



Overview

MINIMUM AGE: 17

PREREQS: First Aid & Lifesaving for Outdoor placements

DEPARTS: Jan / Jul

LENGTH: 6 months

ROLES AVAILABLE:

- Community Worker
- Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Schools Assistant
- Teacher

Why South Africa?

From hiking through the remote areas of Lesotho, to sipping world-class wine in a Cape Dutch vineyard, or tracking 'the big five' on safari, South Africa is a feast for the senses. The sights, sounds, and smells will draw you into a culture which is guaranteed to surprise, challenge, and delight any visitor.

Where are the placements?

Placements in South Africa vary from the industrialised environment of Johannesburg or Cape Town, to smaller provincial towns and quite rural developing areas with a more simple way of life.

Is it for me?

Community placements revolve around orphanages and schools for either mentally or physically disabled children. These placements require good all-rounders who work well with children. The volunteer will often assist with a full range of recreational activities, and, in some cases, with personal care. Those who undertake this work have found it demanding, absorbing and ultimately, intensely fulfilling.

Placement Locations



Outdoor Activities placements have an emphasis on skills building and teamwork. They will often involve working with children in the wilderness, and can be extremely physically demanding.

Schools Assistant placements vary considerably from private boarding schools and day schools, to state high schools and farm schools. The work of the volunteer may involve sports coaching, after-hours supervision, boarding house duties, or covering for absent teachers. They may tutor small groups in Maths, English, or IT or lend a hand with some school administration.

Volunteers situated in urban areas will find that their schools are well staffed and with adequate equipment, but in rural areas volunteers may be expected to take full responsibility for teaching their own class where facilities are primitive and living conditions are basic. These placements are our teaching option and would suit those who are more confident with teaching and dealing with a class of students on their own.

Some placements provide pocket money (approximately \$15.00 per week). It should be noted that the cost of living is far cheaper in South Africa. Working hours vary according to the specific placement.

Accommodation and Food

Volunteers are placed in pairs in South Africa. Accommodation is mostly in hostels attached to the host institution, where self-catering facilities are available.

Travel

Volunteers will have the opportunity to travel before and after their placement.

Need to know

- Pre departure briefing: All volunteers will be invited to a group briefing prior to departure.
- On arrival: All volunteers will attend a three-day orientation and teaching skills course (for those who require it) on arrival in South Africa.

What's included

- Interviews (face to face or by phone)
- Pre-departure briefing
- Airport pickup (group flights only)
- Accommodation & food
- In-country orientation & support
- Teaching skills course if required
- 24/7 emergency support

Costs

The costs shown are for Lattitude placements departing in 2011. (Please note that these prices may change for placements departing in 2012.)

Lattitude fees (these are exact costs)

Lattitude application fee	\$125
Lattitude contribution fee	\$2900

Lattitude teaching skills course	\$120
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Lattitude in-country orientation	\$300
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You will also need to budget for the following (these are approx costs)

Travel insurance (6 months)	\$785
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Return Airfares (approx cost of group flight)	\$3000
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VISA	\$85
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Police check	\$43
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Total Cost (approx)	\$7358
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"After a long flight and the orientation, I had a very memorable journey to my placement. I shared bemused stares with hundreds of Zulu faces walking side by side along the road. Goats, cattle and hens darted out in front of us, minibus taxis screamed past and there seemed to be no houses... people just came and went through the bushes by the side of the road. Occasional settlements of mud huts and breezeblock shacks were punctuated by tuck-shops sponsored by Coca-Cola. We arrived at our accommodation and were overwhelmed by peoples' hospitality, offering us gifts and inviting us into their homes. Africans have a very generous nature; even if they have very little to offer, they are very accommodating, happy and a real inspiration."

David Hillier, Schools Assistant