

# LION & WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE



# A PROJECT WITH A PURPOSE

Volunteering with animals in Africa is one of the most rewarding adventures you can have. Not only do you get to experience and work hands on with some of the world's most exotic wildlife such as lions, hyena, ostrich and more, but you get to do it surrounded by nature and in one of the most breath taking destinations, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

Running a Wildlife Sanctuary is a 365 day a year job. Our animals need daily care and upkeep to ensure the highest standard of welfare and no day looks the same!

As a volunteer with us, you will join a team of dedicated people caring for our resident animals and making a difference in our surrounding forest. When you are not doing animal care or enrichment for them, you will be joining our knowledgeable Conservation & Research Manager on walks, talks, research activities and drives in our game reserve and assist with managing, restoring and protecting the reserve.





# YOUR PROJECT, YOUR PURPOSE

We pride ourselves on the care and upkeep of our captive sanctuary animals and aim to maintain the highest standard of welfare. Our goal is to aid in the rescue and rehabilitation of orphaned and injured animals as well as provide a forever home at our sanctuary for wildlife that cannot survive in the wild or are subject to human-wildlife conflict.

Our animals act as ambassadors for various conservation and community initiatives by helping us spread the word of conservation through education and exposure.

We are dedicated to preserving and maintaining the forest where our project is based through monitoring and managing its flora and fauna and data collection.

All our activities have specific aims and objectives to ensure we are reaching our goals of providing a safe and secure environment for our sanctuary animals, as well as a healthy, diverse ecosystem within our reserve.

This project is based on 4000 acres of prime forest estate, recently leased from the Government of Zimbabwe. Sadly, this once protected land had lost its purpose and was in a rapid state of decline. The project focuses on rehabilitating this area and maintaining it as a haven for wildlife. No conservation work is complete without the growth and development of the communities surrounding the areas we work in.



# WHAT TO EXPECT

- Join our wildlife care and conservation initiatives at Victoria Falls Wild Hub on a forest reserve just outside of Victoria Falls town.
- Enjoy unique and unforgettable close encounters with our magnificent African animals such as lion, hyena, ostrich, a variety of birds of prey, to name a few.
- Assist in their daily care and upkeep through feeding, cleaning, behaviour enrichment and more. Expand your knowledge and passion for these animals and get to know and love their individual personalities and characters.
- Join our dedicated team at Victoria Falls Wild Hub working tirelessly on game management tasks and developing and maintaining an environment for ecosystems to thrive.
- This includes gathering and submitting essential data for our various projects such as Elephant Impact Monitoring, Lion Enrichment, Wildlife Monitoring and Bird Surveying.
- Go on a weekly game drive in Zambezi National Park, home to 4 of the Big 5, to see the diverse flora and fauna of the area!
- Assist with current outreach initiatives in the local communities, dependent on what we are working on at the time.
- Spend your free time in Africa's adventure capital, Victoria Falls. Whether it's adrenaline activities such as bungee jumping and white-water rafting, or day safaris to the iconic Chobe National Park and scenic boat cruises on the mighty Zambezi.



# YOUR VOLUNTEER WEEK

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM 1	Animal feeding & cleaning	Animal feeding & cleaning	Animal feeding & cleaning	Animal feeding & cleaning	Enjoy a Game Drive in Zambezi National Park
AM 2	Wildlife Conservation or Research Session	Lion/Hyena Feeding & Cleaning	Visit our Resident Spotted Hyenas	Bird Survey	
AM 3	Take sanctuary animals out for an explorative bush walk		Wildlife Conservation or Research Session	Enclosure Cleaning Maintenance	
PM	Lion enrichment project and watch our amazing lion feeding	Enclosure Cleaning Maintenance	Wildlife Conservation or Research Session	Wildlife Conservation or Research Session	Litter Picking or Make Eco-Bricks
EVENING	Evening around the campfire	Evening Off	Movie/Game Night or just hanging out with the group!	Evening Off	Go for dinner at Victoria Falls renowned restaurants (additional cost)
	SATURDAY		SUNDAY		
AM	Optional - Lion Feeding and Cleaning		<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 Volunteer 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 PROJECT

## ARRIVAL DAYS

Arrival days are on Mondays at Victoria Falls International Airport.



## PRICING

2025	1 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	4 WEEKS	5 WEEKS	6 WEEKS	7 WEEKS	8 WEEKS
USD	1405	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.

