



Cheetah rehabilitation farm

Volunteer work in South Africa!

About This Project

A conservation and rehabilitation farm is an enormous reserve that has one main goal; to help nature restore itself and transform back to its original state. This is a very lengthy process and after decades of excessive maltreatment by farmers it can take many years for flora and fauna to re-establish itself.

Founders of this amazing project are Will and Sharon who have worked together at several different parks including the Kruger National Park and Amakhala Private Game Reserve. Their main objective is to rehabilitate and conserve bordering farms (which they have attained over the last couple of years).

They both possess an immense passion for the big cats e.g. Cheetahs, Caracal, Lynxes and Leopards, and have been safeguarding their existence these last years.

Currently they have six domesticated Cheetahs in their care, which require daily training to, once again, become independent and skilled hunters and eventually return to their natural habitat.

Besides the Cheetahs, the reserve offers home to Giraffes, Zebras, Vervet Monkeys, Baboons, 350 different bird species and several types of buck e.g. Kudu, Nyala, Red Hartebeest, Springbuck, Duiker and Bushbuck.

Will and Sharon are busy planning to soon introduce Elephant and Rhino to the area as well.

Accommodation

You will be living in the reserve itself. You will move into a beautiful, comfortable farmhouse, offering two big living areas, a spacious kitchen, two braai areas, swimming pool, internet facilities and a table tennis and darts room. You will share a bedroom with one or more volunteers, depending on how many volunteers are present.

Location

The conservation and rehabilitation farm is located in the Baviaanskloof Mega Reserve, which is a huge nature reserve situated in the Eastern Cape, South Africa.

The Baviaanskloof Mega Reserve is a unique area in South Africa and almost unique in the world, for it boasts an unspoiled natural habitat for leopards. As a result, these magnificent creatures have been spotted on numerous times in the area.





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The farm is situated a mere 2 hours drive from the coastal town Port Elizabeth, the 5th largest city in South Africa, and only 20 km away from the historical Karoo village of Steytlerville.

The conservation and rehabilitation farm lies in between the Baviaanskloof Mega Reserve and the Karoo Nature reserve, which extends all the way to Cape Town.

Needs

There is an urgent need for volunteers, as the care and recovery of the flora and fauna takes a lot of time and energy. Especially the training of these big cats is a lengthy process which requires serious involvement.

Guidance and Supervision

You will be supervised and guided by Jacques on a daily basis. Jacques is a qualified game ranger and has worked as a private game ranger for Amakhala Private Game Reserve.

His knowledge of the bush, the animals and nature in general is immense and he has a lot of experience working with animals in the wild. Will and Sharon have appointed Jacques to run the project and he will be there to answer all your questions and to guide you during your voluntary term.

Tasks

- Morning walks with Cheetahs (hunt)
- General caring for Lynxes, Caracal and Cheetahs
- Cleaning and maintenance of reserve (removal of barbed wire etc.)
- Building bridges
- Planting of trees
- General care and maintenance of habitat of other animals Zebras, Giraffes etc.

Prerequisites

Obviously there are certain conditions applicable with regards to our volunteers to ensure the desired end result is reached.

It is therefore important that volunteers of the Modgaji Project understand the importance of the following:

- To be passionate about working with animals.
- To feel passionate about nature.
- To respect and guarantee the vision and mission of the project.
- To be able to show flexibility with regards to tasks and duties.
- To be able to work in a team.
- To be able to bear responsibility.
- To be reliable and trustworthy





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Costs

The following prices include accommodation, meals, daily supervision and transfer from Port Elizabeth to the Game reserve.

1 week	R 4.200
2 weeks	R 8.400
3 weeks	R 12.600
4 weeks	R 16.500

All extra weeks will be charged **R 4.000** per week. Because of the currency fluctuation the donations given should be made in South African Rand (ZAR). Currency conversion information can be obtained from www.xe.com.

These fees will be paid towards the following; Food for the animals, maintenance of the cages used for the big cats and general support and maintenance of the reserve.

When is the project starting?

The project starts every 2 weeks on a Saturday and ends at a Saturday as well. So make sure you arrive early on Saturday or on Friday already. Your return flight should be on Sunday earliest as it will be to difficult to take a return flight leaving on Saturday. Keep this in mind!!

2009 starting dates:

Mar 21, Apr 4, Apr 18, May 2, May 16, Jun 1, Jun 15, Jun 29, Jul 4, Jul 18, Aug 1, Aug 15, Aug 29 Sep 12, Sep 26, Oct 10, Oct 24, Nov 7, Nov 21, Dec 5, Dec 19.

2010 start dates:

Jan 2, Jan 16, Jan 30, Feb 13, Feb 27, Mar 13, Mar 27, Apr 10, Apr 24, May 8, May 22, Jun 5, Jun 19, Jul 3, Jul 17, Jul 31, Aug 14, Aug 28, Sep 11, Sep 25, Oct 9, Oct 23, Nov 6, Nov 20, Dec 4, Dec 18.

Why the Cheetah Conservation And Rehabilitation Farm?

This is an absolute unique experience, sought after by many animal lovers all over the world. You will come face to face with the incredible Cheetah; you will go on hunts with these animals, help and see them grow in their process of returning to their natural habitat; the wild.

You'll have the opportunity to give back to nature which was almost taken away by mankind. During this amazing experience you'll be supervised by professionals, living in luxury and closer to nature than you could ever imagine.

For more information you can contact us on; info@khayavolunteer.com or view the projects website www.modgaji.co.za

