



## 2019 - FULL PROGRAMME DATES

5 May to 23 May  
2 June to 20 June  
30 June to 18 July  
28 July to 15 August

There are only 8 spaces available in each group (to give you the best experience possible!) We work on a first come first served basis, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Fill in the application form and send it to [melissa@live4now.co.za](mailto:melissa@live4now.co.za) to book your spot!





**The Wild Vets**  
programme is  
specifically designed  
for those who are  
either studying or  
working in the  
veterinary sciences  
field.

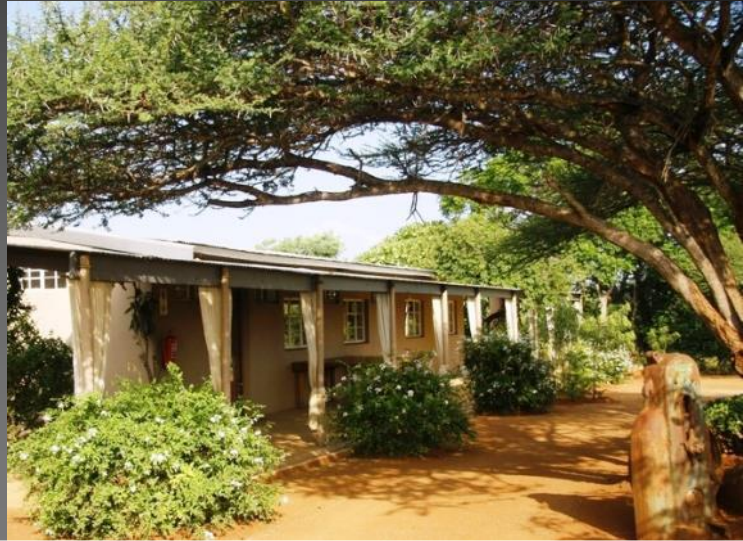
This programme provides you with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in this field, under the supervision of a professional wildlife vet. Food, accommodation, ground transport and activities are all included in this package. Please note: Due to the unpredictability of nature, the days stated below may be switched around to give you the best experience possible.



## DAY 1: ARRIVE

Today you will get picked up at O.R Tambo International airport in Johannesburg. You will then be taken to a **big 4 game reserve** In KwaZulu Natal. You will be spending the next few days learning about **conservation efforts** on the reserve. You will be lodging in a bush camp surrounded by wildlife such as giraffe, antelope, rhino, elephant, leopards and lots more.

Accommodation: Your accommodation for the next few days will be in a bush Camp on a Big 4 Reserve.



## DAY 2: ORIENTATION AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Today you will take part in an **orientation** where we will explain everything that lies ahead for the next few weeks. Today is also your first day spent in wildlife conservation. You will be given a brief lecture about the animals found in the area. After lunch you will go on a **game drive** to see the reserve and spot some of the animals. You could expect to see anything from giraffe, antelope, rhino, elephant, leopards and buffalo amongst others.



## DAY 3: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Today you will be given a lecture on the conservation management of the **elephants** on the reserve.

This lecture offers a fascinating new perspective on nature, elephants and the conservation issues surrounding them. In the afternoon you will be taken to an education centre in the **rural community** where you will learn about their education initiatives to conserve the elephants. You will also get the opportunity to make paper out of elephant dung and get a chance to see one of the most breath-taking views!





## DAY 4: ELEPHANT INTERACTION AND RHINO CONSERVATION

Today you will get the chance to **interact** with elephants! The knowledgeable rangers will talk you through the elephant's history and provide you with some interesting facts about these amazing majestic creatures. In the afternoon you will be given a lecture about the efforts being done to conserve the **rhino** on the reserve. After the lecture you will go out and **track** the rhino on foot. You could encounter animals such as buffalo, antelope, giraffe and rhino amongst others on your walk.



## DAY 5: ST LUCIA TOWN AND HIPPO AND CROCODILE BOAT TRIP

Today you make your way to the little seaside town of St Lucia. Here you will go on a 1.5 hour boat trip down the St Lucia estuary in between all the **hippo's** and **crocs**. It is one of the best spots in Africa to get close to these amazing creatures. You will then go into the town to look at all the local curio markets and enjoy a lunch at one of the restaurants. Before you go back to the reserve you will go to the **beach** and put your feet in the beautiful Indian ocean.

## DAYS 6 TO 8: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

You will depart early in the morning and make your way to the **Kruger National Park**! During your stay in Kruger you will meet the vet and attend **lectures** on current topics affecting the control and management of the animals in the park. You will attend a '**behind the scenes**' look at how Kruger runs their laboratories, go to the Bomas and learn about the orphaned rhino programme, how animals in captivity are managed and about the anti-poaching dogs/reaction team.

You will go on two **game drives** with the park rangers to try and spot the big 5!





## DAY 9: ROAD TRIP!

Today you will be leaving Kruger in the early morning and making your way to Pretoria. The next couple of days will be spent doing a snake course and assisting the CVC. After that you will be making your way to Bela Bela to spend time with the wildlife vets!

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Pretoria



## DAY 10: SNAKE COURSE

Today you will partake in a **snake awareness course**. You will learn about aspects such as the types of snakes in South Africa, their distribution, Venoms, their dentition, locomotion, identification, feeding and breeding. You will then also spend time with a vet learning about diagnostic sampling and lab testing, therapeutics and medicine, infectious diseases, anatomy, parasites and other interesting information. If available, you will also get to perform a snake necropsy.

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Pretoria



## DAY 11: CVC - COMMUNITY VET CLINIC

Today You will be going into an **underprivileged** area around Pretoria and offer your assistance and learn from the vets working in the rural communities. The CVC (community vet clinic) is a non-profit organisation providing primary **veterinary health care** to animals in disadvantaged communities.

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Pretoria



## DAYS 12 and 13: WILDLIFE VET ASSISTANCE

The next couple of days will be spent with the **wildlife vet**, accompanying him and assisting him in the duties he performs. This offers you the chance to get some **hands-on experience** under his supervision. You will also learn how to prepare a tranquilizer dart and shoot with a **dart gun** and get to fly in a **helicopter**! (Please note: The use of the helicopter depends on availability and the weather).

Accommodation: Your accommodation for the rest of the programme will be in a guesthouse in Bela Bela.



## DAY 14: WILDLIFE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Today you will be **accompanying** a vet at a wildlife veterinary hospital. The hospital is a non-profit organisation which treats **small to medium sized** wild animals with the goal that they will be **rehabilitated and released**. The hospital has a dedicated veterinarian present on a full time basis. The rehabilitation part of the hospital is run and overseen by a wildlife rehabilitation specialist.



## DAY 15: CHEETAH BREEDING CENTRE AND CURIO MARKET

Today you will make your way to a **cheetah breeding centre**. Here you will get the opportunity to learn all about the centre and the vital role they play in breeding rare and endangered species. You will also get a '**behind the scenes**' look at what goes on at the centre from a veterinary perspective. In the afternoon you will go to a **curio market** where you can buy some gifts for your loved ones back home.





**DAY 16 TO 18:  
MORE WILDLIFE VET ASSISTANCE DAYS!**

**DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND!**

We have added in some more time with the wildlife vet!

You will once again accompany and assist the wildlife vet in the duties he performs. This offers you the chance to get some more hands on experience under his supervision. In every task you perform, the vet will give a full educational explanation of what you are doing.



**DAY 19:  
DEPARTURE**

Today is a sad day as we have to say goodbye. We will take you to Johannesburg international airport (O.R Tambo) where you will make your way back home. We are sure this experience will never be forgotten and will benefit you throughout your career!



**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US**

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