

Conservation Internship Cape Town – South Africa



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Be a part of African Impact's Professional Internship Programmes on this exciting Marine Conservation Internship!

Are you passionate about the Environment and Conservation? Do you want an internship placement that really makes a difference to the precious South African environment?

Help preserve the unique diversity of marine and plant life in the Table Mountain National Park. Combat illegal marine poaching and the education of sustainable fishing. Work in the Mountain helping to educate people and assisting the preservation of this ecosystem. For serious scientists you can work in one of the country's leading research aquarium on a variety of scientific projects.



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African Impact is the largest on-the-ground facilitator of responsible Volunteer, Explore and Internship projects throughout Africa, since 2005. In 2010, we were the proud winners of the Imvelo Responsible Tourism Awards, and we are continuously striving to improve the nature of the work that we are doing in Africa. With our Head Office in Cape Town, South Africa, we work in partnership with our office and field staff in Southern and East Africa, as well as volunteers from around the world, for this continent, and it's sustainable development.

Our team is made up of people with vast experience living, working and travelling in Africa. We raise up and invest in local staff wherever possible, and our colourful team is made up of people who have an unparalleled passion and enthusiasm for their work.

Internship Highlights:

- Work alongside expert Marine Biologists in the setting up and running of a wide variety of marine research experiments
- An opportunity to get your research work published and become a published scientist
- Make a difference in combating illegal poaching and the education of community fisherman in sustainable fishing practices
- Work in the outdoors in a varied number of activities in the protection of the precious marine environment of Cape Town's coastline
- An opportunity to live and work in one of the most beautiful cities in the world

Internship Positions: Marine Biology, Conservation on Table Mountain, Marine Conservation

Duration of Internship: 8 – 12 weeks

Project Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Project Age Limit: Minimum 18 years

Required Experience: Previous experience in: Conservation, Environmental work. Or already be studying or intending to study in a related field.



More About the Conservation Internship:

What is an internship?

An internship is the perfect way to improve your skills and experience in a professional work environment overseas. Whether you are looking to acquire insight into a new industry, approaching a career change or to gain some on the job training to compliment your studies, an internship will positively enhance your CV in an increasingly competitive job market.



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Cape Town Conservation Internship Projects

For those seeking an internship placement working in Marine Conservation, there are a number of possibilities in the Cape Town area. Please see below an example of the type of placements that are available, in order to give you an idea what an internship placement would be like working in Conservation in Cape Town. Please refer to the application process section for more information on how your placement will be determined.

Below is a list of possible placement sites, please note however that each internship is individually tailored, based on your internship questionnaire, your background and experience, and what you are looking to gain from the placement. The below is merely an example of possible placement sites, and there is no guarantee this is where you will be placed.

Placement Spotlight – Seapoint Marine Research Aquarium

This marine research centre is located directly on the beachfront of the Atlantic Ocean in the Sea Point area of Cape Town. The centre is a maze of research tanks and labs containing a number of marine species, well equipped to handle a wide variety of marine research programmes. There are approximately 16 scientists located at the centre performing, in the main, government funded research projects in the cultivation of different marine animals. The building is also set up to accommodate Arctic seals that surround the shores of the Atlantic ocean that have become lost and washed up on Cape Shores.

All the data from marine experiments is recorded and eventually published in journals, with the possibility that your name could be listed on the final published work – a fantastic opportunity to get your work published alongside professional scientists. As an intern you will be working alongside and mentored by one of the professional scientists. The type of studies will be dependent on what is being researched at the centre at that time. However, recent interns have worked on the development of a method that would control certain variables so that sea urchins could be grown from larvae to adult. Other examples include the cultivation of squid and other species, research of the new Abalone disease and the study of algae that has led to fatal food poisoning. As an intern you will be working in the laboratories on a daily basis in setting up and conducting experiments, examples include checking water quality to make sure that the experiments run smoothly.



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Placement Spotlight – Table Mountain National Park Marine Conservation

TMNP encompasses the stunning Table Mountain chain, world renowned for its natural beauty and unique diversity of fauna and flora. The park includes 1,000 sq km of coastline around the Cape peninsular. In 2004 TMNP created the Marine Protected Area (MPA) to help ensure that commercial and recreational use of the marine areas is sustainable. Fishing in the coastal areas of the Cape is now subject to permits, regulations and seasons. The 16-strong team are dedicated to the challenge of combating poaching and the education of local fishing communities about sustainable fishing.

On this placement Interns will participate in all aspects of the day-to-day activities conducted by the Marine Team. Examples include patrolling protected waters, monitoring fishing quotas and wildlife populations, checking permits, tracking poachers, and assisting with marine or land-based research. You will spend most of your time outdoors on the sea, in one of the world's most breathtaking cities.

The Internship Application Process:

Please refer to the Application Process Overview document for details on the application procedure and the timings involved. In general, after submitting your application we will review your requirements together with our project partners to establish the best internship opportunity for you-this will however also be based on availability. You will then receive a detailed internship site brief. This internship site brief will include a full description of that specific placement and what is expected from you as an intern.

Next Steps:

If you would like to take part in the one of our exciting Internship Programmes, please continue to liaise with your Placement Coordinator who will guide you through the internship placement process.

Refundable Deposit:

We will require a deposit of GBP200 / USD300 as a sign of your commitment to the rest of the process. In the unlikely event that we are unable to place you in an internship of your choice or if you are not happy with the internship placement we locate for you, this amount will be refunded in full.



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Internship Cost USD: Note that accommodation and meals are optional and thus charged separately

Duration	Internship	Accommodation		Meals
		Option A	Option B	
4 Weeks	1650	470	370	360
6 weeks	1650	700	550	540
8 weeks	1650	935	735	720
10 weeks	1650	1170	920	900
12 weeks	1650	1400	1100	1080

Internship Cost GBP: Note that accommodation and meals are optional and thus charged separately

Duration	Internship	Accommodation		Meals
		Option A	Option B	
4 Weeks	1060	315	250	240
6 weeks	1060	470	370	360
8 weeks	1060	625	490	480
10 weeks	1060	780	615	600
12 weeks	1060	935	735	720

Internship Cost Includes:

- All transfers to and from Cape Town International Airport upon arrival and departure
- Internship placement
- Comprehensive orientation programme
- Weekly Xhosa language lessons
- Weekly activities and excursions
- Weekly football matches
- CV/Resume Building workshops
- 24 hour emergency support

Internship Cost Excludes:

- Accommodation and meals (these however can be included for you at an extra cost as indicated above)
- All items of a personal nature, such as curios, gifts, snacks, drinks and clothing (work and other).
- Return flights to Cape Town International Airport
- Transport to and from your internship placement
- Emails and telephone calls made during your placement
- Any excursions over and above your planned itinerary in Cape Town
- Personal insurance cover for the duration of your placement - to include cover for repatriation and air evacuation
- A ZAR2000 refundable deposit for accommodation damages, payable on arrival for your internship should you select to stay at internship housing
- ZAR150 per month for electricity, should you select to stay in internship housing



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Project Accommodation:

We offer interns to utilize affordable accommodation as a reasonable extra cost.

Internship housing offers you a private, lockable and furnished room in a comfortable house exclusive for your use. Shower/toilet facilities and the use of a lounge area with DSTV are however shared. There are several internship houses centrally located to the shops, restaurants and public transport. They are secure and are serviced twice a week by cleaning staff. There are also laundry facilities available; alternatively there are Laundromats in the town.

All houses are located in the popular area of Cape Town called Observatory (known as 'Obs' by the locals), approximately 7km from the centre of the city. This suburb town boasts a surprisingly cosmopolitan vibe despite its deceptively intimate size. Much of its unique bohemian atmosphere is attributed to the many international visitors that stay in this area. Observatory has a fascinating local culture, which offers an interesting collection of cafes, boutique stores, book shops and art galleries by day, while evenings awaken trendy restaurants, lively bars and live music performances.

Project Orientation:

Upon your arrival into Cape Town you will be collected at the airport by one of our project facilitators and transferred to your accommodation. You will then take part in a two-day extensive orientation programme. During these 2 days you will be familiarized with the requirements of your internship site and learn how to maximize your time during your stay. During orientation you will also have discussions on history, local politics and geography. The facilitators will give you lots of practical information on living in Cape Town, including a review on emergency procedures, and detailed information on health, well-being and safety issues. You will then have a tour of the city and the public transportation methods to help you familiarize yourself with your surroundings.



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Included Additional Weekly Activities and Excursions:

Cape Town, the oldest city in South Africa, is frequently voted as the most beautiful city on earth. The majestic sandstone rocky outcrop of Table Mountain, with its peak often shrouded in cloud, provides the backdrop to this cosmopolitan city, whilst pristine sandy beaches are just minutes away. Located on the Atlantic Ocean, Cape Town benefits from a Mediterranean style climate of dry hot summers and mild winters. Well known as an escape for adventure seekers, Cape Town hosts a wide range of exciting activities to make the most of your internship experience.

It would be unforgivable to live in one of the most beautiful cities in the world and not explore your surroundings. As part of your programme we have organized a weekly schedule of additional activities to show you what Cape Town has to offer and to have fun with your fellow interns (all included for little or no cost):

- Wine Tasting in the Western Cape Winelands
- Hiking in Table Mountain National Park
- Caving in Kalk Bay and full moon hikes to Lions Head
- Braais (BBQs) in the local townships
- Visits to the National Gallery and Museums
- Peninsular tours to Cape Point
- Trips to the V&A Waterfront
- Bowling, Movies and more.....

Weekend Travel Highlights:

There are a huge range of optional activities to get involved in whilst in South Africa's "Mother City" -

- Table Mountain - Cable way, Hiking, Abseiling
- Boulders beach - Visit the home of the African Penguin
- Cape Point - This scenic nature reserve marks the Southernmost tip of Africa
- Aquila private game reserve – a "Big 5" reserve situated 2 hour's drive out of Cape Town
- City hop on-hop off double-decker bus - Cape Town City Tour
- Shark Cage Diving
- Sky diving
- Surfing lessons
- Horse Riding on Noordhoek Beach

...And much much more!



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Additional Cultural Experiences:

A series of optional, in-depth cultural experiences are offered to participating interns and can be arranged when you arrive in Cape Town. Please note that the cost of these activities are not included in the cost of your Internship placement. Examples include:

- Learn to Scuba Dive in Mozambique
- Spend a weekend in the township of Nyanga
- Traditional South African cooking lessons

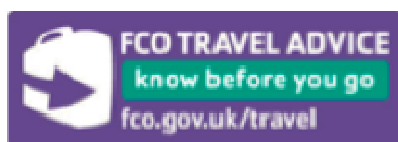
Project Support:

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



Meet your Destination Manager!

Kirsty Coetzee will take you through the entire process of your Internship placement, and will be available to answer any questions you may have. Based at our head office in South Africa, she was born and bred in the beautiful city of Cape Town. With a love for Africa and a passion for Conservation and Humanitarian efforts, she feels proud to be part of an organization which strives to make a difference.



Our Partners

[The Happy Africa Foundation www.happyafricafoundation.org](http://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 travellers.

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 travellers who have a passion for making a difference.



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