

Antelope Park Teaching and Community Project GWERU, ZIMBABWE



At African Impact, we see ourselves as the on-the-ground **AFRICANSPECIALISTS** in volunteering. We were founded over 5 years ago in Zimbabwe and have our head office in Cape Town, South Africa, with supporting operations offices in Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia. To date we, together with our project managers out in the field, have had the privilege of sharing Africa with over 3,000 volunteers who were determined to make a difference in the amazing communities and conservation areas in which we work. And they did... and so can you...

Your volunteering mission on The Antelope Park Medical and Community Project...

Come and help rebuild Zimbabwe! Join Antelope Park and African Impact Volunteer programmes and make an impact. Provide much needed assistance to the underfunded and understaffed Education system – make a difference!!



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Project Highlights:

Interact with and make a difference in childrens lives!

- Assisting teachers to prepare for and execute lessons
- Conducting tutorials and giving extra assistance to pupils
- Assisting with marking and assessing children's progress
- Making teaching aids
- Involvement in extracurricular activities such as drama and art clubs, choir etc
- Coaching sports
- Assisting in teacher development sessions where relevant
- General counseling, support and giving advice to students
- Repairs and maintenance (when possible)

More about our Antelope Park Teaching and Community Project:

Teaching is leading a child to responsible adulthood through imparting academic and life-skills. The children that you will come into contact with on this project are keen to be taught and moulded.

Through the academic support you will give them and their teachers, you have a chance to address the issues of oversubscribed classes and poor teacher-student ratios. With approximately 2184 students at Mkoba 4 Primary School, the average class size is 55 students with one teacher, with around 312 students per grade. Classes are hot seated as there are not enough classrooms and resources such as text books and teaching aids are also grossly inadequate. Here you have the chance to make teaching aids that can assist the teaching and learning process.

Although Somabula Primary School, with a total of about 280 children, is much smaller than Mkoba 4 they also need volunteers to assist. With student – teacher ratios being about 40:1, you can offer valuable support to the students who lack sufficient individual attention. The teachers also find themselves overwhelmed at times and welcome fresh ideas and enthusiasm. This school also has a significant number of boarders. These children are desperate for extra 'homely' attention assisting with their studies and social skills, but also caring for and making them feel special and important. Your presence on this project can make a meaningful difference to the lives of the children you come into contact with.

In working with the children, we also hope to reach out to impact the community through facilitating adult literacy classes. Volunteers with special skills can also use these to benefit the community.

Project Cost Includes:

- Funds that go back into the projects for items such as learning materials and building supplies to assist when possible
- All transfers to and from the project
- Depending on time of arrival and departure – overnight stay in Bulawayo or Harare, if required
- Full board and lodging which includes three meals a day



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- Orientation and familiarization with all duties
- All daily transfers to and from the projects during your stay
- Laundry service during your stay
- The service of a cleaner to clean your room during your stay
- Assistance at your projects by African Impact Staff and volunteer coordinators
- 1 complimentary lion walk
- 1 complimentary elephant ride
- 1 complimentary horse ride

Project Cost Excludes:

- Return flights to and from Harare or Bulawayo International Airports
- Personal travel and medical insurance for the duration of your placement
- All visa costs for border crossings
- All items of a personal nature such as clothing (work or other), curios or gifts
- Email, internet and telephone use
- Soft drinks and alcohol; any snack foods not included on the normal menu
- Any excursions over and above the planned itinerary – for example Victoria Falls / Great Zimbabwe

Project Orientation:

- Upon arrival at Antelope Park, you will be introduced to key personnel and will receive a tour of Antelope Park and its facilities.
- You will also tour the projects you will be involved in, meeting key personnel, being shown systems and procedures.
- At the orientation, you will also receive an overview of our detailed "Welcome Pack", which will contain further useful information for your time with us

A typical day in the life of an Antelope Park Medical and Community Volunteer:

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6:45am	Breakfast at Antelope Park
7:30am	Arrive at school to assist as per duties allocated for the day
12:30pm	Lunch break where you have the chance to interact further with students or staff, or simply relax
2:00pm	Afternoon activities such as clubs, sports, remedial lesions, repairs, maintenance, gardening etc
4:00pm	Return to Antelope Park for the evening where you can relax, socialise, go for a swim, email, watch television, among the numerous activities Antelope Park has to offer

Project Support:

Throughout your placement you will have the support and guidance of our experienced volunteer coordinators. They are part of our support team, which will provide you with competent 24-hour field support and assistance.



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Project Accommodation:

- Comfortable, shared thatched accommodation with safes for the storage of valuables.
- Daily room servicing on request
- Free use of the laundry service available to volunteers
- Other facilities available include swimming pool and access to all other activities available to guests at Antelope Park including internet facilities, lion walks, elephant rides and swims, horse rides, game viewing, bird watching, canoeing and boat cruises. Please liaise with your project manager on costs.

Please note that accommodation upgrades are available to those who wish to have a more 'comfortable' volunteer experience. Pricing available on request. Please contact your destination manager, Lesley Bredenkamp for further details: lesley@africanencounter.org

Project Meals:

You will enjoy at least 2 cooked meals a day and depending on your programme - a packed breakfast or lunch. Meals at the Safari Camp are served buffet style and are taken in the main camp dining room, a thatched building overlooking the dam.

Please let us know before you depart for Africa of any food allergies or specific requirements.

Project Travel Highlights:

Optional:

Being based at Antelope Park, you will have the privilege to access the amazing activities on offer at discounted rates. "Where else in the world" can you come home from work and –

Walk with lions – Founded right here at Antelope Park - A World Exclusive to our organisation

- *Ride elephants* – Antelope Park has 4 elephants and sunset or sunrise rides will be available
- *Game viewing* – by horseback, carriage, vehicle or on foot
- *Sunset cruises* on the lake in front of the camp
- *Cub sitting and feeding* (subject to availability)
- *Horse rides* – Antelope Park's horse rides are regarded as some of the best secure wildlife horse rides on the continent
- *Full moon* elephant and horse rides

And so much more!!



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- *Game viewing* – by horseback, carriage, vehicle or by foot
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- *Romp with lion cubs*
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During your stay at Antelope Park you will have the opportunity to enjoy an excursion to some of the other spectacular spots that Zimbabwe has to offer. Day trips are offered to the Great Zimbabwe Ruins as well as Granite Ridge and once a month a trip to the Victoria Falls is organised for those volunteers who are interested. These trips are also a great time for volunteers to interact and get to know each other better. The expedition such as the one outlined below (to Victoria Falls) will cost you approximately US\$475 (this includes National Parks fees, transport, meals – although not in Victoria Falls – and accommodation).

- Day 1: Leave after breakfast from Antelope Park for Miombo Safari Lodge (Hwange National Park); the largest national park in Zimbabwe, and the same size as Belgium! You will get the opportunity to go on a game drive in Big 5 territory where you could get up close and personal with a herd of elephant, buffalo, a pride of lion and many more.
- Day 2-4: Leave after breakfast from Miombo for Victoria Falls, adrenalin capital of Africa! You have the option to bungee jump, white water raft, visit the Falls, gorge swing across the Batoka Gorge below the Falls or just enjoy the great social atmosphere at this tourist hot-spot! Dinner at the amazing "Boma" Restaurant is included whilst at the Falls.
- Day 5: Depart early morning from Victoria Falls to return to Antelope Park

Note: This trip only operates with sufficient volunteer interest.

There is also the option of a day trip to Great Zimbabwe – the ancient founding city of modern day Zimbabwe. The cost of this trip is dependent on the number of people going. +/-USD60



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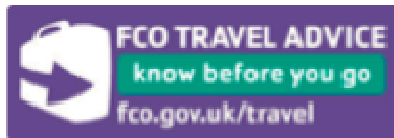
Project Pricing:

	2 Weeks	4 Weeks:
GBP	595	995
USD	1071	1791



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The Happy Africa Foundation www.happyafricafoundation.org African Impact is proud to have been instrumental in the establishment of The Happy Africa Foundation in 2007 and continues to be one of the Foundations major supporters. UK Registered Charity Number: 1123529. The mission of The Happy Africa Foundation is to empower the African people through the support of community and conservation based initiatives that operate at grass roots level.

We are proudly affiliated to the UK-based **Know Before You Go** campaign that promotes education and knowledge-sharing amongst travelers.

African Impact is delighted to have been nominated as a **2009 World Travel Awards Finalist** and see this as exciting recognition of our position as African specialists in Volunteering, with over 5 years experience in sharing Africa with travelers who have a passion for making a difference.



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