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Botswana Wild 2025 ** Road Transfer

Overview

Escape into the untamed beauty of Botswana's Central Tuli Block and embark on a wildlife volunteer program that combines adventure with conservation impact. Nestled in a sanctuary for iconic African species, from elephants to leopards, this experience promises a true wilderness immersion. As you contribute to the conservation objectives of the area, you'll be surrounded by vast landscapes and indigenous wildlife, creating memories that last a lifetime.

Project Highlights

Ultimate Goal: Partnering with adjacent protected areas, game reserves, and national parks, the program aspires to remove fences and create a larger protected area. This collaborative effort aims to enhance biodiversity in Southern Africa.

Join us for an unforgettable adventure that not only enriches your life but also contributes to the preservation of Africa's extraordinary wildlife and habitats. Volunteer with purpose, and make a difference in the heart of wild Africa!

Project Details

📅 **Arrival Day – Sunday**

🛫 **Your Flight & Airport Details**

- You can arrive **anytime on Sunday**.
- **Arrival Airports:**
  - **O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB) – Recommended**
  - **Lanseria Airport (HLA) – Alternative option**

🏡 **Where You'll Stay on Arrival Night**

- **Sunrock Guesthouse (Private Room & Dinner Included)** – A cozy and comfortable stay to relax before your journey to Botswana.
- **Airport Pickup Included** – Our driver will meet you at the airport and take you to the guesthouse.

🤝 **Your First Night in Johannesburg**

- Check into **Sunrock Guesthouse**.
- Receive your **welcome pack** and program briefing.
- Enjoy a **welcome dinner** with fellow volunteers and travelers.

🚌 **Travel to Botswana (Monday Morning)**

On **Monday morning**, after breakfast, you'll start your journey to the Botswana project site. You have two travel options:

🚗 **Shared Private Shuttle Transfer (Most Popular & Cost-Effective)**

Route: JNB - Border

1. 4-hour Private Shuttle to Polokwane, then
2. 3-hour private shuttle to the Botswana border

📣 **How It Works:**

- One month before arrival, we'll group all volunteers traveling on the same day.
- **The more people in your group, the lower the shuttle cost per person!**
- Once grouped, we'll confirm the final price.

💰 **Estimated Costs Per Person (One Way JNB to Border):**

- 1 person traveling alone → R7000
- 2 people sharing → R3975 each

- 3 people sharing → R2650 each
- 4 people sharing → R2625 each
- 5 people sharing → R2100 each

👉 **Best Way to Save?** Plan your arrival & departure dates with other volunteers! **Ask your agent for help coordinating dates.**

🚙 **Final Leg: Border to Your Volunteer Project**

- Your **project leader will meet you at the Botswana border**.
- From there, it's a **1-hour drive** to the project site.

🎉 **You've arrived! Welcome to your volunteer adventure!**

Location

Central Tuli Block: Historically a mixed-use area, the Central Tuli Block has been transformed into a wildlife sanctuary. Private conservationists worked to re-wild the region, making it a haven for Africa's iconic species. This program aims to provide an authentic wilderness experience for youth while contributing to the conservation goals of the area.

NOTE:

There is no wifi. You have to get a local Botwana SIM card , Please Bring 50USD with you to buy the card and airtime. There is NO ATM close to the project

Depature Details:

📆 **Departure Day – Monday**

🚐 **Option 1: Private Shuttle from the Project Site to JNB**

- Same as arrival transfer.
- Arrives in Johannesburg in the **late afternoon**.
- **Important:** Book a **late evening flight** out of JNB to allow enough travel time.

✈️ **Option 2: Fly from Polokwane to JNB**

- You can book a **35-minute flight** to JNB (own cost).
- **Shuttle from project to Polokwane Airport:** Same costs as arrival transfer.

💰 **Return Transfer Costs (Same as Arrival):**

- Private shuttle or shared shuttle options available.
- We'll group volunteers whenever possible to reduce costs.

📢 **SAVE Will Help You Book!** We'll assist in grouping volunteers together to **keep costs as low as possible**.

📌 Additional Information

✅ **Minimum Stay: 1 week** (excluding 1 night in JNB (Sunday)).
✅ **Age Requirement: 16+** (no max age). Medium fitness level needed.
✅ **Accommodation Options:** If you're staying in Johannesburg before or after your program, we can arrange **pick-up from nearby hotels/hostels**.
✅ **Private Transfers:** If you arrive/depart on different days, we can arrange **a private transfer (extra cost)**.
✅ **Project Closed:** December 16 - January 13, 2026.

💡 **Best Tip?** Try to coordinate your arrival and departure with other volunteers to **share costs** and **reduce expenses**. Ask your agent to help match your dates!

❓ **Have Questions? Need Help?**

📩 **Ask your agent or contact us directly!** We're here to make your journey smooth and stress-free. 😊

Volunteer Tasks

Your daily journey will involve approximately six hours of volunteer work, divided between early morning and late afternoon tasks to steer clear of the midday heat. During lunch and the early afternoon, you have free time to indulge in reading, relaxing, playing games, or even taking a siesta! For those more active individuals seeking less downtime, there are consistently available activities around the camp, such as downloading camera trap data, identifying spoor, and capturing images of birds and insects for identikits.

The late afternoons typically culminate with a breathtaking sunset atop a rocky outcrop, and if the weather permits, evenings are spent enjoying the night sky around a campfire.

1. **Data Collection:**
   - Conduct mammal and bird surveys
   - Develop giraffe identikits & contribute to regional giraffe research
   - Monitor camera traps and document nocturnal activities
   - Contribute valuable data to the broader management planning of the area
2. **Conservation Projects:**
   - Undertake activities based on conservation needs
   - Fence repair, waterhole construction, soil erosion control, and more
   - Play a vital role in protecting and maintaining the wilderness area
3. **Wildlife Observation:**
   - Observe wildlife in their natural habitat
   - Encounter herds of elephant, zebra and giraffe, with opportunities to track leopard, lion and hyena.
   - Immerse yourself in the sounds and sights of the African bush
4. **Sleep-Outs:**
   - Experience the magic of Africa's starlit sky
   - Witness breathtaking sunsets over the plains
   - Fall asleep under the vast African sky, listening to the sounds of nearby creatures
5. **Discover:**
   - Learn to identify species in the African bush
   - Engage in spoor identification and cast-making
   - Participate in conservation debates and bird identification sessions
   - Absorb the silence and vastness of the surrounding landscapes

Volunteer Requirements

- Completed Application form
- Basic level of competency in English
- Copy of return flight itinerary
- Medium level of fitness
- Medical Insurance that includes evacuation

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Your volunteer rate covers everything you need for an immersive experience:

- Return Transfer from JHB to the Sunrock Guest House on Sunday
- 1 Day Johannesburg Orientation-Single or Shared Room
- Certificate of completion
- All meals
- Accommodation
- 24 hour support and supervisor
- Donation to the project

- Braai once a week
- Guided activities
- Game drives
- Sleep-outs under the stars
- Sundays off for relaxation and local exploration
- Laundry day
- **Please note** that extra excursions, SIM cards, and personal snacks and reusable water bottle water are not included in the rate.

We strongly recommend buying a local sim card in Botswana, You will need to bring 50 USD

Meals
Volunteers will receive three meals a day.

- Breakfast is a simple oats, breads, spread, cereals - self service
- Lunches and Dinners are substantial home-cooked meals
- Tea and coffee will be available all day.
- There will be periodic visits to a local village where there is a small local shop to buy simple snacks, but we recommend you bring extra snacks from home or Johannesburg
- A refrigerator is available for you to use for your personal food and drinks

NOTE: Please do let us know up-front if you have any special needs regarding food

One piece of luggage which does not exceed 80cm x 60cm x 30cm in size, and of a total mass (all luggage and goods combined) not exceeding 20kg. In addition, a daypack is recommended for daily use during your volunteer activities.

Accommodation

A fully equipped tented camp is home away from home.

There are 2-6 person walk-in safari tents with bunk beds, sheets and pillows. Ablutions are shared, with hot and cold showers and flush toilets.

There is a common area for eating, relaxing and reading and a beautiful boma for fireside evenings.

The kitchen is equipped with gas appliances and all meals are provided. Pizza nights are a highlight with the home-made pizza oven

Laundry:

Volunteers do their own laundry - hand wash, laundry soap will be provided. Washing lines around the camp

Electricity:

Please note the camp only runs on solar power. We do have a central charging station to charge phones, laptops and camera's. To be use during midday.

We do have solar lights in the tents during the evening.

This is alcohol free camp.

Extra information

● **Shops:** When possible, a trip to visit a local village will be scheduled within a two-week schedule to pick up basic snacks and cool drinks

● **ATMS:** There are plenty of ATMS in Johannesburg where you will have your orientation. Please exchange your foreign monies in Johannesburg airport as it cost effective and safe. You will need PULA for Botswana and you would need to take this with you from Johannesburg or home as there is no ATMS close to the project.

Supervision/Co- Ordination

As the nature of the work varies we will place volunteers under the supervision of various staff members. We will have one member of our team assigned as “team leader” to facilitate the smooth operation of the volunteers stay and provide guidance where necessary.

Weather in Botswana

Botswana generally experiences a subtropical climate with distinct wet and dry seasons.

- **Dry Season (March to October):**
  - This is the dry season with warm days and cooler evenings. During the winter months (June-August), temperatures can drop significantly at night and early morning. This is a lovely time of the year for wildlife viewing as animals tend to gather around waterholes.
- **Green Season (November to February):**
  - This is the summer season with higher temperatures and the welcome of summer rains. While there can be rainy days over this time, afternoon rainstorms are most common, bringing a welcome relief to the heat. The landscape becomes lush and green, and this is when many of the baby animals arrive.

Packing list

DOCUMENTS

- Passport
- Travel documents (required for individuals under 18 years old)

LUGGAGE

- Suitcase or rucksack
- Daypack for daily use

CLOTHING

- Neutral-colored attire suitable for the bush, avoiding bright colors or neons
- Lightweight shorts and tops for daytime activities
- Long-sleeved tops and pants for evenings (to guard against mosquitoes)
- Lightweight hoodie/jersey for summer and warm jacket for winter
- Lightweight waterproof jacket (especially useful during the rainy season)
- Pajamas, socks, and underwear
- Sturdy closed shoes
- Flip flops or sandals
- Swimwear
- Hat and sunglasses
- Warm beanie for winter
- Garden gloves (provided for activities like building waterholes or repairing fences)
- Buff (multi-functional headwear)

GENERAL

- Towel
- Sleeping bag required throughout the year
- Large water bottle - Reusable water bottle (no plastic please)
- Head torch (a cell phone light may not be sufficiently bright for this purpose)
- Sunscreen (ensure an ample amount for sun-exposed work)
- Insect repellent
- Personal toiletries (preferably eco-friendly)
- Camera with necessary batteries and chargers
- Binoculars (if available)

- Journal/cards/games/art supplies as desired
- Reading books and mammal/bird identification books (if available)
- Basic first aid kit (plasters, headache tablets, antiseptic cream, etc.)

Things to remember:

- 50 USD for local sim card and airtime
- SA adaptor for electronics (solar power)
- Reusable water bottle - plastic bottles not allowed in Botswana

IMPORTANT

Please ensure you have all necessary personal medication and enough for your stay plus a couple of extra days. Obtaining medicine and prescriptions in the remote camp area may be challenging.

IMPORTANT NOTE - if you are travelling to the project during Botswana's winter months (June-August) you will need warm clothes as it can get very cold at night and early morning - such as warm jacket, beanie, gloves and extra layers.

EXTRAS

- Snacks if desired
- Pocket money (for local purchases.)

Program dates

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July/August 2027 | 19 July - 31 August

Only dates available

Information & Documents

Wildlife projects in BOTSWANA FAQ
In this document you will find all the info you need on this project including visa requirements.

*Tuli block is a low malaria area