Victoria Falls renowned restaurants (additional cost)
	SATURDAY		SUNDAY		
AM	Optional - Editing photographs		<b>DAY OFF!</b> Victoria Falls is the adventure capital of Africa - take advantage by doing a bungee, horse ride, gorge swing, and more!		
PM	<b>TIME OFF!</b> Venture out on a sunset cruise or helicopter flight over the Falls				

\*This is a **rough example** of how your week as a Wildlife Photography Intern could look. However, due to the nature of our project, daily and weekly activities may change on a daily basis and at any time depending on our work and to improve your experience.



# YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Our volunteer village is nestled at Victoria Falls Wild Hub in Fuller Forest – 4000 acres of prime forest estate, surrounded by beautiful flora and fauna. Staying in our basic safari tents of 4-6 people with a large shared ablution block. There is the opportunity to upgrade to an en-suite tent or en-suite cottages, at an additional cost, when there is availability. Down time is spent in the reception area overlooking a watering hole where you might spot some wildlife like elephants, kudu or impalas!

It's only a 20-minute drive from the Victoria Falls town and a 10-minute drive from the Victoria Falls international airport so you can take a taxi in to town at any point!

There's no other place on Earth like Victoria Falls! Known as the Adventure Capital of Africa and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, the variety of activities to enjoy in this area are truly unlimited. Make yourself at home at the world's largest waterfall system. This is a dream location for any traveller looking to connect with nature in the most unforgettable way.

Wildlife is held in the highest regard in Victoria Falls. With the town bordering an unfenced National Park, it is not uncommon to have wildlife in the streets. Elephants, lions and buffalo are all known to move through the town whilst warthogs and baboons are daily visitors. Surrounded by incredible wildlife, spectacular birds and awesome reptiles, the safari never stops. Your next wildlife encounter can happen at any given moment!





# ABOUT US



As a key buffer area between National Parks and local communities, Victoria Falls Wild Hub (VFWH) exists to facilitate efficient conservation efforts for the land, wildlife, and people in and around Fuller Forest.

We believe in the transformative power of learning, serving, and stewarding the natural world toward a better future.

In 2023, the Victoria Falls Wild Hub was established to take over the responsibility of leasing and managing the 4,000-acre Fuller Forest as a for-profit, purpose-driven venture.

## THE SANCTUARY

VFWH inherited over 20 lions which were a legacy of an unsuccessful breeding-for-release program by another organisation. We have the responsibility to maintain the highest standard of care for these lions. The fees paid by visitors who view the lions help to fulfil this obligation and partially fund the broader stewardship of the forest.

Apart from the lions, VFWH cares for many animals that have been rescued for rehabilitation purposes as well as animals caught in human-wildlife conflict, including hyenas, ostriches, a duiker, a baboon, a monkey, and a crowned eagle to name a few. We have different animals at the sanctuary depending on which animals are in need so you as a visitor may meet both new and old residents! VFWH will only accept to take in and care for animals that are in genuine need of rescue, rehabilitation, and where possible, released back into the wild.

## WHAT WE DO

VFWH offers different experiences from day visits, volunteer/intern/service learning placements, and faculty-led group travel. Through collective efforts, from daily visitors, volunteers, interns, and university partners, we create a meaningful impact on wildlife, the environment, and the Fuller Forest Conservation Area. Our impact success is dependent on the success of our activities. The more guests and partners that come through our doors, the greater the impact we have on the area!

# YOUR PROGRAM

## START DATES (MINIMUM STAY 2 WEEKS)

### 2024

7 & 14 October | 4, 11 & 25 November | 9 & 23 December

### 2025

6 & 20 January | 3 & 17 February | 3, 17 & 31 March | 14 & 28 April | 12 & 26 May | 9 & 23 June | 7, 14, 21, 28 July | 4, 11, 25 August | 1, 15 & 29 September | 13 & 27 October | 10 & 24 November | 8 & 22 December

## PRICING

2025	2 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	4 WEEKS	5 WEEKS	6 WEEKS	7 WEEKS	8 WEEKS
USD	2205	2990	3825	4515	5210	5905	6595

It is also possible to pay in Pounds & Euros on request

\*Please note that if you stay longer than 4 weeks you will require to obtain a "Temporary Employment Permit" at an additional cost of US\$500.





# WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation in shared safari tents
- 3 basic meals a day, 7 days a week
- All project fees & national park entry fees
- 1 trip to Victoria Falls for 1-3 week stays, 2 trips for stays above 4 weeks
- Airport pick-up/drop-off to and from Victoria Falls International Airport
- Housekeeping and weekly laundry services
- Free WiFi (weather or power cuts can cause the WiFi to be slow at times)
- 24-hour, on-site support by our friendly and knowledgeable staff



# WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

Victoria Falls is the adventure capital of Africa! Here are just a few of the experiences you can take advantage of at an additional cost while staying with us:

- A boat cruise on the mighty Zambezi River
- Follow in the footsteps of David Livingstone with a tour around the Victoria Falls National Park
- Adrenaline junkie? Bungee, swing or slide off the famous bridge or gorge
- Get another stamp in that passport of yours by going on a game drive and boat cruise in the Chobe National Park (Botswana)
- Hang over the Victoria Falls as you swim in the Devil's Pool (seasonal approx. August-Feb)
- Get your adventure fix by white water rafting down the lower Zambezi River
- Fly above the Falls with a helicopter ride – getting a bird's eye view of one of the world's seven wonders!
- Taste traditional Zimbabwean dishes while you enjoy drumming, dancing and singing at The Boma Restaurant.

